



## 89<sup>th</sup> Annual SCYA Midwinter Regatta

PHRF Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5

San Diego, California

Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2017-2020 will govern this regatta, including US SAILING Prescriptions, PHRF Southern California and San Diego, Class Rules and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The PHRF MIR rule is **not** in effect for this race.
- 1.3. **NAVAL PROTECTION ZONE:** The Naval Protection Zone is a 500 yard regulated area of water surrounding all US Naval Vessels which are greater than 100 feet in length. All vessels within 500 yards of a US Naval Vessel greater than 100 feet in length shall operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain safe course and speed and shall proceed as directed by any official patrol. **NO VESSEL IS ALLOWED WITHIN 100 YARDS OF A LARGE US NAVAL VESSEL.** These zones are permanently in effect. (33 C.F.R. 165.2030)
- 1.4. RRS 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: "However, discarding biodegradable bands when setting a sail is permitted." Racers remain responsible for compliance with all applicable state and federal laws. Federal law defines Marine debris as "any manufactured or processed solid waste material that enters the marine environment from any source."

#### 2. ENTRIES

- 2.1. Yachts which have completed registration are eligible to race.
- 2.2. Entry shall be made on-line via the SWYC web site no later than **1630 hours Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. Entry forms and Notice of Race can be obtained from the Southern California Yachting Association website at: <http://scyamidwinterregatta.org/>; or on-line via the SWYC website.
- 2.3. To be eligible, yachts must have a current Rating Certificate from PHRF San Diego or PHRF Southern California. **Racers with PHRFSD Rating Certificate must race under that certificate.**
- 2.4. Those who race with their PHRF Southern California Certificate will not be scored for the PHRF San Diego Annual Championship Series.

#### 3. SAFETY

- 3.1. Yachts racing in the San Diego Bay encountering non-racing vessels shall conform to the inland rules of the road. No vessel has the right of way over a large ship in the channel.
- 3.2. It is the sole responsibility of the skipper of each yacht to decide whether or not to start and/or continue to race.

- 3.3. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the "person in charge," as per RRS 46, who shall ensure that the boat is seaworthy and sailed by an experienced crew with sufficient ability and experience to face bad weather. The person in charge shall be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails, and all gear. The person in charge shall ensure that all safety equipment is at all times properly maintained and safely stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is used.
- 3.4. The US Sailing's Safety at Sea Committee describes the gear requirements to be used on sailboats when racing. **US Sailing Nearshore Safety Equipment Requirements** can be found here:  
[http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/Offshore/SAS/US\\_SER\\_2017.0.pdf](http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/Offshore/SAS/US_SER_2017.0.pdf)
- 4. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS
  - 4.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the RC Bulletin Board adjacent to the SWYC office no later than 0900 hours on the day of the event.
- 5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
  - 5.1. Ashore: Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the above bulletin board prior to 0900 hours on the day of the event.
  - 5.2. Afloat: In accordance with RRS 90.2 (c), oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water. A change is in effect when the RC signal boat displays Code Flag "L" over Code Flag "A" with one sound signal. This means come within hail of the RC boat to receive the oral changes to the Sailing Instructions. Changes will also be communicated via VHF Channel 68.
  - 5.3. The Race Committee will monitor and communicate on VHF Channel 68 when on station.
- 6. SCHEDULE
  - 6.1. The races are scheduled as follows.

<u>RACE</u>	<u>TIME OF FIRST WARNING</u>
1	1155
2	Immediately following Race 1
3	Immediately following Race 2

- 7. CLASSES, CLASS FLAGS, and STARTING ORDER
  - 7.1. The following list is for class, class pennant and starting order. Numeral pennants designating class will be displayed from the yacht's backstay. Boats without a backstay shall display their pennants in a prominent manner on the stern. The race will be started in accordance with RRC 26. If a class has no competitors, subsequent class fleets will move up in the starting order

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>NUMERAL PENNANT</u>
PHRF 1	Pennant 1
PHRF 2	Pennant 2
PHRF 3	Pennant 3
PHRF 4	Pennant 4
PHRF 5	Pennant 5

- 8. CHECK-IN
  - 8.1. Eligible yachts complete their entry by checking in with the RC boat prior to the first warning signal. Yachts checking in shall pass the RC boat to starboard and hail with sail number and class. Check-in will be complete only when RC boat responds with that information. **THERE WILL BE NO RADIO CHECK-IN.**

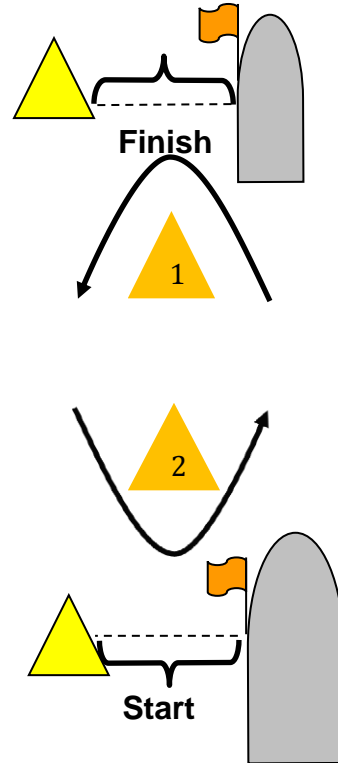
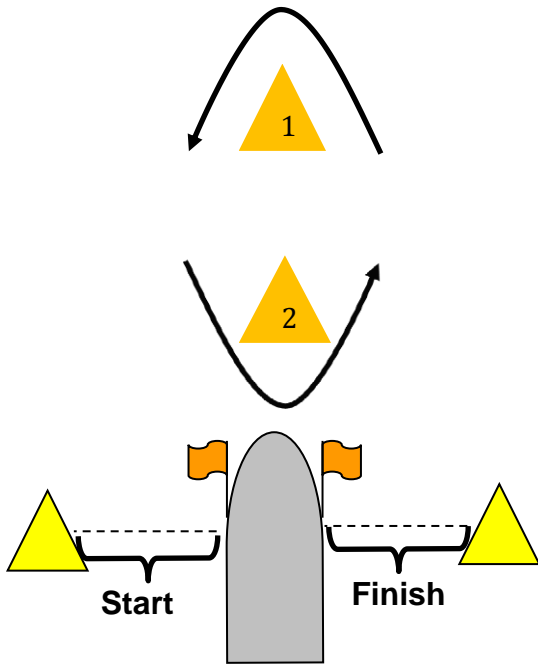
9. RACING AREA
  - 9.1. The PRIMARY Racing Area will be in the Coronado Roads. The starting area will be approximately 2.5 nautical miles from Zuniga Light "Z" on an approximate compass bearing of 125° magnetic.
  - 9.2. The SECONDARY Racing Area will be in the North San Diego Bay with the starting line east of Harbor Island.
  - 9.3. If, in the judgment of the RC, weather conditions or sea state in the PRIMARY Racing Area make racing in this area undesirable, the RC may move the race to the SECONDARY Racing Area. If the SECONDARY Racing Area is to be used, the RC boat will display Code Flag "L" as it proceeds to the SECONDARY Racing Area and the change will be announced repeatedly on **VHF Channel 68**. Entrants may also request the racing area to be used from SWYC RC via **VHF Channel 68**. Failure of a yacht to hear Racing Area change broadcast over VHF is not grounds for redress.
10. COURSE(S)
  - 10.1. Courses for the PRIMARY Racing Area shall be windward-leeward and will be selected from the attached course diagrams marked as Attachment A. The windward and leeward marks shall be rounded to port.
  - 10.2. For the PRIMARY Racing Area, the course number, approximate compass bearing, and distance to Mark 1 will be displayed from the RC boat by placards illustrated in Attachment A.
  - 10.3. For the SECONDARY Racing Area, the course number will be displayed from the RC boat indicating the course to be used as described in Attachment B.
11. MARKS
  - 11.1. For the PRIMARY Racing Area, the windward mark shall be an **orange tetrahedron buoy** located on the approximate compass bearing displayed from the RC boat. The leeward mark shall be an **orange tetrahedron buoy** located approximately 200 yards to windward of the start line.
  - 11.2. For the SECONDARY Racing Area, all marks will be channel buoys or **orange tetrahedron buoys**, as designated in Attachment B.
12. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START
  - 12.1. To change the next leg of the course in the PRIMARY Racing Area, the RC will lay a new **yellow tetrahedron buoy** and will remove the original mark as soon as practicable. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.
  - 12.2. In the PRIMARY Racing Area, the RC can change the next leg of the course for individual classes using class flags.
  - 12.3. In the PRIMARY Racing Area, when in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
  - 12.4. In the SECONDARY Racing Area, the RC may change the course according to RRS 33.
  - 12.5. The starting line will be between 100 and 200 yards leeward of the leeward mark, between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat at the starboard end and the course side of the yellow tetrahedron mark at the port end.
  - 12.6. A distance buoy may be streamed aft of the RC boat and if present shall be considered part of the RC boat.
  - 12.7. Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
  - 12.8. The starting line for the SECONDARY Racing Area will be considered an obstruction except for starting and finishing. Do not cross the Start/Finish line except when starting or finishing.

- 12.9. **The RC may eliminate or combine starts without prior notice, depending on entries. Class pennants will indicate combined starts. The RC may announce any such changes on VHF Channel 68.** Failure of a yacht to hear a hailed change OR failure of the RC to hail a change shall not be grounds for redress.
13. RECALLS
- 13.1. General and Individual recalls shall be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The RC may attempt to notify premature starters either by loud hailer or **VHF Channel 68**. Failure of a yacht to hear a hail OR failure of the RC to hail shall not be grounds for redress. It is the responsibility of each yacht to start properly.
14. WITHDRAWAL
- 14.1. A yacht that retires from the race **must notify the RC** before leaving the course or call the RC Principal Race Officer at the number provided above. Failure to do this shall result in disqualification from this race and possible rejection of entry for subsequent Southwestern Yacht Club races.
15. FINISH
- 15.1. In the PRIMARY Racing Area, when finishing to **leeward**, the finish line will be between the course side of the yellow tetrahedron buoy and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat, leaving the RC boat to starboard. Should the buoy not be present, yachts are to pass close (within 30 yards) to the RC boat leaving the RC boat to starboard. If the leeward mark is present, it is not to be considered part of the finish leg.
- 15.2. In the PRIMARY Racing Area, when finishing to **weather**, the finish line will be approximately 100 yards beyond the weather mark. The finish line will be between the course side of a yellow tetrahedron buoy and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat on station at the finish line, leaving the RC boat to starboard. Should the buoy not be present, yachts are to pass close (within 30 yards) to the RC boat leaving the RC boat to starboard. If the weather mark is present, it is not to be considered part of the finish leg.
16. TIME LIMIT
- 16.1. Yachts failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first yacht of their class finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF).
- 16.2. The time limit is 1730 for the last race. Any boat not finished by 1730 will be scored DNF for that race. This modifies RRS 35.
17. PROTESTS
- 17.1. Protests shall be initiated in compliance with RRS 61, except as amended by these Sailing Instructions.
- 17.2. Protest flags shall be displayed from the backstay. On yachts that have no backstays, the protest flag will be displayed in a prominent position on the stern.
- 17.3. Protesting yachts shall notify the RC boat, as soon as possible after finishing the race, of their intent to file a protest and **receive RC acknowledgment**.
- 17.4. Protests must be lodged in writing at the SWYC office no later than 60 minutes after the RC boat docks.
- 17.5. Notice of protest and yachts involved including names of witnesses, if known, and the schedule of hearings will be posted on the RC Bulletin Board adjacent to the SWYC office within 30 minutes of the expiration of the protest time.

- 17.6. Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt as soon as possible after the day's racing is complete, or at a later date, at the option of the Protest Committee.
18. PROTEST ARBITRATION
  - 18.1. Arbitration will be available according to Appendix T for breaches of the rules of Part 2 where there is no damage or injury. Protests not resolved through arbitration or Request for Redress will be referred to the Protest Committee for a hearing.
19. ALTERNATE PENALTIES
  - 19.1. For all classes, Rule 44.1 is changed so that the "Two Turns Penalty" is replaced by a "One Turn Penalty" (one (1) tack and one (1) gybe in the same direction), unless the penalty occurs within three boat lengths of any mark, in which case the "Two Turns" penalty as outlined in Rule 44.1 remains in effect.
20. SCORING
  - 20.1. This is a PHRF San Diego Annual Championship Series event.
  - 20.2. Ratings used to score this regatta will be the PHRF Southern California Area G ratings as determined and supplied by PHRF San Diego.
  - 20.3. For the PRIMARY Racing Area, the PHRF San Diego Fleet shall be handicapped according to their "Buoy" ratings, including their Area G time allowance.
  - 20.4. For the SECONDARY Racing Area, the PHRF San Diego Fleet shall be handicapped according to their Random Leg Course (RLC) ratings, including their Area G time allowance.
  - 20.5. Each race will be scored with the Low-Point System as provided in Appendix A of the RRS with Section A9 in effect. The total score will be the yacht's scores for all races started and finished by the RC.
21. POST-RACE ACTIVITIES
  - 21.1. SWYC invites all participants to enjoy the facilities and hospitality of the club at the Award Ceremony following the racing.
22. PRIZES
  - 22.1. The awards ceremony will be held after the races on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at SWYC.
  - 22.2. Class trophies: 1 trophy, 3-5 entries; 2 trophies, 6-8 entries; 3 trophies, 9-15 entries.
  - 22.3. Perpetual trophies to be presented are the SCYA Midwinter Trophy and the SWYC Washington's Day Trophy.
23. FURTHER INFORMATION
  - 23.1. Contact SWYC Front Office at (619) 222-0438.

# Attachment A – Primary Courses

<i>Course *</i>	<i>Marks</i>	<i>Course **</i>	<i>Marks</i>
W2	Start, 1, Finish	W3	Start, 1,2, Finish
W4	Start, 1,2,1, Finish	W5	Start, 1,2,1,2, Finish
W6	Start, 1,2,1,2,1, Finish	W7	Start, 1,2,1,2,1,2, Finish
W8	Start, 1,2,1,2,1,2,1, Finish	W9	Start, 1,2,1,2,1,2,1,2, Finish



\* When the start and finish is behind the leeward mark the distance between the leeward mark and start/finish will be added to the total distance for courses W2, W4, W6, and W8 for the purpose of scoring.

\*\* When the start is behind the leeward mark and the finish is beyond the windward mark, these distances will be added to the total distance for courses W3, W5, W7, and W9 for the purpose of scoring.

### Course, Heading, & Distance Placard Illustration

Course Designation	W 270	Magnetic Heading
	4 1.00	Distance

## Attachment B – Secondary Courses

Course W1 (5.0 nm)	Course W2 (5.2 nm)	Course W3 (6.7 nm)	Course W4 (7.6 nm)
Start	Start	Start	Start
"X"	"X"	"X"	"X"
20	18	16A	16A
22	"Z"	FM19 (Starboard)	FM19 (Starboard)
"Z"	Finish	21	22
Finish		"Z"	"Z"
		Finish	Finish

Course W5 (4.9 nm)	Course W6 (6.0 nm)	Course W7 (7.7 nm)	Course W8 (5.6 nm)
Start	Start	Start	Start
22	22	17	17
"X"	"X"	21 (Starboard)	"Z"
21	22	23	Finish
"Z"	"Z"	22 (Starboard)	
Finish	Finish	"Z"	
		Finish	

### MARK DESCRIPTIONS

Start/Finish	East of Harbor Island
"X"	Orange tetrahedron off west end of Harbor Island
"Z"	Orange tetrahedron off the Star of India
16A, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23	San Diego Bay Channel Markers as listed on NOAA Chart #18773
FM19	Fleet Mooring #19

**The Start/Finish Line is considered an obstruction except when starting or finishing. Do not cross the Start/Finish Line except when starting or finishing.**

**Unless otherwise indicated, all marks are to left/rounded to Port.**