



2018 Commodores' Challenge Regatta

San Diego, California

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Hosted by Southwestern Yacht Club (SWYC)

In honor of Staff Commodore James Lonergan

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, and PHRF Southern California Class Rules, and the Deed of Gift for this regatta and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. In case of a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall govern.
- 1.3. Each competing yacht must be skippered by the Commodore of the Club for which the yacht is competing.
 - 1.3.1. For each race in this series, the current Commodore of the club for which the yacht is competing must be at the helm for the race start and thereafter for the entire race, except for one five-minute helm break, if necessary.
- 1.4. All competing sailors shall have a World Sailing classification under World Sailing Regulation 22. Each team may have no more than one World Sailing Group 3 sailor. A breach of this instruction is not open to protest by competitors but is subject to discretionary penalty by OA. See: <http://www.sailing.org/classification/index.php>.
- 1.5. Each crew shall consist of sailors who are members of the Commodore's yacht club, including the club Commodore, and 50% or more of those persons shall be members of the Commodore's yacht club who hold flag memberships.
- 1.6. **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)
- 1.7. RRS rule 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 persistent solid material that is manufactured or processed and directly or indirectly, intentionally or unintentionally, disposed of or abandoned into the marine environment" (33 USC 1956).

- 1.8. Skippers must submit a crew list containing name for themselves and all crew.
2. ELIGIBILITY
- 2.1. Each Yacht Club holding membership in the San Diego Association of Yacht Clubs may enter one qualifying yacht.
- 2.2. To be eligible, yachts must have a current Rating Certificate from PHRF San Diego or a current PHRF Southern California Rating Certificate in rating band between +90 through +137 with LOA < 42'.
- 2.3. Yachts possessing both PHRF Southern California and PHRF San Diego certificates shall be scored with their PHRF San Diego rating.
3. ENTRY
- 3.1. **Timely entries shall be submitted on-line via the SWYC website (<http://www.southwesternyc.org>) no later than 1700 Thursday, April 12th, 2018.**
- 3.2. There is no fee for entering this regatta.
4. SAFETY
- 4.1. It is the sole responsibility of the skipper of each yacht to decide whether or not to start and/or continue to race.
- 4.2. 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.
- 4.3. The US Sailing's Safety at Sea Committee describes the gear requirements to be used on sailboats when racing. See **US Sailing Nearshore Safety Equipment Requirements** for required gear: http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/Offshore/SAS/US_SER_2017.0.pdf
- 4.4. The RC shall monitor **VHF Channel 68**. All yachts shall monitor **VHF Channel 68** from the time the boat checks in with the RC until she finishes the last race.
5. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS
- 5.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the RC Bulletin Board adjacent to the SWYC office no later than 0900 on the day of the event.
6. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
- 6.1. Ashore: Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the above bulletin board and on the SWYC web site prior to 0900 on the day of the event.
- 6.2. Afloat: Any change in the Sailing Instructions made afloat will be communicated via VHF Channel 68 and/or loud hailer.
- 6.3. The Race Committee will monitor and communicate on VHF Channel 68 when on station.
7. SCHEDULE
- 7.1. The races are scheduled as follows.
- | <u>RACE</u> | <u>TIME OF FIRST WARNING</u> |
|-------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | 1155 |
| 2 | Immediately following Race 1 |
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 racing area for Races #1 will be in the Coronado Roads.
- 9.2. The racing area for Race #2 will be from the Coronado Roads, and proceed into the bay, finishing near Southwestern Yacht Club.

10. COURSE

- 10.1. Race #1 will be held in the Coronado Roads, and will be a "Gold Cup" course. The starting area will be approximately 2.5 nautical miles from Zuniga Jetty Light "Z" on an approximate bearing of 125° magnetic. After starting, yachts will round the windward mark, the wing mark, the leeward mark, the windward mark, then finish at the starting line. All roundings are to Port. (See Attachment A.)
- 10.2. Race #2 will start in the Coronado Roads. The starting area will be approximately 2.5 nautical miles from Zuniga Jetty Light "Z" on an approximate bearing of 125° magnetic. Finish will be in the Shelter Island Basin off Southwestern Yacht Club Guest Docks. (See Attachment A.)
 - 10.2.1.

**Start (near Race #1 starting area)
Leave Windward Mark (Yellow Tetrahedron) to Starboard
Leave San Diego Bay Buoy 6 to Starboard
Finish in Shelter Island Basin near SWYC (between Finish
mark in basin channel and a staff displaying an orange
flag on SWYC Guest Dock "C")**

NOTE 1: Distance for handicap purposes is 5.7 nautical miles.

11. MARKS

- 11.1. The Windward Mark for Race #1 and Race #2 shall be a yellow tetrahedron buoy located on the approximate compass bearing displayed from the RC boat.
- 11.2. The wing mark shall be a yellow tetrahedron.
- 11.3. The start and finish mark for Race #1 and Race #2 shall be a yellow tetrahedron.

12. START

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. A distance buoy may be streamed aft of the RC boat and if present shall be considered part of the RC boat.
- 12.3. An attention sound signal (horn) shall be sounded to alert all yachts that a starting sequence will begin in approximately one (1) minute.

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. This modifies RRS 62.1(a). It is the responsibility of each yacht to start properly.

14. WITHDRAWAL

- 14.1. A yacht that retires from the regatta **must notify the RC** before leaving the course or call the RC Principal Race Officer at the number provided above.

15. FINISH

- 15.1. For Race #1, the finish line will be between 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 port. Should the buoy not be present, yachts are to pass close (within 30 yards) to the RC boat leaving the RC boat to port.
- 15.2. For Race #2, the finish shall be in the Shelter Island Basin off Southwestern Yacht Club guest docks, between a yellow tetrahedron in the basin channel and a staff displaying an orange flag on the SWYC Guest Dock "C". Finishers will leave the SWYC Guest Dock to port.

16. TIME LIMIT

- 16.1. The time limit for the first yacht to finish from each class will be two (2) hours for each race.
- 16.2. Yachts failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first yacht finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF). This modifies RRS 35.
- 16.3. The time limit is 1700 for the last race. Any boat not finished by 1700 will be scored DNF for that race. This modifies RRS 35, A4, and A5.

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 shall be displayed in a prominent position on the stern.
- 17.3. RRS 61 is modified to add the additional requirement: A yacht intending to protest shall report her intentions and the yacht(s) being protested to the RC boat on station upon finishing or retiring **and shall obtain RC acknowledgement.**
- 17.4. Protests must be in writing and lodged 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.

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, RRS V1, Penalty at Time of the Incident, shall apply:
"The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or Rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'"

20. SCORING

- 20.1. Assigned PHRF San Diego "Random Leg Course" handicaps shall be used for Races #1 and #2.
- 20.2. Two races are scheduled for this series. At least one race started and finished by the Race Committee shall constitute the series.

- 20.3. The Regatta will be scored with Low-point Scoring System as provided in Appendix A of the RRS. There will be no throw outs. This modifies RRS Appendix A2.
 - 20.3.1. In the event of a tie, the yacht with the lowest combined corrected time for both races shall be the winner. This modifies RRS A8.
- 20.4. As the Organizing Authority, Southwestern Yacht Club shall be responsible for all Race and Series scoring.
21. SUPPORT BOATS
 - 21.1. Communication between competitors and support boats is not permitted while competitors are racing.
22. POST-RACE ACTIVITIES
 - 22.1. SWYC invites all participants to enjoy the facilities and hospitality of the club at the Award Ceremony following the racing.
23. AWARDS
 - 23.1. The Staff Commodore James Lonergan Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the first place yacht on corrected time at the Southwestern Yacht Club Opening Day ceremony on April 22nd, 2018.

Attachment A

Race #1 Course

Approximate distances between marks:

Leg 1: 1.1 nm

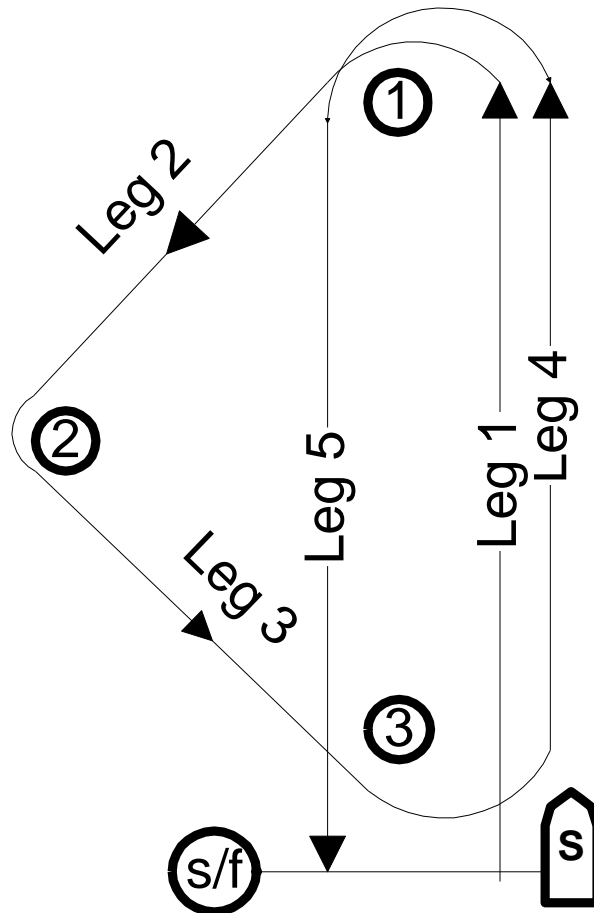
Leg 2: .7 nm

Leg 3: .7 nm

Leg 4: 1 nm

Leg 5: 1.1 nm

Total distance for handicapping purposes: 4.6 nm



Race #2 Course

Approximate distance for handicapping purposes: 5.7 nm

