



2023 Firecracker Regatta

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sunday, July 2nd
Santa Cruz Yacht Club
Santa Cruz CA

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1. Rules

- 1.1 This series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 All competitors are required to wear personal flotation devices while racing per RRS 40.1

2. Notices to Competitors, Signals Made Ashore

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the SCYC Official Notice Board, located in the north window of the SCYC Regatta Shed and on Regatta Network. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the mast at the SCYC Regatta shed located in the dry storage yard.
- 2.2 If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than sixty minutes (60) after signal AP is lowered.
- 2.3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions, if any, will be posted no later than 1030 hours on the day of the race.
- 2.4 On the water the Race Committee may use VHF channel 68 for communication.

3. Schedules and Class Flags

- 3.1 One race is scheduled.
- 3.2 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1225 hours.
- 3.3 The class flag will be code flag F for all Divisions. One start is scheduled for all Divisions.

4. Race Area and Course

- 4.1 The race area will be between Santa Cruz and Monterey crossing the Monterey Bay.
- 4.2 The course: Start – Schuyler – Finish. (Approx. 22.81 Nm)

5. The Start

- 5.1 The Starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee Signal Vessel and the Start Mark.
- 5.2 All boats are required to check in with the race committee prior to the first warning on VHF Channel 68. Notification of any changes to the float plan may be made during check-in. Number of crew aboard shall be confirmed at his time.
- 5.3 After the starting signal, the race committee may hail the sail number(s) of the boat(s) identified on the course side of the starting line by VHF channel 68.

6. The Finish

- 6.1 The finishing line will be between Monterey Mark "X" which shall be left to port and the Club flagpole on the Municipal Wharf #2.
- 6.2 Approximately 15 minutes prior to arrival at the finish line, competitors shall radio the Race Committee on VHF channel 68 to announce their arrival.
- 6.3 A boat retiring before finishing a race shall notify the RC as soon as reasonably possible by hailing the race committee on VHF channel 68 or calling PRO Stefan Berlinski at 831 325-6215. The Coast Guard and local authorities will be notified of missing boats.
- 6.4 All Competitors are required to provide a Float Plan listing all persons on board including emergency contact information as noticed in the Notice of Race and any Amendments thereto.

7. Protests

7.1 Protest forms will be available at the MPYC clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the race committee via electronic communication within 30 minutes after the expiration of the time limit.

8. Time Limit

8.1 The time limit for the race will be 2000 hours

9. Prizes

9.1 Prizes will be given at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

9.2 SCYC boats entered in divisions with three (3) or more entries in the regatta are eligible for the Santa Cruz Yacht Club Champion of Champions Regatta.