



2024 Commodores' Challenge Regatta

In honor of SWYC Staff Commodore James Lonergan
San Diego, CA
Saturday, July 27, 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, for 2021-2024*
- 1.2 Each entry shall be helmed by the current Commodore of the Club which is competing, or a member of the bridge if the Commodore is unavailable, from the warning signal through the finish of each race.
- 1.3 Crew shall consist of sailors who have been members of the Commodore's yacht club for at least 180 days prior to the date of the race. At the Commodore's discretion the crew may vary from race to race.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the event notice board before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 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 Race Committee (RC) signal boat displays Flag L with one sound signal. This means come within hail of the RC boat to receive the oral changes to the Sailing Instructions.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Official notices and amendments will be available online through the [EVENT NOTICE BOARD](#) on this event's page on the [SWYC](#) website.
- 3.2 On the water, the RC will monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel **68**. Please contact them to notify of a boat's intent to withdraw from racing per SI 20.1.
- 3.3 In case of an emergency competitors should inform the race committee as soon as practical.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons are expected to comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Any change in the race plan will be posted on the online event notice board or on the MBYC official notice board located on the outside south wall of the MBYC Main Clubhouse.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Five races are scheduled on Saturday, July 27, 2024. All races will be windward/leeward.
- 6.2 There will be a competitors' meeting at 10:30 am at the flag pole on the front deck of Mission Bay Yacht Club main clubhouse.
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 11:55 am. The warning signal for subsequent races will be as soon as possible after completion of the previous race. A break in the races will follow Race #3 for lunch at Mission Bay Yacht Club. The warning for Race #4 will be shortly after lunch.

7 ENTRIES & CHECK-IN

- 7.1 Check in will be at the Regatta information table located on the front deck of the Mission Bay Yacht Club, main clubhouse, prior to the competitors' meeting at 10:30 AM.

8 CLASS FLAG

- 8.1 The class flag will be the Flag of the Commodore.

9 RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area will be in the vicinity of the Sail Bay portion of Mission Bay

10 COURSES –

- 10.1 The following signal will be posted from the RC boat located at the starboard end of the starting line:
The number of the course to be sailed will be a yellow number posted on a black placard.
- 10.2 The course will be selected from the attached Attachment A. All marks listed are considered rounding marks.

11 MARKS

11.1

Start pin	Orange flag on a float
Mark 1	Large orange ball
Mark 1 Change Mark	White ball
Mark 2	Large orange ball
Finish pin	Orange flag on a float

12 THE START

- 12.1 The starting line is between a staff with an orange flag on the RC vessel and the course side of an orange flag on a float at the other end.
- 12.2 As a courtesy, one minute prior to the first warning the RC will sound 4 horn blasts.

13 RECALLS

- 13.1 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will hail her as soon as possible, identifying her by sail number over a loud hailer and/or on VHF 68. It is the responsibility of each boat to start properly.
- 13.2 Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 13.3 A RC assist vessel may be stationed near the Pin Buoy end of the starting line and is also authorized to identify and hail premature starters.

14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 14.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 14.2 The race committee may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees or the length up to 10% of the previous length, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark. This changes RRS 33.

- 14.3 The race committee may, without signal, adjust a finish line mark while boats are on the first half of the leg. This changes RRS 33.

15 THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finish line will be between a blue flag on the RC boat and an orange flag on a float on the other end located to weather of the weather mark. Should the mark not be present, boats are to pass close (within 30 yards) to the RC boat leaving the RC boat to starboard.
- 16.1 RRS V2, *Penalty Taken After a Race*, shall apply.

TIME LIMIT

- 17.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish will be one (1) hour for each race.
- 17.2 Yachts failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first yacht finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF). This modifies RRS 35.
- 17.3 The time limit is 1600 for the last race. Any boat not finished by 1600 will be scored DNF for that race. This modifies RRS 35, A4, and A5.

18 PROTESTS

- 18.1 Protests shall be initiated in compliance with RRS 61, except as amended by these Sailing Instructions. A boat intending to protest shall report her intentions and the boat(s) being protested to the RC boat on station upon finishing or retiring and obtain RC acknowledgment. The time limit for lodging a protest is 30 minutes after the Signal Boat docks which will be posted at the information table on the MBYC deck. Protest forms are available below the official notice board of on the south side of the MBYC main clubhouse, The completed form should be delivered to the SWYC protest chair near the Regatta information table.
- 18.2 The parties involved will be listed, in the order of filing on the Event Notice Board and protests will be heard as soon as practicable.
- 18.3 Arbitration will be available after racing according to Appendix T for breaches of the rules of Part 2 or Rule 31 where there is no damage or injury, if a USSA Certified Judge is available. Protests not resolved through arbitration will be referred to the Protest Committee for a hearing.

19 SCORING

- 19.1 The Low Point Scoring System will apply in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS (with modifications as specified in 19.2, 19.3 and 19.4.) There will be no throw outs. This modifies RRS Appendix A2.1.
- 19.2 Five races are scheduled for this series. At least one race started and finished by the Race Committee shall constitute the series.
- 19.3 A boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

20 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 20.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Informing the RC may be accomplished by either (a) sailing past the RC vessel OR (b) radioing the RC vessel by VHF Channel 68.

21 POST-RACE ACTIVITIES

- 21.1 Race results will be posted on the [EVENT NOTICE BOARD](#) on this event's page on the [SWYC](#) website
- 21.2 SWYC and MBYC invite all participants to enjoy the facilities of MBYC's clubhouse at the after-race party to celebrate the winner following racing.
- 21.3 The *Staff Commodore James Lonergan Commodores' Challenge Cup* will be presented to the first place boat at the after-race party. A "take-home" trophy will also be awarded to the Commodore of the first place boat.

22 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in

weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

ATTACHMENT A

W/L COURSE CHART All Races

<i>Course</i>	<i>Marks</i>
3	Start, 1, 2, Finish
5	Start, 1, 2, 1, 2, Finish

