



2024 Offshore Racing Series

San Mateo Point – ORS 4

August 17, 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Dana Point Yacht Club
24399 Dana Drive, Dana Point, CA 92629

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY AND RACE MANAGEMENT

The Organizing Authority (OA) for this regatta is the Dana Point Yacht Club (DPYC). The Dana Point Yacht Club Race Committee (RC) will manage this regatta and shall appoint a Protest Committee (PC).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the [2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing](#).
- 1.2 [US Sailing Prescriptions](#) to Rule 63.2 will not apply.
- 1.3 The [US Safety Equipment Requirements](#) (SER) Nearshore Category will apply, except as modified by the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 The rules of [PHRF of Southern California](#) (PHRF) will apply.
- 1.5 **[DP]** RRS 64.2, Penalties is modified by adding: (c) When the protest committee decides a boat that is a party to a protest hearing has broken a rule, it may assign a time penalty to be added to the boat's corrected time.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the online [Official Notice Board](#) no later than 1000 hours on Saturday, August 17, 2024.

3. COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online [Official Notice Board](#) on the Regatta.
- 3.2 On the water, the RC intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 69.
- 3.3 Racers should monitor VHF69 prior to and during all races for communications from the RC regarding courses, course changes and other pertinent race communications.
- 3.4 **[DP]** From the first warning signal until the end of each race, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. COMPETITOR'S MEETING

- 4.1 There will be a Competitor's Meeting at 0900 Saturday, August 17, 2024 at DPYC.

5. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 5.1 **[DP]** Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag staff located on the upper deck of the DPYC clubhouse on the West Side of the building.

6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signal AP (RRS).

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES & CLASS FLAGS

7.1 Once a boat has registered for any race in the Series its Class has been established, it will remain in its Class for the entire Series.

7.2 Classes and Class flags in the order of start, are as follows:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>CLASS FLAG</u>
ALL CLASSES	A (white flag with dark letter)

7.3 All Classes will start together.

7.4 The first Warning Signal is scheduled for 1055 hours.

8. THE RACING AREA

8.1 The race area is the Pacific Ocean nearshore between Dana Point and San Mateo Point and as generally shown on [Dana Point Race Chart v.9.0](#) included as part of these Sailing Instructions.

9. COURSES

9.1 **Course 50** – Boats shall start, leave Mark W to port, then leave a yellow inflatable tetrahedron (Mark1) to port, then leave Mark D to port, and then finish.

9.2 The course is described as Course 50 on Dana Point Race Chart v.9.0
SF W Mark1 D

9.3 The handicap course length is 16.8 nautical miles.

9.4 **Alternative Course 50A** – Boats shall start, leave a yellow inflatable tetrahedron (Mark1) to port, then leave Mark D to port, and then finish.

9.5 The course is described as Course 50 on Dana Point Race Chart v.9.0
SF Mark1 D

9.6 The handicap course length for Course 50A is 13.2 nautical miles.

9.7 No later than the first Warning Signal, numeral pennants will be displayed from the Race Committee signal boat to signal the course of the race.

10. MARKS

10.1 The Starting Marks shall be a staff displaying orange and blue flags at the port end of the line and a staff displaying an orange flag onboard the RC Signal Boat.

10.2 The Finishing Marks shall be a staff displaying orange and blue flags at the outboard end of the line and a staff displaying a blue flag onboard the RC Signal Boat.

10.3 Both the orange Starting flag and blue Finish flag may be on one staff.

10.4 Mark 1 is a yellow inflatable tetrahedron located at approximately N33° 22.027' W117° 35.550'.

10.5 All other marks are as described on Dana Point Race Chart v.9.0.

11. CHECKING IN

11.1 Before the first Warning Signal, a boat shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee boat when it is anchored on station in the starting area with code flag "L" being displayed, and hail its sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee. A boat failing to do so will have a 15 minute time penalty added to their corrected finish time.

12. THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 12.2 The starting line will be at the SF location as shown on [Dana Point Race Chart v.9.0](#).
- 12.3 The starting line will be between two staffs each with an orange flag. One will be on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end and the other attached to an anchored buoy at the port end of the line.
- 12.4 **[DP]** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.5 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 race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. 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. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee signal boat and a staff displaying orange and blue flags at the outboard end of the line.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix V will apply.

15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 The Time Limit for the race is 1600 Saturday, August 17, 2024.
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish by the Time Limit will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). A boat scored TLE will receive no finish time. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 15.3 Failure to meet the Race Time Limit will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

16. RETIRING FROM A RACE

- 16.1 **[DP]** A boat that retires from a race prior to finishing shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity and **obtain their acknowledgment** before leaving the race course area by coming within hail or making contact on VHF69.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the signal boats docks. The time will be posted on the Secondary Notice Board located upstairs at DPYC.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the RC and [online](#).
- 17.3 The Protest Committee will post a list of the protests filed, the times and place(s) for the hearings, on the Secondary Notice Board. Boats are responsible for checking this posting. Failure to do so is not an excuse to be absent from a hearing.
- 17.4 Arbitration as provided in RRS Appendix T will apply.

18. SCORING

- 18.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A will be used.
- 18.2 PHRF Spinnaker Fleet results will be calculated using the boat's PHRF RLC rating.
- 18.3 Non-Spinnaker Fleet results will be calculated using the PHRF RLC rating with the Non-Spinnaker offset added or RC assigned rating.
- 18.4 A boat scored TLE will receive no finish time. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1 Results will be announced at Dana Point Yacht Club as soon as possible after completion of the race and resolution of all protests.
- 19.2 For each ORS race the overall winner in the PHRF Fleet will be awarded the "Top Gun" flag.
- 19.3 Overall Series trophies for all classes will be awarded following ORS 4 on August 17, 2024.
- 19.4 The overall winner in the PHRF Fleet for the Series will be awarded a special "Top Gun" award.

20. RISK STATEMENT

- 20.1 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.**

21. INSURANCE

- 21.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

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