

# HARBOR PURSUIT RACE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

October 19, 2024

## RULES

1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
2. An imaginary line connecting all channel buoys from the Alamitos Bay jetty entrance to the finish line shall be considered a continuous obstruction (shown below) in accordance with Racing Rule 19.2. **NO YACHT SHALL CROSS SAID LINE.**
3. **Mark "A"** - "A" Buoy at the entrance to Alamitos Bay Marina (ABM) is considered a "Mark" (in addition to being the start of a continuing obstruction) for both Harbor Pursuit Race Courses. A 3-boat zone shall be in effect for determining "Mark" room at "A" Buoy. This changes Rules 18.1(d) and 19 for Mark "A" only. "A" Mark shall be passed to port. In the event that "A" Buoy is missing, the first center of channel buoy will be considered as a replacement for "A" Buoy.
4. The head of all spinnakers or second headsails must be on or below deck level before the yacht's bow crosses an imaginary line between the entrance lights to Alamitos Bay Jetty. A boat that fails to drop their spinnaker prior to entering the Alamitos Bay channel must take a one-turn penalty as soon as it has cleared the end of the Continuing Obstruction (see SI Rule 5) or be subject to protest and/or disqualification.
5. A straight line connecting adjacent channel marker buoys within the Alamitos Bay Jetty shall be considered a continuous obstruction in accordance with Racing Rule 19.2. **NO YACHT MAY CROSS SAID LINE.** A boat that crosses the "Continuing Obstruction" down the channel entering Alamitos Bay must take a one-turn penalty as soon as it has cleared the end of the Continuing Obstruction or be subject to protest and/or disqualification.

## ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES:

As prescribed in the Notice of Race.

## NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

All notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board located outside Seal Beach Yacht Club.

## CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Any change will be posted by 1800, Friday, October 18, 2024 on the Official Notice Board located outside Seal Beach Yacht Club. In the event that oral instructions are needed on the water, the race committee will broadcast any changes over VHF channel 71. All boats shall monitor channel 71 prior to their start.

## STARTING TIMES/ORDER:

Class breaks and starting times/order will be posted by 1800, Friday, October 18, 2024 on the Official Notice Board located outside Seal Beach Yacht Club. First warning will be at 1255 hours on October 19th.

## COURSES:

**COURSE #1:** Code Flag 1 will be displayed. The race will begin near mark 38. Take Los Angeles entrance (Mark 50) to port; take East End Long Beach Breakwater (Mark 10) to port; pass "A" Buoy at entrance to Alamitos Bay to port (if the "A" Buoy is missing, the last mark of the course and the beginning of the continuous obstruction will be the first center of channel buoy); and finish in Alamitos Bay between the Navy Yacht Club and the 5 mile per hour buoy near the fuel dock. When entering the channel, the head of the spinnaker or second headsail shall be on or below deck level before the yacht's bow crosses between the ENTRANCE LIGHTS to the Alamitos Bay jetty. A straight line connecting adjacent channel marker buoys within the Alamitos Bay jetty shall be considered a continuous obstruction in accordance with Racing Rule 19.2. **NO YACHT MAY CROSS SAID LINE.** Handicap distance is 13.8 mi.

**COURSE #2:** Code flag 2 will be displayed. The race will begin near mark 38. Take mark 37 to starboard; take Mark 27 (Buoy R “2” – near pier J) to port; take Queens Gate (Mark 13) to port; Platform Esther to Port; pass “A” Buoy at entrance to Alamitos Bay to port (if the “A” Buoy is missing, the last mark of the course and the beginning of the continuous obstruction will be the first center of channel buoy); finish same as long course. When entering the channel, the head of the spinnaker or second headsail shall be on or below deck level before the yacht’s bow crosses between the **ENTRANCE LIGHTS** to the Alamitos Bay jetty. A straight line connecting adjacent channel marker buoys within the Alamitos Bay jetty shall be considered a continuous obstruction in accordance with Racing Rule 19.2. **NO YACHT MAY CROSS SAID LINE.** Handicap distance is 9.0 mi.

**START:**

1. The race shall be started in accordance with Racing Rule 26 except as modified by these SI’s.
2. The starting line will be between mark 38 and the Race Committee boat, located approximately one-half mile west-northwest of the Alamitos Bay jetty. All yachts must check in with the Race Committee boat prior to the first warning signal. Boats may check in by radio.
3. Starting times will be staggered according to assigned PHRF handicaps, with start times rounded to the nearest 15 seconds. A list of starting times will be available at SIBYC ; on the club website and on Regatta Network later than 1800 on Friday October 18, 2024.
4. Yachts not starting must keep clear of the starting area. Any violation may be subject to protest.

**RECALLS:**

1. Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Racing Rule 29.1 except Code Flag X will not be displayed.
2. As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to notify recalled boats by hailing their sail number over VHF channel 71. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification shall not relieve her of her obligation to start correctly and shall not be grounds for redress. A boat’s position in the sequence of hailed numbers or broadcast numbers shall not be grounds for redress.
3. Any boat subject to an individual recall must round an end of the start line prior to returning to the pre-start side of the start line (this changes rule 29.1) and then restart.

**RETIREMENT:**

A yacht that checks in and later retires shall make every effort to notify the Race Committee before leaving the course area. If that is not possible then, at the first reasonable opportunity, notify the Race Committee at the finish line or at the Seal Beach Yacht Club in person or by telephone (562) 822-4504. The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 71.

**THE FINISH:**

The finish line shall be as described in the Notice of Race.

**FINISH LINE COMMUNICATIONS:**

All boats shall alert the Seal Beach YC Race Committee of their imminent finish by calling the committee on VHF channel 71 as soon as practical after entering the Alamitos Bay Jetty.

**TIME LIMIT:**

The race will be called at 1730 for all classes. Boats not finished by 1730 will be scored DNF. This changes *RRS 35*.

**PENALTIES:**

1. Racing Rule 44 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by a one- turn penalty.
2. US Sailing Appendix V2 - Penalty Taken After a Race - will apply, however, the 30% penalty will be calculated on the number of boats racing in that race. This changes rule 44.3(c).
3. Continuing Obstruction Penalty- A boat that crosses the “Continuing Obstruction” down the channel entering Alamitos Bay must take a one-turn penalty as soon as it has cleared the end of the Continuing Obstruction or be subject to protest and disqualification.

**CONFLICTING INSTRUCTIONS:**

If a conflict in wording exists between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes Racing Rule 63.7.

**PROTESTS:**

A protest flag shall be displayed to signal a protest. A protesting yacht shall notify the protested yacht in accordance with rule 61.1, and then notify the Race Committee at the finish line if it's reasonably possible to do so. Protests shall be written on forms available at Seal Beach Yacht Club. **THE WRITTEN PROTESTS SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PRO, RACE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN OR PROTEST CHAIRMAN NO LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE LAST BOAT FINISHES.**

**SCORING:**

A boat's finish order shall determine its finish place in overall and class results. High Points scores for the Seal Beach YC High Point Series and for the Long Beach Harbor High Points Series will be assigned based on a boat's finish order within its class.

**TROPHIES:**

Overall and class trophies will be awarded at Seal Beach Yacht Club as soon as possible following the completion of the race. **Trophies not claimed after the trophy presentation will be held at the Seal Beach Yacht Club for 60 days, after which time they shall be forfeited and revert back to club ownership.**

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