



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - SCYA MidWinters 2025

Seal Beach Yacht Club

## 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Double headsails shall be allowed on non-spinnaker class yachts and non-spinnaker yachts sailing in spinnaker classes.
- 1.3 A yacht must sail through the starting line to start the second lap of any twice around course.

**2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS** - The notice to competitors shall be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board at Seal Beach Yacht Club.

**3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted before 0900 on the day it takes effect. 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.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE** - Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Seal Beach Yacht Club flagpole.

**5. VISUAL SIGNALS** - The following International code flag will be added and will be displayed under the course flag signal. "R" Reverse course. "T" Twice around (Course designated shall be sailed twice.)

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The Schedule of Races shall be as prescribed in the Notice of Race or an addendum thereto.
- 6.2 The number of races shall be as prescribed in the Notice of Race.
- 6.3 The scheduled time for the warning signal shall be as prescribed in the Notice of Race.
- 6.4 Approximately one minute prior to the warning signal for the first class in each race, the Race Committee may make two sound signals.

**7. CLASS FLAGS** - For class identification, each yacht shall display an International Numeral pennant from its permanent backstay as follows: PHRF AA - Zero, PHRF A1 - One, PHRF A2 - Two, if only one "A" class - Two, Sport Boat - Three, PHRF B - Five, PHRF C - Seven, PHRF D - Nine, PHRF A N/S - Four, PHRF B N/S - Eight, if only one N/S class - Four. No identification pennant is required for one design classes.

**8. RACING AREA** - The racing area shall be as shown on the current Seal Beach Yacht Club Course Chart prescribed in the Notice of Race.

**9. THE COURSES** - Courses shall be selected from those shown on the current Seal Beach Yacht Club Course Chart prescribed in the Notice of Race. The selected course will be signaled using the appropriate numerical international code flag(s).

## 10. MARKS

- 10.1 The Marks shall be as described in the description of marks on the course chart prescribed in the Notice of Race.
- 10.2 Each mark on the course shall be rounded to port unless the mark in the course being sailed is followed by a small (s) on the Course Chart designated in the Notice of Race, which mark shall be rounded to starboard.
- 10.3 The starting and finishing marks shall be buoys with orange flags at both ends or an orange flag aboard the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end and a buoy at the port end.
- 10.4 Race Signals shall be modified to read "no sound signal shall be used when code flag "M" is displayed at a mark".
- 10.5 Replacement Marks - A replacement mark may be a yellow inflatable tetrahedron or a code flag "M".

## 11. THE START

- 11.1 Races shall be started using Rule 26.
- 11.2 The starting line shall consist of marks as described in section 10.3 above and shall be located in the vicinity of Mark 38.
- 11.3 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.
- 11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

**12. THE FINISH** - The finishing line shall be located in the same area as the starting line and shall be between two marks, each with an orange flag (one mark may be aboard the Committee Boat). The marks designating the finishing line may be the same marks designating the starting line.

**13. ALTERNATE PENALTY** - Racing Rule 44 is changed so that the 720 degree turn is replaced by a 360 degree turn. Appendix V2 will apply, however, the 30% penalty will be calculated on the number of boats racing in that race. This changes rule 44.3(c).

**14. TIME LIMIT** - The time limit, if any, shall be as prescribed in the Notice of Race.

## 15. PROTESTS

- 15.1 Promptly after finishing, a boat intending to protest shall notify the Race Committee of the name and/or sail number of the boat being protested.
- 15.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Seal Beach Yacht Club. WRITTEN PROTESTS SHALL BE FILED WITH THE RACE CHAIRMAN OR PROTEST CHAIR WITHIN ONE HOUR AFTER THE LAST BOAT FINISHES.
- 15.3 Notices shall be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held as soon as possible following the close of the protest time limit.

**16. SCORING** - The Low Point System of Appendix A4 shall apply.

## 17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Boats shall check in with the Race Committee prior to the warning signal for the first class.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the Race Area. The race committee shall monitor VHF channel 71.

**18. TROPHIES** - Trophies shall be presented in the place and time prescribed in the Notice of Race.