



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - Pop Tops 2025

### 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 One design yachts shall race in their established class unless otherwise approved by the Race Committee.
- 1.4 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. Only one headsail may be flown down the channel.
- 1.5 A straight line connecting adjacent center of channel marker buoys within the Alamitos Bay Jetty and the center of channel buoy in front of Malainey's Restaurant shall be considered a continuous obstruction in accordance with Racing Rule 19. **NO YACHT MAY CROSS SAID LINE.**
- 1.6 If a yacht's rating is changed during a series, the skipper shall submit a revised entry card prior to the next race sailed or be considered not entered. Should the yacht's new rating also cause a change in class, the yacht shall remain in the class previously entered and be handicapped with the new rating for the remaining races in that series. The yacht shall be changed to the new appropriate class in the next series.

### 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

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted before 0900 on the day it takes effect.
- 3.2 In the event that an oral change to the sailing instruction is needed on the water, the RC will broadcast any changes over **VHF channel 71.**

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Seal Beach Yacht Club flagpole.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

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

### 6. 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.

### 7. RACING AREA

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

### 8. THE COURSES

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

### 9. MARKS

- 9.1 The Marks shall be as described in the description of marks on the course chart prescribed in the Notice of Race.
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 "A" Buoy at the entrance to Alamitos Bay is a Mark of the course as well as the beginning of the continuing obstruction.
- 9.4 The starting 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.
- 9.5 Race Signals shall be modified to read "no sound signal shall be used when code flag "M" is displayed at a mark".
- 9.6 Replacement Marks - A replacement mark may be a yellow inflatable tetrahedron instead of a code flag "M".

### 10. THE START

- 10.1 Races shall be started using Rule 26.
- 10.2 The starting line shall consist of marks as described in section 9.4 above and shall be located in the vicinity of Mark 38.
- 10.3 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.
- 10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

### 11. THE FINISH

The finishing line shall be between a point at the Navy Yacht Club and the 5 MPH channel buoy or an orange flag in the channel out from the Navy YC point.

### 12. ALTERNATE PENALTY

- 12.1 Racing Rule 44 is changed so that two-turns penalty is replaced by one-turn penalty.
- 12.2 Appendix V2 will apply, however, a 20% penalty will be calculated on the number of boats racing in that race.

### 13. TIME LIMIT

The time limit, if any, shall be as prescribed in the Notice of Race.

### 14. PROTESTS

- 14.1 Promptly after finishing, a boat intending to protest shall notify the Finishline Race Committee of the name and/or sail number of the boat(s) being protested.
- 14.2 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. SCORING

The Low Point System of Appendix A shall apply. UFD, BFD, DNE & DPI results are not excludable for series results. A yacht shall be scored DNE (Disqualification not excludable) when they are disqualified as the results of a protest committee hearing and finding. A yacht scored DSQ (Disqualified) as a result of a mediation or arbitration may exclude that result.

### 16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 Boats shall endeavor to check in with the Race Committee prior to the warning signal for the first class.
- 16.2 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**. A breach of this SI is not subject to protest by another competitor

### 17. TROPHIES

Trophies shall be presented in the place and time prescribed in the Notice of Race. TROPHIES NOT CLAIMED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE TROPHY PRESENTATION SHALL BE FORFITED AND REVERT TO CLUB OWNERSHIP.