



**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
THE 2010 VENTURA HARBOR
WET WEDNESDAY RACES**



**HOSTED BY:
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1. **RULES:** These races will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the 2009-2012 *Racing Rules of Sailing*. The PHRF MIR Rule is not in effect. This modifies PHRF Class Rule 8.
2. **ENTRIES:**
 - 2.1 Boats that are eligible to be rated under PHRF (single-hulled, self-righting, LOA 20 feet or more) or ORCA (LOA 20 feet or more) may enter by completing registration with VYC before the race.
 - 2.2 PHRF/ORCA membership, yacht club membership, and sail numbers are not required. This modifies RRS 75 as permitted by RRS 86.
 - 2.3 The entry fee is \$100 for the race series, Daily entries can be purchased in packages of 3 or more races for \$10 per race.
3. **HANDICAPPING:**
 - 3.1 PHRF Area A buoy handicaps will be used.
 - 3.2 The RC will assign a temporary (for this event only) handicap to boats without a valid handicap.
 - 3.3 The following handicap adjustments will be used for the CHRF entries. — After each race, the handicaps for the top three boats and the last three boats (for those boats finishing the race) will be readjusted for the following race as follows: -9 for first, -6 for second, -3 for third, +9 for last, +6 for second to last, and +3 for third to last.
4. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted VYC's bulletin board located inside the downstairs patio.
5. **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1700 hours on the day it will take effect. Oral instructions from the RC on station on the water will be signaled by display of code flag "L" on the Committee Boat.
6. **SCHEDULE:** The start signal for the CHRF class is scheduled for 1800 hours on each race day. Races are scheduled every Wednesday from May 5, 2010 through September 08, 2010.
7. **CLASSES:**
 - 7.1 Two Cruising Handicap Racing Fleet (CHRF) classes are planned. CHRF "A" consists of boats with a base PHRF rating of 132 and lower. Boats with a base PHRF rating greater than 132 shall be in CHRF "B". Multi-hulls will compete in Class A.
 - 7.2 The CHRF class is open to all boats. The CHRF class will mix spinnaker boats with base PHRF handicaps and non-spinnaker boats using the PHRF Non-Spinnaker offset. Skippers can opt to race spinnaker one week and non-spinnaker the next, using non-spinnaker offsets.
 - 7.3 A double-handed class will be established within the CHRF class. Double-handed entrants must notify the race committee on station for that particular race.
8. **THE COURSES:**
 - 8.1 The course for the first race on May 6th will be: Start in the vicinity of the Ventura Harbor "Whistle Buoy," take "Fishsticks" to port, and Finish at the Ventura Harbor entrance on a line from the VYC clubhouse balcony to the green light standard #3 near the southern end of the detached breakwater.
 - 8.2 For subsequent races, the courses will be chosen from the 2010 Wednesday Night Races Course Chart that is part of these Sailing Instructions.



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- 8.3 Designation of the course to be sailed will be signaled from the race committee boat before or with the warning signal for the first starting class. For succeeding classes, the course signal will be displayed with or soon after the warning signal for that class. This changes Rule 27.1.
9. **CHECK-IN:** All boats are required to check in with the Race Committee either on VHF channel 69 or sail by the Race Committee boat before each race and declare Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker and whether they are sailing double-handed. Boats that fail to check-in will be scored DNS. This changes Rules 63.1 and A5.
- 10. THE START:**
- 10.1 Anticipated start time for the first class is 1800 hours.
- 10.2 There will be a courtesy sound signal (multiple horn blasts) approximately one minute prior to the beginning of the first starting sequence.
- 10.3 The races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 as follows:
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| Warning | 5 minutes before start | Class Flag raised with 1 sound signal |
| Preparatory | 4 minutes before start | Code Flag "P" raised with 1 sound signal |
| One Minute | 1 minute before start | Code Flag "P" lowered with 1 long sound signal |
| START | 0 minutes before start | Class Flag lowered with 1 sound signal |
- 10.4 Order of Starts and Class Flags are as follows:
- A. CHRF "A" Class – Red Class Flag
 - B. CHRF "B" Class – White Class Flag
- 10.5 The starting line will be located between the "Whistle Buoy" as the portside mark, and an orange flag or shape mounted on the Committee Boat that is the starboard-side mark. There may be a buoy trailing behind the Committee Boat. The buoy and its attachment line are parts of the mark. Do not sail between this buoy and the committee boat.
- 10.6 For all courses, except course 5, the magnetic course to the first mark is listed on the 2010 Wednesday Night Races Course Chart. For course 5, the magnetic course to the first mark (an inflatable tetrahedron) will be posted on the RC boat.
- 11. RECALLS:**
- 11.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS Rule 29.1 (code flag "X" and 1 sound signal).
- 11.2 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS Rule 29.2 (code flag "first substitute" and 2 sound signals). A new warning signal for the recalled class will be made one minute after the "first substitute" is lowered.
- 11.3 When a general recall has been signaled, the starts for the succeeding classes shall follow the new start for the recalled class.
- 11.4 After the starting signal, the Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail number(s) of the recalled boat(s) on VHF Channel 69. The following shall not be grounds for granting redress:
- a. Failure of a boat to hear the recall hail or broadcast.
 - b. A boat's position in the sequence of hailed numbers or broadcast numbers.
 - c. Failure of the Race Committee to hail or broadcast numbers.
- 12. TIME LIMIT:** If any boat in a class finishes before sunset (see Table 1 below), the race is valid for that class. If no boat in a class finishes before sunset, the race is abandoned for that class. Boats that finish a valid race after 2015 shall take their own time and report it to the RC immediately after docking.



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Table 1: Sunset Times

Race #	Date	Sunset
1	05/05	1944
2	05/12	1950
3	05/19	1955
4	05/26	2000
5	06/02	2004
6	06/09	2008
7	06/16	2011
8	06/23	2013
9	06/30	2013
10	07/07	2012
11	07/14	2010
12	07/21	2006
13	07/28	2002
14	08/04	1956
15	08/11	1949
16	08/18	1941
17	08/25	1932
18	09/01	1923
19	09/08	1913

13. THE FINISH:

- 13.1 The finish line shall be on a line from the VYC clubhouse balcony to the green light standard (#3) near the southern end of the detached breakwater.
- 13.2 As an aid to help the RC identify the boats that are finishing the race, skippers shall call the RC on VHF 69 as they approach the finish line.
- 13.3 If the RC is not on station, boats shall record their own finish times. The RC will monitor VHF Channel 69 throughout the race.
- 13.4 Spinnakers shall be struck at the elbow of the detached breakwater (where it angles out to seaward from its approximately north-south orientation). Any boat sailing beyond this point with a spinnaker set will be scored DSQ by the RC. This changes Rules 63.1 and A5.

14. PROTESTS: Written protests in accordance with RRS Rule 61 shall be filed with the Race Committee at the host club within 1 hour of the finish of the protesting boat or within 1 hour after she returns to port if she retires. Protests will be heard as soon as practicable, which may not be the same night that the protest was filed.

15. SCORING: The High-Point Percentage Scoring System shall be used for this series with the best 12 races being scored.

- 15.1 RACES TO COUNT AND MINIMUM REQUIRED: The series will consist of the 19 races. To qualify for inclusion in the final series results a boat shall compete in (i.e., come to the starting area for) at least 2/3 of the races started.
- 15.2 RACE SCORES: Define 'N' to be the number of boats that compete in a particular race. Each boat finishing that race and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified will be scored as follows:

<i>Finishing place</i>	<i>Score</i>
First	N
Second	N-1
Third	N-2
Fourth	N-3
Each place thereafter	Subtract 1 point

All other boats that compete in that race, including any that finish and thereafter retire or are disqualified, will score 0 points. Boats that do not compete in that race (DNC) will not be scored.



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- 15.3 **SERIES SCORES:** The series score for each boat will be a percentage calculated as follows: divide the sum of her race scores by the sum of the points she would have scored if she had placed first in every race in which she competed; multiply the result by 100. The qualified boat with the highest series score is the winner, and others are ranked accordingly.
- 15.4 **TIES AND OTHER RULES:** Race ties will be broken using rule A7. Series ties will be broken using rule A8.1. Rules A1, A3, A5, A6, A10 and A11 also apply.
- 16. PENALTIES:** Reminder: The Two Turns penalty, RRS Rule 44.2, applies.
- 17. SAFETY EQUIPMENT:** This is a PHRF Category 4 event. All boats shall carry the equipment specified by PHRF for Category 4 races. Racers are reminded that they are bound by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea when encountering vessels that are not racing.
- 18. NON-SPINNAKER DEFINITIONS:**
- 18.1 No spinnakers or spinnaker-like sails such as flashers, cruising 'chutes, MPSs, gennakers, etc. are allowed. All headsails must meet the measurements of RRS Rule 50.4.
- 18.2 Only one spinnaker pole or whisker pole may be used at a time and, when in use, shall be attached to the foremost mast.
- 18.3 Use of headsails larger than 155% LP carries a 6 second per mile penalty unless the yacht is already handicapped for such larger sail.
- 18.4 More than one headsail may be carried set, and the headsails need not be attached to the forestay.
- 19. CREW LIMITS:** The minimum number of persons aboard for all entries shall be two.
- 20. TROPHIES:** Daily take-home trophies will be awarded after each race at VYC. The number of daily trophies awarded will be per the following table 2 below. Winners must be present to receive daily trophies. Special prizes will be awarded after the final race at VYC on August 26th. One trophy awarded each week to the top contested double-handed boat in the non-spinnaker class.

Table 1: Daily Trophy Schedule

Number of Boats in Class		Trophies
2	1 st Place	1 Glass
3 - 5	1 st & 2 nd Place	1 Hat, 1 Glass
6 - 8	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd , Place	1 Hat, 2 Glasses
9 or more	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th Place	1 Hat, 3 Glasses
Double Handed	2 or more	1 Glass if no other award is won

- 21. RETIREMENT:** A boat that has started and subsequently retires shall notify the RC. The RC will monitor VHF channel 69. VYC phone number is 805-642-0426.
- 22. POST-RACE ACTIVITIES:** There will be an attitude adjustment party and a reasonably priced dinner at Ventura Yacht Club after each race. All skippers, crew, and their guests are welcome.



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2010 VYC Wet Wednesday Course Chart

#	Approximate Course Length	Approximate Heading To First Mark	Course
1	5.0	240	S Ap F
2	5.3	160	S Mp R2s F
3	8.6	240	S Ap Mp R2s F
4	8.5	160	S Ms As F
5	3.5	posted on RC boat	S Tp R2s F
6	7.3	240	S Ap Cp Ap F
7	2.7	240	S Cp F
8	5.1	240	S Cp R2p Cp F
9	7.5	240	S Cp R2p Cp R2p Cp F
10	6.8	240	S Cp Mp R2s F
11	6.8	160	S Ms Cs F

MARKS		APPROXIMATE LOCATION	
A	Fish Sticks spar buoy	L: 34° 14.3N	Lo: 119° 19.5W
C	Chips spar buoy	L: 34° 14.4N	Lo: 119° 18.1W
M	Mandalay spar buoy	L: 34° 12.0N	Lo: 119° 16.5W
R2	Vta Whistle buoy R"2V"	L: 34° 14.4N	Lo: 119° 16.7W
T	Tetrahedron	1.5 nm from the Start Line	
S	Start in vicinity of Mark R2; see Sailing Instructions		
F	Finish at Ventura Harbor; see Sailing Instructions		