



VENTURA YACHT CLUB
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2012 VENTURA YACHT CLUB REGATTA SERIES

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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. Advertising will be Category C (no restriction) for this event.
2. **ENTRIES:**
 - 2.1 This series is open to all boats, less than 45 feet LOA, with a valid PHRF rating. Entry forms are available at VYC.
 - 2.2 The entry fee is \$60 for the series, or \$25 per individual regatta.
3. **HANDICAPPING:** This is a PHRF Category 3 event, and area A Buoy Course handicaps will be used.
4. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the bulletin board located inside the downstairs patio.
5. **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 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:** There will be a Skippers Meeting at 0830 prior to each race. Races are scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 14; Saturday, April 21 and Saturday, Sept. 8. Three or more races are planned for each regatta. Two races must be completed to constitute a regatta.
7. **CLASSES:** PHRF and J/24 classes are planned.
8. **THE COURSES:**
 - 8.1 All marks shall be left to port. Courses may be shortened. Courses will be as follows (refer to Diagram 1):
 1. S/W/F
 2. S/W/L/W/F
 3. S/W/L/W/L/W/F
 - 8.2 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:** After the race committee boat is securely anchored and before the warning signal of the first race each day, each boat shall check in over Channel 69 or sail on starboard tack past the stern of the Race Committee start boat prior to the warning signal and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee by repeating the boat's number. A boat failing to properly check in shall receive a 20% scoring penalty without a hearing, calculated in accordance with rule 44.3 [c]. This changes rule 63.1 and A5.

10. THE START:

- 10.1 Anticipated start time for the first class is 1100 hours.
- 10.2 There will be a courtesy sound signal (multiple air horn blasts) approximately one minute prior to the beginning of the first starting sequence.
- 10.3 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26. The Race Committee will use VHF channel 69. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and mark "L". A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rule 63.1 and A4.
- 10.4 Order of Starts and Class Flags are as follows:
 1. PHRF Class – Red Class Flag
 2. J/24 Class – White Class Flag
 3. Non-spinnaker Class – Blue Class Flag

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.
- 11.5 The following shall not be grounds for granting redress:
 1. Failure of a boat to hear the recall hail or broadcast.
 2. A boat's position in the sequence of hailed numbers or broadcast numbers.
 3. Failure of the Race Committee to hail or broadcast numbers.

12. **TIME LIMIT:** If the first boat does not reach Mark "W" within 45 minutes or the first boat to sail the course does not finish within 120 minutes, the race will be abandoned. Boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat that sails the course finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF) and will be scored two more than the last boat finishing. This modifies rule 35 and Appendix A4.2.

13. THE FINISH:

- 13.1 The finishing line F shall be between the orange flag on the race committee boat and mark "L".

14. **PROTESTS:** Protests shall be written on forms available at the VYC office and filed with the Race Committee within one hour of the docking of the RC boat.

15. **SCORING:** The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A will apply for daily regattas. Daily scores will be computed with no throw-outs. Series score will be computed using the Daily scores on a high point basis with no throw-outs.

16. **PENALTIES:** A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a One-Turn Penalty, including one tack and one gybe. This modifies 44.1 and 44.2.

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. **CREW LIMITS:** The minimum number of persons aboard shall be 2.

19. **TROPHIES:** There will be daily trophies for each regatta and Series trophies. The daily trophies will be awarded at the succeeding regatta skippers meeting, except for the final regatta. Series trophies and the daily trophies for the Sept. 8 regatta will be awarded on Sept. 8.

Table 1: Trophy Schedule

Number of Boats in Class	Trophies
1-3	1st Place
4-6	1st & 2nd Place
7 or more	1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place

20. **RETIREMENT:** A boat that retires from a race prior to finishing or does not intend to compete in a race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the course area. Failure to notify the Race Committee may result in a 20% penalty. The RC will monitor VHF channel 69.
21. **POST-RACE ACTIVITIES:** There will be an attitude adjustment party at VYC after each race. All skippers, crew, and their guests are welcome.

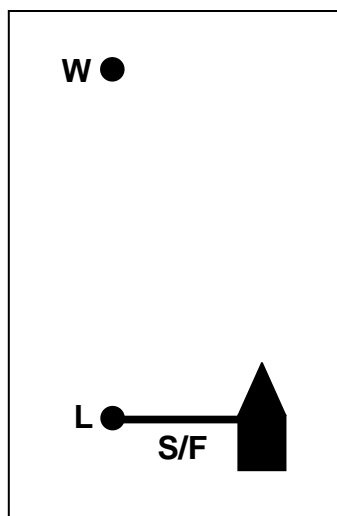


Diagram 1: Race Course