

**BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS
BENEFIT REGATTA
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Rules

THE RACING RULES OF SAILING, as issued by the United States Sailing Association and these Sailing Instructions, will govern the Regatta. RRS Rule 40 is changed to read: Competitors shall wear life jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. .

2. Entries

Eligible yachts may be entered by completing the Yacht Entry Form (YEF). The YEF is available for download at www.santacruzmentor.org. The YEF will also be available at the Competitor's meeting. The Yachts not having a valid PHRF certificate will be assigned a rating by the organizing authority.

3. Notices to Competitors

There will be a competitor's meeting at 1130 hours on the day of the Regatta. Yachts & crew may register before 1130 hours. Notices to competitors, if any, will be posted on the bulletin board at the SCYC Regatta Shed.

4. Sailor Registration and Yacht Registration

It is required that all adult (18 years and over) skippers, sailors and crew members be individually registered. The finish order may be subject to protest based upon non-registered crew, and the awards may be subject to verification of registration. In addition, each skipper shall register his/her yacht on a Yacht Entry Form as provided in Paragraph 2, above.

5. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any written changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1200 hours on the day of the Regatta. Notices will be posted on the bulletin board on the Regatta Shed.

6. Schedule of Regatta

The Regatta will be held on the day specified in the announcements and posters for the event. The warning signal for the Regatta will be sounded at 1255 hours, and the start of the timing sequence at 1300 hours.

7. Racing Area and Communications

The racing area will be on Monterey Bay within a distance of 2.5 nm of the entrance to the Santa Cruz Harbor. The racing area and location of the marks is shown on Attachment "A", Course Sheet. The Race Committee may communicate with competitors on VHF Channel 68.

8. The Courses

All marks shall be rounded to port. The courses shall be as follows:

LONG COURSE (DIV. 1 and 6):

S/F -- Wharf -- MILE -- SC-3T -- Wharf -- SC-3T -- S/F (12.06 nm)

SHORT COURSE (DIV. 2 and 3):

S/F -- Wharf -- SC-3T -- S/F (5.64 nm)

Note: Entry in Division 5, Corporate Sponsor, is in addition to a yacht's entry in Divisions 1, 2, 3, or 6. There is no Division 4.

9. Marks

Marks are shown on Attachment "A", Course Sheet, and are described as follows:

Mark	Description	Coordinates
S/F	Yellow sphere	N 36° 57.04', W 121° 59.67'
Wharf	Yellow sphere	N 36° 56.86', W 122° 01.26'
MILE	Mile Buoy	N 36° 56.35', W 122° 00.56'
SC-3T	Yellow Painted Cylinder	N 36° 56.36', W 121° 58.01'

10. The Start

Yachts will be started in reverse order of PHRF rating, e.g., the yacht with the largest handicap numbers shall start first and the yacht with the smallest handicap numbers shall start last; (i.e., a Bermuda Start). The timing sequence shall be started in accordance with RRS Rule 26. The following signals will be used.

Signal	Flag and sound	Time
Warning	Yellow flag; 1 sound	1255
Preparatory	P flag (blue with centered white square); 1 sound	1256
One-minute	P flag removed; 1 sound	1259
Starting	Yellow flag dipped; 1 sound	1300

It is each yacht's responsibility to start properly. Each yacht shall determine her proper starting time by referring to Attachment "B", finding her PHRF rating in the left column and her time handicap in minutes and seconds. The time handicap added to the time of the first drop of the yellow shape signal represents her starting time.

10.1 The starting Line will be between a staff displaying a Race Committee flag on the race committee boat and the starting mark. The starting mark is the SCYC Start/Finish buoy.

10.2 THE STARTING LINE IS RESTRICTED UNLESS YOU ARE STARTING, RESTARTING, OR FINISHING. YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IF YOU CROSS IT OTHERWISE.

10.3 Yachts shall keep clear of the starting area unless such yacht is within five minutes of her starting signal.

10.4 A yacht shall not start later than five minutes after her starting time.

11. Recalls

No general recall will be made. The Race Committee may hail on VHF the yachts that are observed to over early. The failure of a hail, the failure of a boat to hear a hail, or the order of the hails shall not be grounds for redress. This alters RRS 62.1(a). Yachts on the course side of the starting line at their prescribed starting time that fail to restart properly, shall have 10 minutes added to their finish time, except that yachts who start more than 5 minutes prior to their prescribed starting time and fail to start properly will be scored OCS. This changes RRS Rule 29.1.

12. The Finish

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue Race Committee flag and the Start/Finish mark.

13. Time Limit

The time limit is 1630 hours. Yachts not finishing within the time limit will be scored "TLE" (Time Limit Expired). This changes RRS Rules 35, A 4.1, A 4.2, and A 11.

14. Protests

Protests will be written on forms available at the Santa Cruz Yacht Club Regatta Shed and filed there within 30 minutes after her finish time. Protests affecting awarding of prizes will be heard in approximately the order of the receipt. Protests concerning other yachts shall be heard at a time and place designated by the Protest Committee.

15. Scoring

Division 1	PHRF rating of 76 and lower
Division 2	PHRF rating of 77 and higher
Division 3	Jib and Main
(There is no Division 4)	
Division 5	Corporate Sponsors (1 class, may be combined with Div. 1 - 3)
Division 6	Multihulls (1 class)

Prizes will be awarded for First and Second places in Divisions 1, 2, 3, and 6. Prizes will be awarded for Third place in Divisions 1, 2, and 3. For Division 5, a Prize will be awarded for the First Place finisher in the Long Course and also the First Place finisher in the Short Course.

16. Alternate Penalties

RRS Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

ATTACHMENT "A"
COURSE DIAGRAM



ATTACHMENT "B" STARTING TIMES

SHORT COURSE

Length = 5.64 n.mi.

START
P.H.R.F. TIME

SHORT COURSE

300	0:00:00
297	0:00:17
294	0:00:34
291	0:00:51
288	0:01:08
285	0:01:25
282	0:01:42
279	0:01:58
276	0:02:15
273	0:02:32
270	0:02:49
267	0:03:06
264	0:03:23
261	0:03:40
258	0:03:57
255	0:04:14
252	0:04:31
249	0:04:48
246	0:05:05
243	0:05:21
240	0:05:38
237	0:05:55
234	0:06:12
231	0:06:29
228	0:06:46
225	0:07:03
222	0:07:20
219	0:07:37
216	0:07:54
213	0:08:11
210	0:08:28
207	0:08:45
204	0:09:01
201	0:09:18
198	0:09:35
195	0:09:52
192	0:10:09
189	0:10:26
186	0:10:43
183	0:11:00
180	0:11:17
177	0:11:34
174	0:11:51
171	0:12:08
168	0:12:24

START
P.H.R.F. TIME

SHORT COURSE

165	0:12:41
162	0:12:58
159	0:13:15
156	0:13:32
153	0:13:49
150	0:14:06
147	0:14:23
144	0:14:40
141	0:14:57
138	0:15:14
135	0:15:31
132	0:15:48
129	0:16:04
126	0:16:21
123	0:16:38
120	0:16:55
117	0:17:12
114	0:17:29
111	0:17:46
108	0:18:03
105	0:18:20
102	0:18:37
99	0:18:54
96	0:19:11
93	0:19:27
90	0:19:44
87	0:20:01
84	0:20:18
81	0:20:35
78	0:20:52

LONG COURSE

75	0:20:00
72	0:20:36
69	0:21:12
66	0:21:49
63	0:22:25
60	0:23:01
57	0:23:37
54	0:24:13
51	0:24:49
48	0:25:26
45	0:26:02
42	0:26:38
39	0:27:14

LONG COURSE

Length = 12.06 n.mi.

START
P.H.R.F. TIME

LONG COURSE

36	0:27:50
33	0:28:26
30	0:29:02
27	0:29:39
24	0:30:15
21	0:30:51
18	0:31:27
15	0:32:03
12	0:32:39
9	0:33:16
6	0:33:52
3	0:34:28
0	0:35:04
-3	0:35:40
-6	0:36:17
-9	0:36:53
-12	0:37:29
-15	0:38:05
-18	0:38:41
-21	0:39:17
-24	0:39:54
-27	0:40:30
-30	0:41:06
-33	0:41:42
-36	0:42:18
-39	0:42:54
-42	0:43:31
-45	0:44:07
-48	0:44:43
-51	0:45:19
-54	0:45:55
-57	0:46:32
-60	0:47:08
-63	0:47:44
-66	0:48:20
-69	0:48:56
-72	0:49:32
-75	0:50:09
-78	0:50:45
-81	0:51:21
-84	0:51:57
-87	0:52:33
-90	0:53:10
-93	0:53:46
-126	1:00:24