



Association of Orange Coast Yacht Clubs

2017 Fall Finale

Sailing Instructions
November 18, 2017

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Association of Orange Coast Yacht Clubs is the Organizing Authority for the Regatta.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in current Racing Rules of Sailing (*RRS*), the rules of the fleets participating, and the Notice of Race, except as altered by these Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 The Regatta is classified as a Category "A" Event in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.
- 2.3 Boats are subject to inspection by the appropriate fleet coordinator to ensure conformity to the applicable class rules, bylaws and/or measurement certificates.
- 2.4 *RRS* 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: "However, discarding elastic or wool bands when setting a sail is permitted."
- 2.5 US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for Nearshore apply to PHRF and Cruising boats. THE USSER can be found at found at http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/Offshore/SAS/US_SER_2017.0.pdf
- 2.6 PHRF and Cruising boats shall carry a functioning GPS.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located near the South Shore Yacht Club (SSYC) and on the AOCYC website.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at SSYC and on the AOCYC website before 0900 hours on the day of the race.
- 4.2 Race Committee may also issue verbal changes to the sailing instructions during check-in while code flag L (Come Within Hail) is displayed.
- 4.3 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before the race.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at SSYC.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, racing is postponed.
- 5.3 First Warning will be no less than 1 Hour after AP is removed.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The scheduled date of the Regatta is November 18, 2017.
- 6.2 The scheduled time for the first warning signal for PHRF and CRUISING boats is 1155 hours.
- 6.3 The scheduled time for the first warning signal for HARBOR 20 boats is 1300 hours.

7. CLASSES

- 7.1 PHRF and CRUISING Class Breaks will be determined using the PHRF Area D Random Leg Course (RLC) Ratings/assigned rating.
- 7.2 HARBOR 20 classes will be determined by the Host Yacht Club and Harbor 20 Fleet 1.
- 7.3 Starting Assignments and Class Breaks will be posted at SSYC and on the AOCYC website before 0900 hours on the day of the race.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 PHRF and CRUISING - The racing area will be in the Pacific Ocean off Newport Beach.
- 8.2 HARBOR 20 – The racing area will be inside Newport Beach harbor.

9. COURSES and MARK LOCATIONS

9.1 PHRF and CRUISING

- 9.1.1 The Start/Finish line will be located approximately ¼ nm westerly of Newport Pier.
- 9.1.2 The course will be random leg.
- 9.1.3 One or more marks shown below on Attachment 1 will be rounded.
- 9.1.4 Marks shall be rounded to port, unless signaled otherwise by Race Committee.

9.2 HARBOR 20

- 9.2.1 The Start/Finish line will be located in the vicinity of Mark M.
- 9.2.2 The course will be random leg.
- 9.2.3 Race Committee may set an orange inflatable shape to “weather” of the start line.
- 9.2.4 Race Committee will signal the course to be sailed (as shown in Attachment 2) by displaying the course number on a placard/white board at the stern of the Race Committee boat.

10. STARTING

- 10.1 The starting line will be between an orange flag on or near the Race Committee boat and an orange flag on a staff.
- 10.2 PHRF and CRUISING classes will be started using *RRS 26*.
- 10.3 HARBOR 20 classes will be started using *RRS 26* modified for a 3-minute sequence (as shown below). There will be a brief delay between the start signal of a class and the subsequent warning signal for the next starting class.

EVENT	MINUTE	VISUAL SIGNAL	SOUND SIGNAL
WARNING	3	Class Flag Up	Short horn
PREPARATORY	2	“P” Flag Up	Short horn
	1	“P” Flag Down	Long horn
START	0	Class Flag Down	Short horn

- 10.4 A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.5 Classes will be started based on the Starting Assignments noted in SI 7.3.
- 10.6 Prior to the first warning signal each boat shall sail by the Race Committee boat and hail its sail number.
- 10.7 To alert boats that a sequence of starts is about to begin, multiple short sound signals will be given approximately one (1) minute before the first warning signal.
- 10.8 A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after its starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes *RRS* A4 and A5.

11. RECALLS

- 11.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with *RRS* 29.1.
- 11.2 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with *RRS* 29.2.

12. FINISHING

The Finish Line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and an orange flag on a staff.

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 The time limit is 1800 hours.
- 13.2 Any boat not finishing before the Time Limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes *RRS* 35.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 and *RRS* 44.2 are modified to only require one tack and one jibe.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 A boat intending to protest shall comply with *RRS* 60 & 61.1 and notify the Race Committee at the finish line of her intention to protest and identify the other boats involved.
- 15.2 Protests shall be on written forms, which are available at SSYC. Protests shall be delivered there within the Protest Time Limit.
- 15.3 For each class the Protest Time Limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee boat for that class has docked. This changes *RRS* 61.3.
- 15.4 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the Protest Time Limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 15.5 Hearings will be held at SSYC and will start within one hour of the Protest Time Limit.
- 15.6 Notice of protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under *RRS* 61.1 (b).

16. SCORING

- 16.1 Scoring will be according to *RRS* A4.1 Low Point System.
- 16.2 For PHRF, the race will be scored using the PHRF Area D RLC Rating/assigned rating.
- 16.3 For Cruising boats, the race will be scored using the PHRF Area D RLC/assigned rating plus the boat's PHRF non-spinnaker offset.
- 16.4 For Harbor 20's, the race will be scored based on the order of finish per class.

17. RETIREMENTS

A yacht that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 68 as soon as possible.

18. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked using Race Committee Flags.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATION

19.1 A competitor shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio transmissions not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

19.2 Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 16 for emergencies.

20. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded after racing at South Shore Yacht Club as follows:

- Up to 5 boats in a class = two trophies
- Greater than 5 boats in a class = three trophies

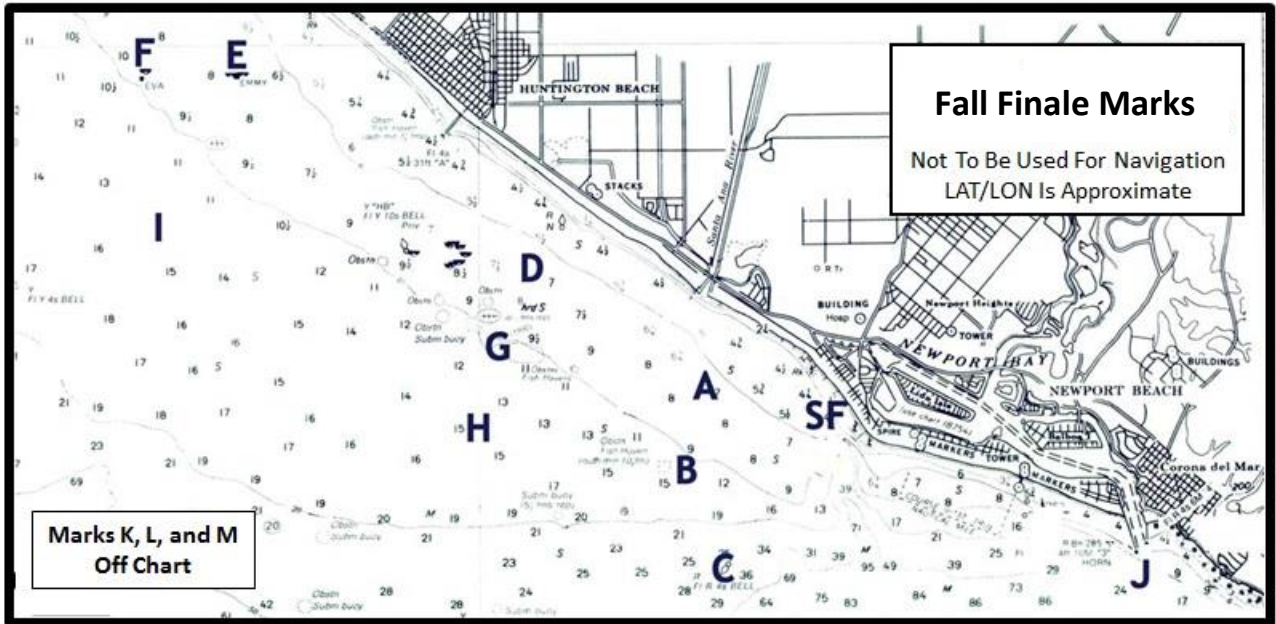
21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See *RRS 4, Decision to Race*. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

22. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000.00 per event or equivalent.

**ATTACHMENT 1
Marks for PHRF and CRUISING**



MARK	DESCRIPTION	LAT	LON
S/F	Start/Finish Line	N 33.36.500	W 117.56.250
A	Inflatable BCYC Mark	N 33.36.800	W 117.57.500
B	Inflatable BCYC Mark	N 33.36.000	W 117.57.700
C	Inflatable BCYC Mark	N 33.35.150	W 117.57.300
D	Inflatable BCYC Mark	N 33.37.900	W 117.59.400
E	Oil Island "Emmy"	N 33.39.700	W 118.02.650
F	Oil Island "Eva"	N 33.39.700	W 118.03.650

MARK	DESCRIPTION	LAT	LON
G	Inflatable BCYC Mark	N 33.37.200	W 117.59.800
H	Inflatable BCYC Mark	N 33.36.450	W 118.00.000
I	Inflatable BCYC Mark	N 33.38.350	W 118.03.500
J	Newport Harbor Entrance Buoy	N 33.35.100	W 117.52.700
K	Oil Island "Elly-Ellen"	N 33.35.000	W 118.07.700
L	Oil Island Esther	N 33.43.200	W 118.06.800
M	Oil Island Chaffee	N 33.44.300	W 118.08.300

**ATTACHMENT 2
Course for HARBOR 20**

