

**NOTICE OF REGATTA & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
for the**

**79th ANNUAL SCYA MIDWINTERS REGATTA
PHRF 1,3,4,5**

Note: This is a pre-entry race.

**San Diego, California
February 16, 2008
Conducted by Southwestern Yacht Club**

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Southwestern Yacht Club: (619) 222-0438**

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), 2005-2008 edition, including the prescriptions of US Sailing, by PHRF Southern California and San Diego Class Rules and By-Laws, and by these sailing instructions. Yachts racing in San Diego Bay encountering non-racing vessels shall conform to the inland rules of the road. No vessel has the right of way over a large ship in the channel.
- 1.2 The regatta is a Category IV PHRF event.
- 1.3 This is a PHRF San Diego Annual Championship Series event
- 1.4 The PHRF San Diego Fleet shall be handicapped according to their "Buoy" ratings or handicaps for the Primary Course, including their Area G time allowance. PHRF Classes shall be handicapped using the 2008 Class Breaks. Random Leg Course (RLC) ratings shall be used for the Secondary Course.
- 1.5 The PHRF MIR rule is not in effect.
- 1.6 **NAVAL PROTECTION ZONE:** The Naval Protection Zone is a 500 yard regulated area of water surrounding all US Naval Vessels. All vessels within 500 yards of a US Naval Vessel shall operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain safe course and speed and shall proceed as directed by any official patrol. **NO VESSEL IS ALLOWED WITHIN 100 YARDS OF A US NAVAL VESSEL.** These zones are permanently in effect.

2 ENTRIES

- 2.1 Eligible yachts may be entered by completing the entry form issued by SCYA and delivered to the Southwestern Yacht Club office by 1630 hrs on Friday, February 15, 2008.
- 2.2 Eligible yachts shall be those who possess a current Rating Certificate from PHRF Southern California (**please submit copy of certificate**) or a current membership from PHRF San Diego, as verified by PHRF San Diego. Ratings for all boats entered will be determined and supplied by PHRF San Diego.
- 2.3 Eligible yachts complete their entry by checking in with the R/C boat prior to the first warning signal. Yachts checking in shall pass the R/C boat to starboard and hail with sail number and class. Check in will be complete only when R/C boat responds with that information.

THERE WILL BE NO RADIO CHECK-IN

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Race Committee bulletin board adjacent to the SWYC office.

4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions made ashore will be posted on the above bulletin board prior to 0900 on the day of the event.

5 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS MADE AFLOAT

- 5.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions made afloat will be communicated orally and/or via VHF channel 68 and/or loud hailer.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Races are scheduled as follows:

<u>RACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME OF FIRST WARNING</u>
1	2/16/08	1155
2	2/16/08	ASAP after Race #1
3	2/16/08	ASAP after Race #2

7 CLASS PENNANTS

Numeral pennants shall be used by the RC to signal the next class starting. Numeral pennants shall be displayed from the yacht's backstay.

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>FLAG</u>
PHRF-1	PENNANT 1
PHRF-3	PENNANT 3
PHRF-4	PENNANT 4
PHRF-5	PENNANT 5

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The PRIMARY racing area will be in the Coronado Roads. The starting area will be approximately 2.5 nautical miles from Zuniga light "Z" on an approximate compass bearing of 125 degrees.
- 8.2 The SECONDARY racing area will be in North San Diego Bay with the starting line east of Harbor Island
- 8.3 If, in the judgment of the Race Committee, weather conditions or sea state in the Primary racing area make racing in this area undesirable, the Race Committee may move the race to the Secondary racing Area. If the Secondary area is to be used, the Race Committee boat will display Code Flag "L" as it proceeds to the Secondary area and the change will be announced repetitively on VHF Channel 68. Entrants may also request the racing area to be used from SWYC Race Committee via VHF Channel 68.

9 THE COURSE

- 9.1 Courses in the PRIMARY area shall be windward-leeward and will be selected from the attached course diagrams marked Attachment A. The windward and leeward marks shall be rounded to port.
- 9.2 For the PRIMARY course the course number, approximate compass bearing and distance to Mark 1 will be displayed from the signal boat by placard illustrated by Attachment A.
- 9.3 Courses in the SECONDARY area shall be selected from the attached course diagrams marked Attachment B.
- 9.4 Course numbers shall be displayed by placards on the RC boat.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 PRIMARY AREA: The Windward Mark shall be an orange tetrahedron buoy located on the approximate compass bearing displayed from the RC boat.
- 10.2 The Leeward Mark shall be an orange tetrahedron buoy located approximately 200 yards windward of the start line.
- 10.3 SECONDARY AREA: All marks will be channel buoys or orange tetrahedrons, as designated on Attachment B. The Start will be east of Harbor Island.

11 THE START:

- 11.1 The races shall be started using Rule 26, with the warning signal for each class given 5 minutes before its starting signal, in the order:
 - PHRF-1
 - PHRF-3
 - PHRF-4
 - PHRF-5
- 11.2 Rule 27.1 is modified to read, "With or immediately after the warning signal for a class that has not started, the race committee shall signal or designate the course."
- 11.3 A distance buoy may be streamed aft of the RC boat and, if present, shall be considered part of the RC boat.
- 11.4 The starting line will be 200 yards leeward of the leeward mark, between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and a yellow tetrahedron buoy on the port end.
- 11.5 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of yachts whose warning signal has been made.
- 11.6 The starting line for the SECONDARY racing area will be considered an obstruction except for starting and finishing. Do not cross the Start/finish line except when starting or finishing.

12 RECALLS

- 12.1 Individual recalls shall be signaled in accordance with racing Rule 29.1. The Race Committee shall not hail premature starters. It is the responsibility of yachts to start properly.

13 MARK BOATS

- 13.1 A mark boat, displaying the SWYC burgee and an R/C flag will be stationed in the vicinity of the weather mark. Failure of a mark boat to be on station or to display her signal will not be grounds for redress.

14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

PRIMARY COURSE

- 14.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new yellow tetrahedron mark and will remove the original mark as soon as practicable. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.
- 14.2 The R/C can change the next leg of the course for individual classes using class flags.
- 14.3 When in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced; it will be replaced by an original mark.

SECONDARY COURSE

- 14.4 The Race Committee may change the course according to RRS rule 32.

15 THE FINISH

PRIMARY AREA

- 15.1 When finishing to leeward, the finish line will be between a yellow inflatable tetrahedron buoy and a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat, leaving the RC boat to starboard. If the finish buoy is not present, yachts are to pass close aboard (within 30 yards) to the RC boat leaving the RC boat to starboard. If the leeward mark is present, it is not to be considered as part of the finish leg.
- 15.2 When finishing to weather, the finish line will be approximately 100 yards beyond the weather mark. The weather mark may have been removed prior to the finish of all classes. If the weather mark is in place, it is not to be considered as part of the finish leg. The finish line will be between a yellow inflatable tetrahedron buoy and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat on station at the finish line. Should the buoy not be present, yachts are to finish by passing close aboard the RC boat (within 30 yards) leaving the RC boat to starboard.

SECONDARY AREA

- 15.3 The finish line will be between a yellow tetrahedron buoy and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat leaving the RC boat to starboard.

16 TIME LIMIT

- 16.1 The time limit for each class will be 3 hours for each race.
- 16.2 Yachts failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first yacht of their class finishes will be scored 'Did not finish'.
- 16.3 Time limit shall be 1730 hours. All boats not finished by that time shall be scored DNF.

17 PROTESTS

- 17.1 Protests shall be initiated in compliance with Rule 61, except as amended by these sailing instructions.
- 17.2 Protesting yachts shall notify the R/C boat as soon as possible after finishing a race of their intent to file a protest and receive R/C acknowledgment.
- 17.3 Protests must be written on US Sailing forms that may be available at the SWYC office and lodged there no later than 60 minutes after the Race Committee boat docks.
- 17.4 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible after the day's race, or at a later date, at the option of the Protest Committee.
- 17.5 If a US Sailing judge is available, protests will first be reviewed by that judge, and the parties involved may volunteer for an arbitration hearing. If the participants unanimously agree on a resolution of the protest in not more than fifteen minutes, no protest will be held. If the arbitration participants agree that the protested or protesting yacht infringed a Rule, then the judge will penalize the infringing yacht by: (1) a 20% place penalty or (2) a disqualification. An arbitration hearing will not be reopened, and rulings are not subject to redress per Rule 62.
- 17.6 If the arbitration hearing fails to resolve the protest, the protest will be heard.
- 17.7 Notice of protest and yachts involved, including names of witnesses, and the schedule of hearings will be posted on the Race Committee bulletin board adjacent to the yacht club office within 30 minutes after the protest time ends.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A of the RRS, will apply; the total score will be her scores for all races started and finished by the Race Committee.

19 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 19.1 For all classes Rule 44.2 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction).

20 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 20.1 The Race Committee will monitor VHF Ch. 68.
- 20.2 A yacht while racing shall neither make nor receive special radio or mobile telephone transmissions not available to all yachts.

21 WITHDRAWALS

- 21.1 A yacht that retires from a race at any time after it has checked in with the Race Committee prior to the first race of the day must notify the R/C before leaving the course. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from this series, and may result in the rejection of entry in future races hosted by SWYC.

22 PRIZES

- 22.1 The Awards Ceremony will be conducted after the race on Saturday, February 16, 2008, at SWYC.

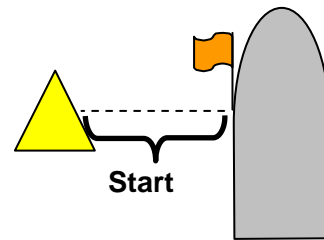
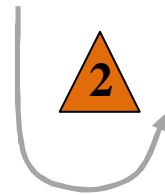
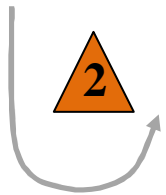
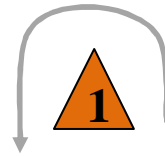
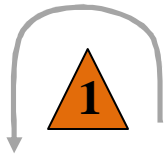
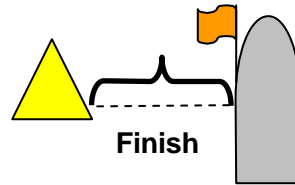
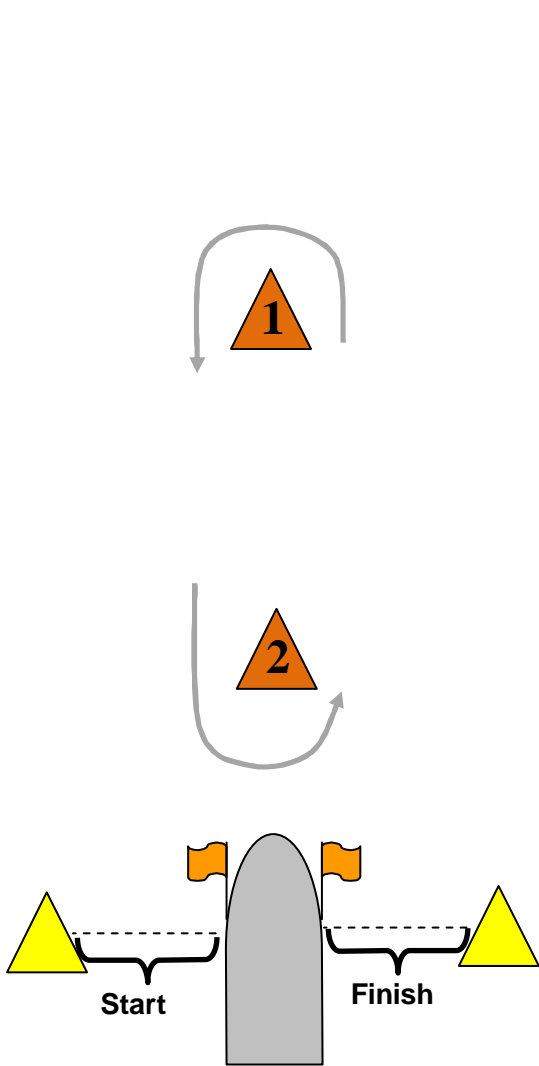
23 POST RACE ACTIVITIES

- 23.1 Southwestern Yacht Club invites all participants to enjoy the facilities and hospitality of the Club at the award Ceremony following the racing.

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Attachment A - Courses
Course Chart

<i>Course*</i>	<i>Marks</i>	<i>Course**</i>	<i>Marks</i>
W2	Start, 1, Finish	W3	Start, 1, 2, Finish
W4	Start, 1, 2, 1, Finish	W5	Start, 1, 2, 1, 2, Finish
W6	Start, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, Finish	W7	Start, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, Finish
W8	Start, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, Finish	W9	Start, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, Finish



Attachment A – Courses (Cont.)

*When the start is 200 yards behind the leeward mark, and the finish is 200 yards behind the leeward mark .2 miles will be added to the total distance for courses W2, W4, W6 and W8 for the purpose of scoring.

**When the start is 200 yards behind the leeward mark and the finish line is 100 yards beyond the windward mark, .15 miles will be added to the total distance for courses W3, W5, W7 and W9 for the purpose of scoring.

Course, Heading & Distance Placard Illustration

		Magnetic Heading
Course Designation	W	270
	4	1.00
		Distance

**ATTACHMENT B
Secondary Courses**

Midwinters' Regatta

Bay Area Race Courses

Round marks to Port, unless Starboard (S) indicated

<u>Course W1</u>	<u>Course W2</u>	<u>Course W3</u>	<u>Course W4</u>	<u>Course W5</u>	<u>Course W6</u>
(5.0 nm)	(5.2 nm)	(6.7 nm)	(7.6 nm)	(4.9 nm)	(6.0 nm)
Start	Start	Start	Start	Start	Start
“X”	“X”	“X”	“X”	22	22
20	18	16A	16A	“X”	“X”
22	“Z”	FM19 (S)	FM19 (S)	21	22
“Z”	Finish	21	22	“Z”	“Z”
Finish		“Z”	“Z”	Finish	Finish
		Finish	Finish		

<u>Course W7</u>	<u>Course W8</u>
(7.7 nm)	(5.6 nm)
Start	Start
17	17
21(S)	“Z”
23	Finish
22(S)	
“Z”	
Finish	

Start/Finish: East of Harbor Island

“X”: orange tetrahedron off west end of Harbor Island

“Z”: orange tetrahedron off Embarcadero, in front of County Administration Building

16A, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23 San Diego Bay Channel Markers as listed on NOAA Chart #18773

FM19: Fleet mooring #19

The Start Finish line is considered an obstruction except when starting or finishing. Do not cross Start Finish line except when starting or finishing.