

1. RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Advertising will be unrestricted for this event subject to ISAF Regulations 20.2 and 20.3.
- 1.3 This is an arbitrary handicap event for all classes. All yachts will be assigned an arbitrary rating by the SDYC Handicapper. As a basis, the NYDRC will reference, in order of availability, a boat's PHRF San Diego Random Leg Course rating, or if not available, the PHRF SoCal RLC ratings, or if not available, a PHRF base handicap rating, or if not available, the NYDRC's best guess. A boat's rating may not be exactly as reported by any of these references. Multi-hull Portsmouth ratings for Class 1 – 3 will be as nationally recognized.
- 1.4 All competitors are asked to observe USCG Navigational Rule 9, which in part reads "A vessel shall not cross a narrow channel or fairway if such crossing impedes the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within such channel or fairway." Further, USCG Navigational Rule 34, in part reads "...When vessels in sight of one another...is in doubt whether sufficient action is being taken by the other to avoid collision, the vessel in doubt shall immediately indicate such doubt by giving at least five short and rapid blasts on the (horn)." *Any boat participating in the New Years Day Race that is identified in any complaint from the Coast Guard, Harbor Pilot or commercial vessel captain that has sounded five horns will be presumed to have infringed this instruction.*
- 1.5 *Race Committee boats may patrol the race course and hail competitors to alter course to avoid interfering with commercial traffic. Per a new RRS 42.3 (h) – competitors may use propulsion to avoid situations in 1.4 provided they gain no significant advantage along the course in doing so. Bottom line – STAY OUT OF THE WAY.*
- 1.6 *RRS 60.2, 63.1 and A5 are modified to add that the Race Committee (R/C) may disqualify without a hearing a yacht infringing SI 1.4 or not complying with 1.5.*
- 1.7 Any class rules of the competing classes that restrict or prohibit the use of VHF radios are modified by these Sailing Instructions to allow VHF radios to be carried aboard the competing boats. They may be turned on and used only in the event of an emergency requiring outside assistance or to notify the Race Committee of a boat's intent to withdraw from racing per 18.1.
- 1.8 Any rules governing the participation of Marine Industry Representatives are waived.

2. ENTRY

Entry should be made according to the instructions provided in the NOR.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located on the Spinnaker Deck next to the Sailing Office of the San Diego Yacht Club.
- 3.2 Class lists will be available at the Official Regatta Notice Board by 1700 on Thursday, December 31. Note that the class list may not include late entries.
- 3.3 Questions from Multi-hull Class 1 through Class 3 may be addressed to a representative of the Race Committee during late registration at the Gazebo at the Shelter Island launch ramp between 0930 and 1000 on Friday, January 1, 2010.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in these Sailing Instructions will be posted in the Official Regatta Notice Board, at the San Diego Yacht Club, not later than 1000 on Friday, January 1, 2010. At the same time, Code Flag 'L', accompanied by a sound signal, will be displayed.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SDYC flagpole located next to the Spinnaker Deck.
- 5.2 Code flag "AP," Answering Pennant, with two horns (one horn when lowered), means "The race is postponed. The warning signal for the next race will be made not less than 60 minutes after the "AP" is lowered."

6. SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

In accordance with RRS 89.2 (c), oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water. A change is in effect when the RC signal boat displays code flag L over A with one sound signal. This means come within hail of the RC boat to receive the oral changes to the Sailing Instructions.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

One race is scheduled for this regatta. The first warning signal will be at 1155 on Friday, January 1, 2010.
No check-in is required.

8 STARTING ORDER, CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1 START #1- Class 1 through Class 3 will be Portsmouth rating classes for *multi-hulls* as follows:
Portsmouth rating of < 59 **Class 1** (Class flag = #1 pennant [white with red dot]),
Portsmouth rating of 59-70..... **Class 2** (Class flag = #2 pennant [blue with white dot]),
Portsmouth rating of > 70 **Class 3** (Class flag = #3 pennant [red, white, blue vertical stripes]).
- 8.2 START #2 - PH rating of less than or equal to 48..... **Class 4** (Class flag = Pink)
- 8.3 START #3 - PH rating of 51 to 111 **Class 5** (Class flag = Blue)
- 8.4 START #4 - PH rating 114 or greater **Class 6** (Class flag = Green)
- 8.5 START #5 - One designs w/ 4 or more boats..... **Class 7** (Class flag = Yellow)
- 8.6 START #6 - Non-Spin Class (all ratings)..... **Class 8** (Class flag = Brown)
Dinghies **Class 9** (Class flag = Gray)
- 8.7 Yachts are be required to fly “Something” resembling the color designated by their “Class Flag” from the backstay or shroud while racing. Skippers are responsible for providing their own “Something”.

9 RACING AREAS

The race will start in the vicinity of the east end of Harbor Island and be sailed in San Diego Bay.

10 THE COURSE

NOTE: The course will be posted on the RC boat with white numbers on black background.

Classes may sail different courses. The courses available are:

COURSE 1: Start, Mark #2 to port, Mark #3 to port, SD 21 to starboard, Mark #4 to port, SD 21 to port, Finish

For scoring purposes the Handicap Distance = 10.0 nm.

COURSE 2: Start, Mark #2 to port, Mark #5 to port, Mark #1 to port, Finish

For scoring purpose, the Handicap Distance = 7.0 n.m.

COURSE 3: Start, Mark #2 to port, Mark #3 to port, Mark #1 to port, Mark #2 to port, Finish

For scoring purposes, the Handicap Distance = 5.0 n.m.

11 MARKS

Marks of the course are as described below. **This is NOT a course description.**

- Mark # 1 Yellow Inflatable cylinder near the Ruben E. Lee Restaurant
- Mark # 2 Orange Inflatable Tetrahedron near the west end of Harbor Island
- Mark # 3 Orange Inflatable Tetrahedron 100 yards South of Mark # 2.
- Mark # 4 Orange Inflatable Tetrahedron north of Coronado Bridge on the San Diego City side of the channel
- Mark # 5 Yellow Inflatable Tetrahedron near San Diego Channel Buoy # 17
- SD 21 Green Channel Marker San Diego Channel Buoy # 21

12 THE START

- 12.1 There will be a one minute gap between start signal and warning signal for the next class.
- 12.2 The next class to start will be signaled by their class flag as noted in SI 8 (CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS).
- 12.3 The course to be sailed will be signaled using a white number on a black placard.
- 12.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the race committee boat at the starboard end and Mark 1 near the east end of Harbor Island.
- 12.5 All competitors are reminded to review RRS 22.1 and 64.1(c). **Boats not racing (that includes boats waiting for their warning signal - see Definitions in back of rule book) shall keep clear of the racing area!**

13 RECALLS

- 13.1 In the event that a General Recall is signaled, the recalled class will be restarted in accordance with RRS 29.2. Starts for succeeding classes shall follow the new start for the recalled class.
- 13.2 As a courtesy, the R/C will attempt to hail boats that are on the course side of the starting line (OCS) via VHF 69 and/or the loud hailer as soon as possible after the start. Failure of communication equipment, failure to hear a hail or delay in hailing will not be grounds for redress. It is the responsibility of each boat to make a proper start.

14 THE FINISH

For all classes, the finishing line will be located in the vicinity of San Diego Channel Buoy #17. The finish line will be between Mark #5 to port and a staff with an orange flag displayed on the R/C vessel at the starboard end.

15 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.*

16 TIME LIMITS

The time limit for finishing is 1600. Boats not finished within the time limit will be scored as DNF. *This modifies RRS 35.*

17 WITHDRAWAL

17.1 A boat intending to withdraw from racing shall attempt to notify the RC of her withdrawal before leaving the race area, and if not successful, shall notify the Security Gate of SDYC (619-758-6322) as quickly as possible

18 PROTESTS / REDRESS

- 18.1 A boat intending to protest shall report her intentions and the boat(s) being protested to the R/C upon finishing or retiring and obtain R/C acknowledgment. *This changes RRS 61.1 (a).*
- 18.2 Written protests on US SAILING Forms or Protest forms provided at the Official Regatta Notice Board or the R/C vessel Corinthian (SDYC slip C-70) shall be lodged at the R/C vessel Corinthian within one (1) hour of the docking time of the R/C finishing boat after the finish of the race. The docking time will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.
- 18.3 The time and date of protest hearings will be determined. Parties involved will be contacted according to information provided on the Protest Forms. It is the responsibility of each boat to attend the hearing in a timely manner w/all parties and witnesses in order.

19 SCORING

- 19.1 Scoring will be by class only for all Classes.
- 19.2 Scores will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board and ww.sdyc.org/raceinfo

20 PRIZES

The prize for participating in this event is the quality time you spent with friends and family. Happy New Year!

21 COMMUNICATION

The primary Race Committee Boat "Corinthian" will monitor VHF 69 for radio traffic regarding the regatta.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 – Decision to Race – “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.” San Diego Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, or after the regatta.

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COURSE CHART

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