



Opening Day Race

NOTICE OF RACE

April 18, 2009

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: San Diego Yacht Club

1. RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the **Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2011**.
- 1.2 The race will be sailed as a "pursuit," or reverse handicap start.
- 1.3 Handicaps will be based on Random Leg Handicaps. Arbitrary handicaps may be assigned by the SDYC Handicapper. An entry list showing assigned handicaps, class breakdowns, and starting times will be posted on the official notice board located near the Sailing Office at the San Diego Yacht Club no later than 1700, Friday, April 17, 2009.
- 1.3 **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.
- 1.4 Racing boats encountering non-racing craft shall conform to the Inland Rules of the Road. No racing vessel has rights of way over a large vessel in the channel. Interference with such vessels may be grounds for direct disqualification by the Race Committee (R/C). *This alters RRS 60.2 and 63.1 and A5.*
- 1.5 Per RRS 42.3 (h) – boats may use propulsion to avoid situations in 1.3 and 1.4 provided they gain no advantage in doing so.

2. ENTRY

- 2.1 Entry is open to all mono-hull sailboats in excess of 20 feet overall length. Eligible boats shall be entered by submission of an entry form. **There is no entry fee.**
- 2.2 Entry is available ONLINE at www.sdyc.org/openingday and shall be submitted to no later than 1700, Friday, April 17, 2009.
- 2.3 Late Entries may be accepted up until 0900, Saturday April 18, 2009 at the Sailing Office or the Race Committee vessel and are subject to submission of a valid PHRF rating certificate and the discretion of the Race Committee.

3. CLASSES

- 3.1 The 2009 San Diego Yacht Club Opening Day Race will have up to four classes. Class breaks will be determined by the Race Committee and the San Diego Yacht Club (SDYC) Handicapper. Classes may be combined or deleted depending on number of entries.
- 3.2 Yachts will be required to fly the numeral pennant corresponding to their class from the backstay while racing. Skippers are responsible for providing pennants.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACE

- 4.1 The warning signal for the Opening Day Race will be at 1155.
- 4.2 Provisional start times will be posted on the official notice board at SDYC no later than 1730, Friday April 17, 2009. Additional start times may be added until close of entries, 0900, Saturday April 18, 2009.

5. THE COURSE

- 5.1 The race will start in the vicinity of SD Buoy #17, head out San Diego Bay to a buoy in the vicinity of Ballast Point, back down the bay to a buoy in vicinity of east Harbor Island and finish back at SD #17.
- 5.2 The Handicap distance is approximately 9 nautical miles.

6. SCORING

The classes shall be scored in class and overall.

7. TROPHIES

Individual class trophies and overall trophies will be awarded at Opening Day Ceremonies, Sunday, April 19, 2009.