

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The races sponsored by SYC are governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, the rules of the racing classes, by the SYC Sailing Instructions and Sailing Instructions for any particular race or regatta.

2. ENTRIES

2.1 ENTRY – A boat enters a race or regatta by appearing at the starting line, unless the Sailing Instructions for that race or regatta state otherwise.
 2.2 PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFD) – Each racer must wear a PFD at all times.
 2.3 EQUIPMENT – While racing each boat shall carry aboard the equipment required in the SYC Sailing Instructions.

3. NOTICES

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located at the Sorrento town dock and the Sorrento Public Library.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 SYC Sailing Instructions will be posted at the Sorrento town dock and on sorrentovia.org.
 4.2 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Sorrento town dock.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Races are scheduled as stated on the current Sorrento Yacht Club Calendar and as posted at the Sorrento town dock and Sorrento Public Library, and on sorrentovia.org.
 6.2 Reserve days may be used if races are not completed as scheduled or if the race committee considers it unlikely that races will be completed as scheduled.
 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal is 1400.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1 See SYC Racing Chart for start division assignment of each class and associated flags.

8. RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area is shown on the current SYC Racing Chart.

9. THE COURSE

9.1 Courses shall be displayed on the stern of the Committee boat.
 9.2 Letters posted on the Committee boat will indicate the marks of the course in the order they are to be rounded, with the left most or top letter denoting the first mark and go left to right or top to bottom.

9.3 A red flag flown on the committee boat designates that all marks are to be rounded to port; a green flag designates that all marks are to be rounded to starboard.
 9.4 Advisory signals shall be given to indicate the position of portable marks in use, as specified on the racing chart.

10. MARKS

A - Dram Island nun
 B - Hancock bell
 C - Ferry nun
 D - Gamble flag
 E - Bean Point flag
 F - Bean Island nun
 G - Sheep Porcupine bell
 H - Bald Rock can
 I - Sunken Ledge can
 J - Googins Ledge nun
 X - Windward portable racing mark
 Y - Leeward portable racing mark
 Z - Reaching portable mark

11. THE START

11.1 Boats intending to start shall check in with the race committee boat before the preparatory signal for their class.
 11.2 Races shall start as follows unless Sailing Instructions state otherwise:

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minutes before start
Warning	Group flag; 1 sound	5
Preparatory	P flag; 1 sound	4
One minute	P removed; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Group flag removed, 1 sound	0

11.3 Starting signals are visual. Sound is a courtesy and to draw attention.
 11.4 The warning signal for each successive group shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding group.
 11.5 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying a burgee, an orange flag, or a RC flag on the Committee Boat and the indicated starting mark.
 11.6 Except to check-in, boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.
 11.7 A boat shall not start later than 15 minutes after her designated class starting time.

12. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

12.1 A change of course after the start shall be signaled by displaying flag “C” with repetitive sounds, before the leading boat has begun the new leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. If the substituted mark is a fixed mark listed above, it shall be identified by letter. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration (this changes RRS 33).

13. THE FINISH

13.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a burgee, an orange flag, or a RC flag on the Committee Boat and the indicated mark.

14. TIME LIMIT

14.1 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (this changes RRS rule 35 and A4.1).
 14.2 No race shall start after 4 p.m.

15. POSTPONEMENT

15.1 Hoisting the Answering Pennant and two horns signals postponement. Upon lowering AP there shall be one long horn blast. Warning signal shall be sixty seconds after lowering AP.

16. PROTESTS

16.1 Protest forms are available from Race Committee.
 16.2 In the event of protest, the SYC Commodore will appoint a Protest Committee and conduct a hearing.
 16.3 The ruling of the Protest Committee shall be final.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 HELPING THOSE IN DANGER - A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.
 17.2 DECISION TO RACE – The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing are hers alone.
 17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

18.1 Each boat may have on board during racing a VHF radio and may monitor Channel 70 but shall not make any radio transmission except to check in prior to racing, to notify the Race Committee of its intent to withdraw after starting or in the event of emergency.

19. EQUIPMENT

19.1 All boats must carry a bilge pump or bailer, suitable anchor and line, fog horn, and suitable charts.
 19.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and the current sailing instructions.

20. OFFICIAL BOATS

20.1 Official boats will be marked with a yacht club burgee.

21. SCORING SYSTEM

21.1 A boat’s finishing place will be determined by calculating her cumulative corrected elapsed time using PHRF ratings adapted to local conditions.