

## 2012 PBYC SPRING SERIES

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

HOSTED BY: Pierpont Bay Yacht Club, Ventura, California.

1. **RULES:** This series will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*. The PHRF Marine Industry Racer (MIR) Rule is not in effect. This modifies PHRF Class Rule 8.
2. **ENTRIES:** Eligible boats may enter by completing registration with PBYC. This is a PHRF Category 3 event, and area A Random Leg Course handicaps will be used. Regardless of class, PHRF-handicapped boats will be required to have a current PHRF certificate by March 17, 2012 to be eligible for series trophies.
3. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on PBYC's bulletin board located on the deck near the front door.
4. **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 9:00 am on the day it will take effect.
5. **SCHEDULE OF RACES:** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first class is 10:55 am on each race day. Races are scheduled as follows:

Race #1: Saturday, February 11, 2012  
Race #2: Saturday, February 25, 2012  
Race #3: Saturday, March 17, 2012

### 6. CLASSES:

- 6.1 There will be one or more PHRF handicapped Spinnaker classes, one or more PHRF handicapped Non-Spinnaker classes, and an ORCA-handicapped class. Class breaks will be determined by entries and announced at the skippers meeting at 8:30 am on February 11, 2012.
- 6.2 Class Flags: Class flags will be solid color as described below:

Class	Flag
A	red
B	white
C	green
D	yellow
E	blue
F	orange

- 6.3 All boats shall check in with the Race Committee by radio (VHF Ch 69) or by hailing the Race Committee boat prior to their start.

### 7. THE COURSES:

- 7.1 The courses will be chosen from the 2012 PBYC Spring Series Course Chart, which is hereby made part of these Sailing Instructions.
- 7.2 The approximate compass bearing from the starting line to the first mark is indicated on the Course Chart.
- 7.3 Designation of the course to be sailed will be signaled from the race committee boat before or with the warning signal for the first starting class. For succeeding

classes, the course signal will be displayed with or as soon as practicable following the warning signal for that class. This changes Rule 27.1.

- 7.4 When an oil platform is a mark of the course, its associated mooring buoy(s) are also marks of the course. Such buoys are to be passed on the same side as the oil platform is to be passed.

## **8. THE START:**

- 8.1 The races will be started using Rule 26. The order of starts will be announced at the skippers meeting each race day. The RC will attempt to start the classes with no delay between the starting signal of one class and the warning signal of the next class (rolling sequence).
- 8.2 The starting line will be located between a permanent mark offshore from the Mandalay Power Plant as the port-side mark and an orange flag or shape mounted on the Committee Boat as the starboard-side mark.
- 8.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.

## **9. RECALLS:**

- 9.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS Rule 29.1 (code flag "X" and 1 sound signal).
- 9.2 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS Rule 29.2 (code flag "first substitute" and 2 sound signals).

## **10. THE FINISH:**

- 10.1 The finish shall be in the Ventura Harbor entrance channel on a line between the seaward-most palm tree on the starboard (south) shore, and a statue on the port shore. If conditions in the Ventura Harbor entrance warrant, the RC may instruct racers to record their finish times when crossing a line between the whistle buoy and the green flashing light on the detached breakwater. This line may be crossed in either direction, but must be crossed within 3 boat-lengths of the whistle buoy. This alternate finish will be signaled before the start by code flag "S" displayed on the Committee Boat. This changes Rule 32.2.
- 10.2 The first finisher is requested to notify the RC by VHF (Ch 69) or by phone (PBYC 's phone number is (805) 644-6672; the PRO's cell number is (805) 256-5828 ) when approximately 30 minutes from the finish to allow the RC time to man the finish line. The RC will monitor VHF Channel 69 throughout the race. The Race Committee will remain on station until 7 pm. Boats finishing after that time shall record their finish time by GPS reference and report it to the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 10.3 Spinnakers shall be struck at the elbow of the detached breakwater. Any boat sailing beyond this point with a spinnaker set will be scored DSQ by the RC. This changes Rules 63.1 and A5.

- 11. RETIREMENT:** A boat that has started and subsequently retires shall notify the RC. The RC will monitor VHF Channel 69 throughout the race. PBYC 's phone number is (805) 644-6672; the PRO's cell number is (805) 256-5828.

- 12. PROTESTS:** Protests shall be delivered to PBYC within 2 hours of the finish of the protesting boat, or within 2 hours of her return to her harbor if she retires. Protest forms are available at PBYC.

- 13. SCORING:** The Low-Point Scoring System (Appendix A of the Racing Rules) applies. The finishing positions of boats not entered in the series will be disregarded for series scoring; however, they are eligible for daily trophies. This is a 3-race series with no throw-outs.
- 14. PENALTIES:** Reminder: The two-turns penalty, Racing Rule 44.2, applies.
- 15. SAFETY EQUIPMENT:** This is a PHRF Category 3 event. All PHRF-handicapped boats shall carry the equipment specified by PHRF for Category 3 races, except when these conflict with specific class rules. The RC reserves the right to inspect any participating boat for compliance with safety equipment or class requirements, and to disqualify nonconforming boats. All boats regardless of class shall carry a VHF radio with channels 16 and 69.
- 16. NON-SPINNAKER DEFINITIONS:**
- 16.1 No spinnakers or spinnaker-like sails such as flashers, cruising 'chutes, MPSs, gennakers, etc. are allowed. All headsails must meet the measurements of Racing Rule 50.4.
  - 16.2 Only one spinnaker pole or whisker pole may be used at a time and, when in use, shall be attached to the foremost mast.
  - 16.3 The use of headsails larger than 155% LP carries a 6 second per mile penalty unless the boat is already handicapped for such larger sail.
  - 16.4 More than one headsail may be carried set, and the headsails need not be attached to the forestay.
  - 16.5 The minimum number of persons aboard shall be 2. This changes PHRF Class Rule 10.5.
- 17. TROPHIES:**
- 17.1 Daily prizes will be awarded after each race.
  - 17.2 Series trophies will be awarded after the last race. The number of series trophies awarded will be as follows:
- | Number of Boats in the Class | Trophies  |
|------------------------------|---|
| 2-3                          | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place                                     |
| 4-6                          | 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place                   |
| 7-or more                    | 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place |
- 18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.