

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2010 St. Patrick's Day Race

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. In the event that the course calls for rounding the Hueneme buoy, boats in the vicinity of the Hueneme buoy shall give way to commercial ships and navy vessels entering or leaving the Port of Hueneme.

2. ENTRIES: Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with Anacapa Yacht Club. This is a PHRF Category 4 event. Random leg course handicaps with area A adjustments will be used. PHRF membership is not required for boats sailing in non-spinnaker classes. The Race Committee will assign, for this race only, handicaps for Non-spinnaker boats without valid PHRF certificates.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day they will take effect on the glass display case in the ANYC Clubhouse.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES: The start signal for the first class is scheduled for 1100 hours.

5. CLASSES:

6.1 Class breaks will be announced at the skippers meeting at AYC at 0830 hours on March 13, 2007. There will be PHRF-handicapped Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker classes. Other classes may also be formed at the discretion of the Race Committee.

6.2 Class Flags: Class flags will be solid color as described below:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
A	yellow
B	red
C	white
D	green
E	blue

6.3 Check-in: All boats shall check in with the Race Committee by radio (VHF channel 68) or by hailing the Race Committee boat prior to their start.

7. THE COURSES:

7.1 The courses will be chosen from the 2010 Anacapa Yacht Club 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 2010 Anacapa Yacht Club Course Chart.

7.3 Designation of the course to be sailed will be signaled from the race committee boat 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.

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

8. THE START:

8.1 The races will be started by using Rule 26. The order of starts will be announced at the skippers meeting each race day at the host Club. The RC will attempt to start the classes with no delay between the start of one class and the warning for 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 keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.

9. RECALLS: Recalls will be handled as described in the RRS. In addition, Boats that are OCS may be hailed by the race committee. Failure of the race committee to hail a boat, or failure of the racing boat to hear a hail, shall not be cause for redress.

10. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START: After the start, the RC may change the course at any mark by displaying the "C" flag and the new course number on the Committee Boat stationed at that mark. Periodic sound signals will call attention to the change. This changes Rule 33.

11. THE FINISH:

11.1 The finish will be between **channel markers 1 & 3** (the **eastern detached** breakwater and the **western attached** breakwater) at Channel Islands Harbor. For this finish line, Rule 11.5 below is **nullified**. If conditions warrant it, the finish line will be moved between **channel markers 4 and 5** at Channel Islands Harbor, part way down the entrance channel (These marks are located approximately opposite the Rudder Room).

11.2 The first finisher, and boats finishing after 5:00 pm are requested to notify the RC when approximately 1 hour from the finish to allow the RC time to man the finish line. (See 'Retirement' below for contact information). All boats are requested to contact the Race committee as they approach the harbor entrance.

11.4 If the race committee is not on station, boats shall record their own finish times and report them to the race committee as soon as possible after finishing.

11.5 Spinnakers shall be struck at the imaginary line between the nearest attached breakwater and the southeast end of the detached breakwater. Any boat sailing beyond this line with a spinnaker set will be scored DSQ by the RC. This changes Rules 63.1 and A5.

12. TIME LIMIT: There is no time limit for this race.

13. RETIREMENT: A boat that has checked in with the race committee and subsequently retires shall notify the RC as soon as possible. The RC will monitor **VHF channel 68. The PRO's cell phone number is 818-383-6911. The AYC Club phone number is: (805) 984-0211.**

14. PROTESTS: Any yacht intending to file a protest shall notify the race committee verbally, (either by radio, phone or by hailing), at the finish line. `Protests shall be written on forms available at the host club and shall be filed with the Race Committee within 2 hours of the finish of the protesting boat, or within 2 hours of her return to harbor if she retires. This time limit will be extended by 1 hour for boats that return to directly to Ventura Harbor after finishing.

15. PENALTIES: Racers are reminded that rule 44.1 (Taking a penalty) and 44.2 (One-turn or two-turn penalties) penalty, applies.

16. SAFETY EQUIPMENT: This is a PHRF Category 4 event. All PHRF class boats shall carry the equipment specified by PHRF for Category 4 races. The RC reserves the right to inspect any participating boat for compliance with safety equipment or class requirements, and to disqualify nonconforming boats. Racers are reminded that they are bound by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea when encountering vessels that are not racing. All boats regardless of class shall carry a VHF radio with channels 16 and 68.

17. 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 the 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.