

2003 INTER-CLUB RACE SERIES
AYC, EYC, IYC, OYC, TIYC, BAMA, CAT34

Sailing Instructions

- Rules** – This series is governed by the 2001-04 Racing Rules, the prescriptions of the USSA, the Standing HDA Sailing Instructions of the San Francisco YRA, and these Sailing Instructions. Changes to these Instructions may be made prior to the start of any race. Committee will make every effort to give ample notification of changes, but as a last resort, participants shall be alert for Code Flag “L” flown from the Committee Boat. Permanent changes shall be posted at the participating clubs, and shall remain in effect for the remainder of the series without additional notice on each succeeding race day.
- Responsibility** - The member clubs and organizers accept no responsibility for the safety or well being of the yachts and participants before, during, or after participating in these races. It is the sole responsibility of each skipper to decide whether to start or continue a race.
- Management** – The series is under the management of Joint Race Committee (“the Committee”) comprised of representatives from each participating club. Each club will host one or more races, and as such will provide the Principal Race Officer (PRO) for the hosted race. The Committee shall have the sole power to establish and interpret rules governing the series, and to determine eligibility.
- Eligibility** – The series is open to keel ballasted monohull and multihull yachts with minimum LOA of 20 feet, and belonging to or chartered by members of the participating clubs and organizations. Those wishing to enter may do so by completing the Race Application and submitting it to the representative designated by his club or organization.
- Interference with Commercial Traffic and Non-Competing Yachts** – Yachts must not interfere with commercial vessels, government vessels, or non-competing yachts. Inland Rules of the Road govern meetings with such vessels. Additionally, skippers are responsible to acquaint themselves with newly developed anti-terrorism security precautions that may prescribe stand-off limits on ships and certain waters. Vessels violating this provision are subject to disqualification.
- Ratings** – Each competitor must be prepared to furnish a Northern California PHRF certificate, or other evidence that will provide a basis for the Committee to assign a handicap rating. YRA certificates for monohulls and BAMA certificates for multihulls fulfill this requirement. Yachts must race with all equipment (doors, cushions, anchor, etc.) required by Northern California PHRF standards.
- Handicap System** – Races will be handicapped according to the PHRF Time-on-Distance system. Division assignments will be determined by the Committee prior to the first race.
- Sails** – Non-spinnaker classes may fly a single sail for each mast, and a single foresail, which shall be attached to the boat in the manner of a jib. Boats using other sails (including, but not limited to spinnakers, gennakers, screechers, etc.) shall be assigned to a spinnaker fleet. Mainsail numbers as shown on the entry are required. The number on the foresail and spinnaker, if any, must be the same as mainsail unless the RC is notified before the race.
- Race Dates, Start Times, Courses, and Mark Descriptions** – Shall be published as a part of these Sailing Instructions. See Appendix A & B.
- On-the-Water Communications and Check-in** – All yachts must sail within hail of the Committee Boat to check in. Check-in by radio will not be accepted or acknowledged. Committee will monitor **Channel 71** for withdrawals and emergencies, and to broadcast instructions relevant to the race. Committee will also guard Channel 14.
- Minimum Equipment** – All yachts are reminded that they must comply with the US Coast Guard equipment requirements for a recreational vessel.
- Limiting Buoy** – A buoy may be set to protect the Committee Boat. The triangle formed by the bow and stern of the Committee Boat and the limiting buoy is a restricted area into which no boat may sail. Any yacht hitting the Committee Boat shall be protested and is subject to disqualification without privilege of exoneration under Rule 31.2.
- STARTING TIMES AND SIGNALS:** Races will be started using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Signal	Flag	Sound	Minutes to Start	Course Signal
Warning	Class / Course	gun	5	Raise Course Flag
Preparatory	P,I, or Z	gun	4	
Drop Prep.	Drop Course Flag	horn	1	Drop Course Flag
Start	Drop Class Flag	gun	0	

14. **Restricted Areas** – Restricted areas are as shown in the Standing Sailing Instructions of the YRA, which are available in the YRA Master Schedule. Participants are reminded to be alert for newly-promulgated restricted areas that may exist as a result of anti-terrorism initiatives. Violators are subject to protest.
15. **Restricted Start/Finish Line** – Any yacht whose Preparatory signal has not been made must keep clear of those yachts whose Preparatory signal has been made. Yachts shall not cross the start/finish line unless their Preparatory signal has been made and they are preparing to start, starting, or finishing.
16. **Postponement** – Code Flag “AP” (Answering Pennant) and two sound signals shall be made from the Committee Boat to signify a postponement. Participants are reminded of the provisions of the new starting procedures governing resuming starting sequences after a postponement.
17. **Individual and General Recalls** –
 - 17.1 **Individual Recalls** - Yachts observed to be over early for their start will be signaled by Code Flag “X” accompanied by one sound signal. The Committee will attempt to hail yachts over early by calling by bullhorn and/or radio (**Channel 71**). Individual boats hailed over early shall keep clear of properly started yachts while maneuvering to return to the correct side of the start line before re-starting.
 - 17.2 **General Recalls** – “First Substitute” flag with two sounds If the warning flag for next class has already been raised, that start will be postponed. Recalled fleets will restart at the next 5-minute sequence when their warning flag will again be displayed. Another recall will move the offending fleet start to the last in the sequence.(This changes rule 29.3)
18. **Shortened Course** – The Committee Boat or a Stake Boat shall post itself in the vicinity of a mark of the course and will display Code Flag “S” and a Blue Shape to indicate a shortened course. The shortened finish line shall be between the posted boat and nearest mark of the course.
19. **Abandonment** – An abandoned race is declared by Code Flag “N” accompanied by three sound signals indicates abandonment with further signals visual or radio signals to be made from the Committee boat. For all cases of abandoned races, yachts shall contact their clubs for further information.
20. **Time Limit** – The time limit shall be 5:00 p.m. Any yacht not finishing within the time limit shall be scored “DNF”.
21. **Scoring** – The low point scoring system RRS A4 is modified as follows: points assigned to (OCS, DNF or RAF prior to protest hearing) = boats starting + 1; (DNC or DNS) = boats starting + 2; A boat disqualified (DSQ) = boats starting + 3. A DSQ for safety violation is considered as a DNE in addition to RRS 88.3(b). Ties broken in accordance with RRS A 7 or A8 as appropriate. Any yacht retiring or withdrawing prior to the finish must notify the Committee on **Channel 71**, or by coming within hail of the Race Committee. Failure to do so will result in protest by the Committee. If upheld, the offending yacht may be awarded a finishing score equal to the number of entrants plus 3.
22. **Throwouts** – A yacht’s worst finish (except “DNE”) shall be thrown out when determining the final series standings. Races canceled by the Committee will not be included in series scoring.
23. **Protests** – Protests shall be filed in accordance with Racing Rule 68. Protests to be delivered to a Committee representative or mailed to the Inter-Club RC, c/o Alameda Yacht Club, 1535 Buena Vista Ave, Alameda, CA 94501. Mailed protests must be postmarked no later than Monday following the race. Protests other than those involving collisions between two or more yachts will be heard by a mediator designated by the host club of that race. Each party at the mediation will be represented by one person. No witnesses may be called. At the conclusion of the mediation hearing, the protest may be withdrawn, or one or both parties may withdraw from the race. Withdrawing yachts shall be scored “RET”, and assigned points in accordance with Paragraph 21 above. If the protest is not resolved by mediation, a formal protest hearing will be scheduled for the Thursday follow the race.
24. **Race Results** – Race results will be delivered by the designated scorer to each participating club. Results will also be posted on Oakland YC’s website at oaklandyachtclub.com.
25. **Trophies** – Trophies will be presented at a date and location to be designated prior to the end of the series.
26. Enclosures:

Addendums A & B: Map sections showing mark locations for Central Bay and South Bay respectively