

Tiburon Yacht Club



Standing Race Instructions (January, 2009)

1. Rules

- 1.1 All races will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2009-2012 ("RRS"), the Prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, these Standing Race Instructions and the Sailing Instructions for the race.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 Single hulled keel and keel centerboard sailboats acceptable to the Race Committee and owned wholly or in part or chartered by a Tiburon Yacht Club ("TYC") member are eligible to race.
- 2.2 Minimum crew shall be the helmsperson and one crew member. The primary helmsperson shall be a TYC member, or his or her spouse, child, grandchild, sibling, parent, or member of his or her household.
- 2.3 A boat cannot score in a race unless it is first registered with, and accepted by, the Chairman of the Race Committee before 1000 hours on any race day, its entry fee is paid, and it has a current Northern California PHRF rating.
- 2.4 Guest boats must be declared to and accepted by the Race Committee before each race entered, and are not eligible for scores, or perpetual trophies, BUT eligible for daily prizes.
- 2.5 Each boat should keep their time and the time of the boat that finishes behind them.

3. Notices to Competitors and Changes in Instructions

- 3.1 These Standing Race Instructions and the Sailing Instructions for any race or series may be amended at any time by a Race Committee notice published in the Westerlies, or at the TYC website (www.tyc.org) or by notice mailed, faxed or emailed to race registrants. Changes shall be effective as of the time specified in the notice or, if no such time is specified, then as of the first of the month following the month of publication.

4. Signals

- 4.1 When races are conducted from the shore, signals will be given over VHF radio on a channel specified in the Sailing Instructions, accompanied by sound signals, and, at the discretion of the Race Committee, by visual signals displayed from the flagpole on the deck of the Tiburon Yacht Club.

5. Fleet Division

- 5.1 Fleet divisions and identification flags are stated in the Sailing Instructions.

6. Start and Finish Lines

- 6.1 For races conducted from the shore, a permanent start and finish line has been established between two white buoys east of the Tiburon Yacht Club deck. The

inner mark, named PANDA, is 180 feet east of the edge of the shoal along the Paradise Harbor breakwater. The outer mark, named HOPEFUL, is 800 feet east of PANDA. (Both buoys are approximately on a line from the Tiburon Yacht Club deck to Red Rock.) At the discretion of the Race Committee, the start and finish line may be defined as the line from the TYC flagstaff to the outer mark (HOPEFUL). This will be indicated by an announcement on the radio and by the flying of an ORANGE Flag from the flagpole. Under these circumstances, the inner mark determines the Western limit of the line, but may not be ON the line. Boats starting and finishing must pass between the inner and outer marks.

- 6.2 For races conducted from the water, unless otherwise provided in the Sailing Instructions, the start and finish lines will be located approximately within the northeast quadrant of a circle whose center is at the Paradise Cay Harbor entrance and whose radius is two miles. The start and finish lines shall consist of an imaginary line between a round floating marker and an orange flag on the committee boat; however, when finishing on a shortened course, the finish line shall be as described in Standing Race Instruction 7.5.

7. Courses

- 7.1 When races are not conducted from the shore, the course for a division or class will be designated by displaying the appropriate numeral pennant or pennants before or with the warning signal for that division. When races are conducted from the shore, see the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.2 The courses and marks will be selected from the TYC standard courses as posted on the TYC web site. These may be overridden and will be so described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.3 **Reverse Course**--The Race Committee may specify a reverse course by displaying code flag "R" above or below a course numeral pennant. The course will be sailed in reverse order leaving all marks on the opposite side from that specified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.4 **Twice around Course**--Flag "A" displayed above or below a course numeral pennant means that the course shall be sailed twice. Boats must pass through the start/finish line when beginning to sail the course for the second time. The Race Committee may choose to finish the race after the first time around.
- 7.5 **Shortened Course**--After the starting signal, the Race Committee may shorten the course at any mark of the course or at the start/finish line in the case of twice-around courses. To shorten the course, a boat shall display the flag "S," make two sound signals, and position herself near a mark. Boats shall finish between that mark and flag "S."

For races conducted from the shore, the Race Committee may shorten the course by announcing on the channel designated in the Sailing Instructions that the race will end at a mark of the course. When a boat, while rounding the mark as directed in the Sailing Instructions, crosses the extension of a line from the Tiburon Yacht Club flag pole through the designated mark, the boat shall notify the Race Committee on the channel designated. The Race Committee shall record the time of notification as the finish time for that boat. If the course is shortened at the start/finish line, the Race Committee shall simply announce that.

8. Recalls

- 8.1 Individual recalls will be signaled by displaying flag "X" with one sound signal in accordance with RRS 29.1.
- 8.2 General Recalls will be signaled by displaying the First Substitute with two sound signals in accordance with RRS 29.2.

9. Postponed and Abandoned Races

- 9.1 Postponement will be signaled by hoisting the Answering Pennant ("AP") and two sound signals. Ending the postponement will be signaled by lowering that pennant and one sound signal. Postponement of all races for the day (no more racing that day) will be signaled by hoisting the Answering Pennant over flag "A" and two sound signals. The Race Committee may display the Answering Pennant over "A" either on the yardarm of the flagpole on the deck of the Tiburon Yacht Club clubhouse, if prior to assuming station, or on the committee boat, if on station.
- 9.2 An abandoned race will be signaled by hoisting code flag "N" and three sound signals. Abandoned racing for the day will be signaled by code flag "N" over "A" and three sound signals.
- 9.3 Abandoned and postponed races shall be resailed or canceled at the discretion of the Race Committee.

10. Restrictions

- 10.1 Commercial Vessels, government vessels and ferry boats shall be considered to have right-of-way over racing boats.
 - a) No boat may come within one hundred yards of the Richmond Long Warf or any ship tied to the Warf. Boats violating this rule will be disqualified.
- 10.2 Boats shall not pass through the areas bounded by the following objects and the closest point ashore:
 - a) The two most westerly supports under the steel truss portion of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.
 - b) Castro rocks, designated by a red bell buoy marked "2CR" flashing red four seconds, located approximately one-half mile east of Red Rock.
 - c) Point Blunt, designated by a green bell buoy marked "3," located at the east end of Angel Island.

These areas are defined as obstructions.
- 10.3 The starting area will be that area extending 100 yards from the starting line in all directions. After the first warning signal, boats shall keep clear of the starting area until their warning signal. Any boat whose preparatory signal has not been displayed shall keep clear of a boat whose preparatory signal has been displayed.
- 10.4 Boats shall not pass through the start/finish line except when starting, finishing, or beginning the second round of a twice-around course, as described in Standing Race Instruction 7.5. Boats passing through the start / finish line except when starting, finishing or beginning the second round of a twice around course will be disqualified by the Race Committee.
- 10.5 The Race Committee may place an additional round, floating marker in the vicinity of the orange start/finish line flag to act as a limiting mark. The limiting mark may or may not be on the start/finish line but shall be considered an extension of the committee boat. Boats passing between the limiting mark and the orange start/finish line flag may be disqualified by the Race Committee.

11. Multiple Races on the Same Day

- 11.1 At the discretion of the Race Committee, the starting sequence for a subsequent series of races in a day may begin while there are still boats that have not finished the previous series of races. The order of starts for divisions and classes may change; it is suggested you stay close to the committee boat.

12. Stuff on the Boat

- 12.1** A minimum of one lighted red light visible to port, one lighted green light visible to starboard, and one lighted white light visible aft is required for any boat from sunset until sunrise or until the boat is no longer underway.
- 12.2** Boats shall carry appropriate anchor and rode.
- 12.3** If spinnakers are prohibited by the Sailing Instructions or not used by declaration, yachts may use only "working sails." "Working sails" means any combination of a main, a mizzen and a single headsail of 155% LP or less, secured at a minimum of six regular intervals along its luff to the forestay. Headsails shall also comply with RRS 50.4. "Spinnaker" shall include any sail which is not attached to a mast along its luff or which is not attached to the forestay along its luff at a minimum of six regular intervals.

13. Scoring

- 13.1** The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, will apply. Each boat shall be scored based on its current Northern California PHRF rating using the Time-On-Time II method to compute corrected times.
- 13.2** A boat acting as committee boat for a race in a series shall receive a score for that race equal to the average of all of its scores in the series, after throw-outs. This section 13.2 shall apply to a boat only for a race or races on one (1) day in a series.

14. Prizes and Trophies

- 14.1** Prizes will be awarded for first through third place for each race, by division.

15. Protests

- 15.1** Protests shall be submitted in writing per RRS Part 5 and shall be submitted to the Protest Committee Chairman or the Race Committee at TYC no later than one hour after the last boat finishes the last race on the day the protested incident occurs. The protest will be heard at TYC as soon as possible thereafter.