



TIBURON YACHT CLUB

# Standing Race Instructions

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## 1. Rules

- 1.1. All races will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2013-2016 ("RRS"), the Prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, these Standing Race Instructions and the Sailing Instructions for the race, regatta or series ("Sailing Instructions").

## 2. Eligibility

- 2.1. 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. 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 Race Committee before the first warning signal on any race day and its entry fee is paid.
- 2.4. Guest boats must be declared to and accepted by the Race Committee before each race entered.
- 2.5. Single-handed sailboats may compete provided that they declare to the Race Committee that they are sailing single-handed and that the skipper wear a USCG approved lifejacket at all times while racing.

## 3. Notices to Competitors and Changes in Instructions

- 3.1. These Standing Race Instructions and the Sailing Instructions may be amended at any time by a Race Committee notice published at the TYC website ([www.tyc.org](http://www.tyc.org)) or by mailed, faxed or emailed to race registrants. Amendments shall be effective as of the time specified in the notice.

## 4. Communications

- 4.1. The Race Committee uses **VHF Channel 69**. This channel may be overridden in the Sailing Instructions.
- 4.2. At least ten minutes prior to the first warning signal for the race or first race of the regatta, each boat shall check in by hailing the Race Committee on the designated channel, identifying itself by boat name and sail number and shall declare the intention to race with a spinnaker. The check in is not completed until the boat receives an acknowledgement from the Race Committee
- 4.3. The Race Committee may use the designated VHF channel to communicate with boats racing during the race. Racers are advised to keep their radios tuned to the designated VHF channel while racing.

## 5. Signals

- 5.1. When races are conducted from the shore or a competing boat, signals will be announced over the VHF radio and will be accompanied by sound signals. **Visual signals will not normally be used**, but will be displayed from the flagpole on the deck of the Tiburon Yacht Club if they are.

## 6. Fleet Division

- 6.1. Fleet divisions (if any) will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

## 7. Start and Finish Lines

- 7.1. A start and finish line has been established between two white buoys east of the TYC deck. The inner mark, named PANDA, is approximately 180 feet east of the edge of the shoal along the Paradise Harbor breakwater. The outer mark, named HOPEFUL, is approximately 800 feet east of PANDA. (Both buoys are approximately on a line from the Tiburon Yacht Club deck to Red Rock.)
- 7.2. The Race Committee may announce that the start and finish line will be defined as the line from the TYC flagstaff displaying an orange flag, to the outer mark (HOPEFUL). 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.
- 7.3. If the race is to be started from a competing boat the start/finish line described in 7.1 above will be used.
- 7.4. For races conducted from a race committee boat on the water, the start and finish lines will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

## 8. Courses

- 8.1. Courses and marks will be selected from the TYC Standard Courses as posted on the TYC web site. These may be overridden in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2. Courses will be announced on VHF, prior to or at the warning signal, for the boats starting in that start.
- 8.3. **Reverse Course** – the Race Committee may announce on VHF a reverse course. The course will be sailed in reverse order leaving all marks on the opposite side from that specified in the TYC Standard Courses. If visual signals are used, code flag “R” will be flown below the course numeral pennant(s).
- 8.4. **Twice Around Course** – the Race Committee may announce on VHF that a selected course shall be sailed twice around. Boats must pass through the start/finish line to commence the second lap for the course. . If visual signals are used, code flag “A” will be flown below the course numeral pennant(s).
- 8.5. **Shortening Course** – the Race Committee may announce on VHF that the race is shortened for a specified start. In this case affected boats ***will round the next mark as normal and then proceed directly to the finish line.*** (This changes RRS 32.2)

## 9. Recalls when there is no Committee Boat

- 9.1. Individual recalls will be signaled by one sound signal and each affected boat will be announced on VHF. **A visual signal will not be given.** (This changes RRS 29.1)
- 9.2. General Recalls will be signaled by two sound signals and an announcement on VHF . **A visual signal will not be given.** (This changes RRS 29.2)

## 10. Postponed and Abandoned Races

- 10.1. Abandoned and postponed races shall be resailed at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## 11. Withdrawal

- 11.1. Any boat that withdraws from a race shall inform the Race Committee by VHF as soon as practicable.

## 12. Scoring

- 12.1. 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

- 12.2. Any boat not having a current Northern California PHRF rating will have one assigned to him by the race committee. This assigned rating cannot be appealed except by subsequently producing a valid Northern California PHRF rating certificate

### 13. Restrictions

- 13.1. All boats racing shall comply with the **International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS)** (or COLREGS)
- 13.2. Commercial Vessels, government vessels and ferry boats shall be considered to have right-of-way over racing boats. Any boat that impedes the passage of a vessel that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway, or the passage of a vessel with limited maneuverability which sounds a warning of five blasts will be disqualified.
- 13.3. 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 at 37°55.897'N, 122°25.255'W
  - c) Point Blunt, designated by a green buoy marked "3" at the east end of Angel Island (at 37°51.028'N, 122°25.047'W)These areas are defined as obstructions and boats sailing within these areas will be disqualified.
- 13.4. Boats shall not sail in any government security zone including, but not restricted to, the Richmond Long Wharf area. Boats that enter any security zone will be disqualified.
- 13.5. 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 8.4. Boats passing through the start / finish line except when starting, finishing or beginning the second round of a twice around course will be disqualified.

### 14. Stuff on the Boat

- 14.1. Boats shall comply with all US Coast Guard regulations pertaining to safety including, but not restricted to:
  - a) USCG approved life jacket for all persons on the boat
  - b) Appropriate anchor and rode
- 14.2. Boats failing to display **proper running lights** between the hours of sunset and sunrise (as published by NOAA for sunset and sunrise in San Francisco) will be disqualified.

### 15. Prizes and Trophies

- 15.1. Prizes will be awarded for first through third place for each race per division as soon as possible after the racing for the day is completed.

### 16. Protests

- 16.1. Protests shall be submitted in writing per RRS Part 5 and shall be submitted to 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.