

Pacific Cup Deepwater Series

Sunday, May 21, Sunday, July 9 and Sunday, August 6, 2017
Marina del Rey, California USA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION

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1. RULES

- 1.1 This series will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 Each entrant must meet the eligibility, entry and fee requirements as outlined in the [Notice of Race](#) for this series.
- 1.3 RRS 63.1, A4.1 and A5 will be changed to provide that a boat starting more than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.
- 1.4 RRS 82 will not apply. Competitors must complete the Race Entry Agreement through online registration at the Pacific Cup Deepwater Series webpage or submit a CYC Race Entry form.
- 1.5 The PHRF of Southern California (SoCal PHRF) "Marine Industry Racer Rule" will not apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the bulletin board located outside the main entrance of the CYC clubhouse (Official Notice Board) and on the [Pacific Cup Deepwater Series](#) website.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 1000 on the day it will take effect and will be available on the water at the Race Committee (RC) signal boat.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located on the CYC front lawn.
- 4.2 When the Answering Pennant (AP) is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than sixty (60) minutes" in the RRS Race Signals.

5. SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

If the RC signal boat is flying Code Flag L, each competitor must contact the RC signal boat either by coming within hail or via VHF channel 68 to receive oral changes to the Sailing Instructions.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 For all classes, one (1) race is scheduled on Sunday, May 21; Sunday, July 9; and Sunday, August 6.
- 6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first start each day is 1300.

7. CLASSES/CLASS FLAGS/ORDER OF STARTS

- 7.1 Classes will be established based on entries received by 1700 on Saturday, May 20, with a minimum of three (3) paid entries necessary to establish a class.
- 7.2 Classes will be posted on the Official Notice Board and online at the [Pacific Cup Deepwater Series](#) webpage no later than 1900 on Saturday, May 20 and will remain in effect for the entire series.
- 7.3 Class flags and the order of starts for the May 21 and July 9 races will be posted on the Official Notice Board and online at the [Pacific Cup Deepwater Series](#) webpage no later than 1900 on Saturday, May 20 and July 7, respectively.
- 7.4 Boats entered in the August 6 inverted start race will be assigned an individual starting time based on their rating and the handicap course distance. The list of starting times will be posted on the Official Notice Board and online at the [Pacific Cup Deepwater Series](#) webpage no later than 1900 on Saturday, August 5.

8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Santa Monica Bay.

9. MARKS

Marks are described in a separate Course Annex, which will be posted on the Official Notice Board and online at the [Pacific Cup Deepwater Series](#) webpage by 1900 on the Friday before each race day.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 Courses are random leg courses and a separate Course Annex for each race will be posted on the Official Notice Board and online at the [Pacific Cup Deepwater Series](#) webpage by 1900 on the Friday before each race day.
- 10.2 No later than the warning signal for each class, the course will be signaled by a letter flag displayed on the RC signal boat.
- 10.3 The RC may also broadcast the course for each class on VHF Channel 68 (see **SI 17**).

11. THE START (See appropriate Course Annex for diagrams)

- 11.1 The start for the May 21 and July 9 races is described below:
 - (a) Each class will have its own starting sequence with one (1) minute between sequences unless otherwise hailed by the RC. (See **SI 17**.)
 - (b) For the May 21 & July 9 race, the starting line will be between **MDR Mark "S"** at the left-hand end and an orange and white checkered flag on the RC signal boat at the right-hand end.
 - (c) Boats that are subject to RRS 29.1 (Individual Recall) at their starting signal may be hailed by sail number on VHF channel 68 (see **SI 17**).
- 11.2 The start for the August 6 inverted start race is described below:
 - (a) The starting line will be between **MDR Mark "S"** at the left-hand end and an orange and white checkered flag on the RC signal boat at the right-hand end.
 - (b) There will be only one warning signal and the class flag will be code flag K.
 - (c) RRS 26 will apply for the first boat(s) to start. The starting signal for subsequent boats (or group of boats) will be signaled by a single horn. The entire sequence will be as follows:

Signal	Visual and Sound Signals	Time
Warning	Code Flag K displayed; 1 sound	1300
Preparatory	Code Flag P displayed; 1 sound	1301
	Code Flag P removed; 1 long horn	1304
Start – 1 st boat(s)	Code Flag K removed; 1 sound	1305
Start – 2 nd boat(s)	1 horn	TBD
Start – 3 rd boat(s) ... etc.	1 horn	TBD

- (d) Starting signals for each boat(s) after the first boat(s) will be made with a horn. The RC may count down the last five (5) seconds before the starting time for each boat via VHF channel 68 (see **SI 17**).
- (e) After the warning signal for the first boat, a boat shall not sail within three (3) of her hull lengths of the starting line unless there are fewer than 4 minutes to her start or there are no other boats with fewer than 4 minutes to their start. Only the RC may protest under this provision; this changes RRS 60. The penalty imposed, if any, shall be at the discretion of the protest committee.
- (f) If a boat is subject to RRS 29.1 (Individual Recall) at her starting signal, code flag X will be displayed without a sound signal for up to twenty (20) seconds. The lowering of code flag X shall not be construed that a boat has complied with RRS 29.1. This changes RRS 29.1. The RC may hail boats on VHF channel 68 that are subject to RRS 29.1 at their starting signal and also when they have returned to the pre-start side of the starting line (see **SI 17**).

12. THE FINISH (See appropriate Course Annex diagrams)

The finishing line will be between the green light on the southeast end of the Marina del Rey detached breakwater at the left-hand end and an orange and white checkered flag on the RC finish boat at the right-hand end. The RC finish boat will be anchored near the mouth of Ballona Creek.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix V, Section V1, Penalty at the Time of an Incident will apply.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protests shall be filed at the CYC Fleet Room no later than forty-five (45) minutes after the RC signal boat docks (Protest Time Limit), which time will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the RC signal boat docks. Protest forms will be available on the Sail Notice Board located next to the Fleet Room, upstairs in the CYC clubhouse.
- 14.2 No later than fifteen (15) minutes after the RC signal boat docks, a notice of boats that have been scored OCS for that day will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The deadline for a request for redress based on this list will be the Protest Time Limit for that day. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 14.3 No later than fifteen (15) minutes after the Protest Time Limit, a notice of filed protests and requests for redress will be posted on the Official Notice Board. This will constitute notice to all parties to a hearing under RRS 63.2.
- 14.4 Protests and requests for redress will be heard in the approximate order of receipt as soon as possible.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 All race scores will count.
- 15.2 For the May 21 and July 9 races, all classes will be scored using the Time on Distance method with PHRF classes using PHRF SoCal Area B RLC Ratings and cruising classes using PHRF SoCal random leg Corinthian Ratings.
- 15.3 For the August 6 inverted start race, each boat will be assigned an individual starting time based on the handicap course distance and their rating, with PHRF classes using PHRF SoCal Area B RLC ratings and cruising classes using PHRF SoCal random leg Corinthian Ratings. Boats will be scored within their class and overall (all classes combined).
- 15.4 One (1) race must be completed to constitute a series.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 All boats must carry the safety equipment required by the [U.S. Safety Equipment Requirements](#) for US Nearshore Races (Definition 1.0.3).
- 16.2 A boat that withdraws from a race prior to finishing or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall notify the RC either before leaving the course area or as soon as possible after arriving ashore.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

The RC may use VHF channel 68 to broadcast information such as location of the RC signal boat, notification of upcoming starting sequences, the class starting, the course to be sailed and as provided under **SI 10**. Failure of the RC to transmit, mistaken transmissions, or failure of a competitor to receive this information shall not be considered grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

18. PRIZES

- 18.1 Trophies will be awarded after racing each day based on the number of entries in each class.
- 18.2 On August 6, overall class series take-home trophies will be presented and the Pacific Cup Deepwater Series perpetual trophy will be awarded to the class series winners.
- 18.3 Boats shall sail in at least two (2) races to qualify for series trophies.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers (organizing authority, host yacht club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, and any others acting in an official capacity for this event) from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.