



Pacific Cup Deepwater Series

Race #1

Sunday, May 4, 2025
Marina del Rey, California USA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Organizing Authority is California Yacht Club (CYC), located at 4469 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292

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1. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.1 Any written change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted no later than 1000 on the day it will take effect.
- 1.2 Changes to an SI may be made on the water by the Race Committee (RC) signal vessel displaying code flags L over K with one sound signal. This means “come within hail” of the RC signal vessel to receive any changes. The RC may also broadcast changes to each boat on VHF radio as provided in SI 2.2 and require acknowledgement.

2. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board which is the [Pacific Cup Deepwater Series](#) webpage on the CYC website.
- 2.2 On the water, the RC intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 68. Failure of the RC to broadcast, mistaken broadcasts, or failure of a competitor to receive this information will not be grounds for a request for redress. This change is added to RRS 61.1(a) (Requesting or Considering Redress).

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located on the CYC front lawn.
- 3.2 When the Answering Pennant (AP) is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than sixty (60) minutes” in RRS Race Signals AP.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal is 1300.

5. ORDER OF STARTS

- 5.1 Race 1 is a pursuit race, following an inverted start format. Each boat has an individual starting time, based on PHRF SoCal Area B RLC Ratings and course distance, which times will be posted on the [Official Notice Board](#) by 1800 on Saturday, May 3.

6. RACING AREA

- 6.1 The racing area is on Santa Monica Bay, starting offshore from the Marina del Rey breakwater.

7. MARKS

- 7.1 Marks are yellow or white spar buoys and yellow or orange tetrahedrons. The mark descriptions and their GPS locations will be posted in a Notice to Competitors, which will be posted on the [Official Notice Board](#) no later than Wednesday, April 30.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 This is a pursuit race with an inverted start in a Random Leg format. The course descriptions will be posted as a Notice to Competitors on the [Official Notice Board](#) no later than Wednesday, April 30.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal vessel will use number pennants to signal the course to be sailed.

9. THE START

- 9.1 The starting line is between the course side of the starting mark and the staff of an orange and white checkered flag on the RC signal vessel.

- 9.2 'RRS 26, STARTING RACES, is replaced with:

<i>Time</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
1300	Flag G	One	Warning signal
1301	Flag P	One	Preparatory signal
1304	Flag P removed	One long	One minute to starting signal for 1st boat
1305	Flag G removed	One	Starting signal for 1st boat
Per SI 5	None	One	Starting signal for 2nd boat
Per SI 5	None	One	Starting signal for 3rd boat ... etc.

9.3 The RC may count down the last five (5) seconds before the starting signal for each boat as provided in SI 2.2.

9.4 RRS 29.1 (Individual Recall) is replaced with:

“When at a boat’s starting signal any part of her hull is on the course side of the starting line, the RC shall promptly display flag X without a sound. The flag shall be displayed until the hull of each such boat has been completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or one of its extensions, but no later than twenty (20) seconds after that starting signal or until the next scheduled starting signal, whichever is earlier.”

9.5 The RC may hail boats, as provided in SI 2.2, that are subject to RRS 29.1 (Individual Recall) at their starting signal, and also after they have sailed completely to the pre-start side of the starting line or one of its extensions.

9.6 [DP] After the warning signal, 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. This rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This change is added to RRS 60.1 (Right to Protest).

9.7 A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This change is added to RRS A5.1 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee)

10. THE FINISH

10.1 The finishing line will be between the green navigation light on the southeast end of the Marina del Rey Harbor detached breakwater and the staff of a blue flag on the RC finish vessel. The RC finish vessel will be anchored near the mouth of Ballona Creek at approximately 33°57.61'N 118°27.55.

10.2 After 1630, the RC finish vessel will no longer be on station. US Sailing Prescription to RRS 34 (Mark Missing; *Race Committee Absent*) applies. If the RC is absent when a boat finishes, she should at the first reasonable opportunity report her finishing time and her position in relation to nearby boats to Lead Scorer, Uta Leslie (310-995-5043).

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V, Section V1 (Penalty at the Time of an Incident) applies.

12. HEARING REQUESTS

12.1 Protests shall be filed within forty-five (45) minutes after the RC signal vessel docks (Protest Time Limit), which time will be posted at the *Protest Time Limit and Hearing Schedule* link located on the [Official Notice Board](#) no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the RC signal vessel docks.

12.2 RRS 61.2 (Requests for Redress) is modified as follows:

(a) RRS 61.2(b)(1) is replaced with: “If the request is based on an incident in the racing area, it shall be filed within the Protest Time Limit.”

(b) No later than fifteen (15) minutes after the RC signal vessel docks, a notice of boats scored per RRS A5.1 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee) will be posted at the *View Starting Penalties* link located on the [Official Notice Board](#). The deadline for a request for redress based on these scores is the Protest Time Limit.

(c) The time limit for a request for redress based on the outcome of a Protest Committee decision or the outcome of a scoring inquiry (see SI 13.2) is thirty (30) minutes after that outcome has been posted.

12.3 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed using the hearing request forms available at the *File a Protest* link located on the [Official Notice Board](#).

12.4 Within fifteen (15) minutes after the Protest Time Limit, a notice of filed protests and requests for redress will be posted at the Protest Time Limit and Hearing Schedule link located on the [Official Notice Board](#).

12.5 All parties to a filed protest or request for redress will receive an email with the date and time for the hearing. This constitutes notice to all parties to a hearing under RRS 63.1(a)(1) (Conduct of Hearings; Rights of Parties). This list will be posted at the *Protest Time Limit and Hearing Schedule* link located on the [Official Notice Board](#).

12.6 US Sailing Prescriptions to the Preamble to Part 5, Section B (Hearings and Making Decisions) and RRS 63.1 (Conduct of Hearings, Rights of Parties) do not apply.

13. SCORING

- 13.1 Preliminary results will be posted on the [Official Notice Board](#) as soon as possible after racing.
- 13.2 Competitors shall notify the RC of any scoring errors using the *Submit Scoring Inquiry* link on the [Official Notice Board](#). The deadline to file a scoring inquiry is the Protest Time Limit or thirty (30) minutes after the preliminary results have been posted, whichever is later.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

[DP] A boat that retires from a race prior to finishing shall notify the RC either before leaving the racing area or as soon as possible after arriving ashore.

15. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. By participating in the 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 the event) from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in the event to the fullest extent permitted by law.