96th Annual
SCYA Midwinter Regatta
Saturday and Sunday, February 28-March 1, 2026
Marina del Rey, California USA
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION
The Organizing Authority (OA) is California Yacht Club (CYC) in conjunction with Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA).
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1. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted by 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

2. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS
2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board which is the SCYA Midwinter Regatta webpage on the CYC website.
2.2 On the water, the Race Committee (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 Six (6) races are scheduled; three (3) on Saturday and three (3) on Sunday. The RC, at its discretion, may run fewer races.
4.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day is 1230. Subsequent races will start as soon as practicable.
4.3 The RC may display flag A (with no sound) while boats are finishing to signal that there will be no more races conducted that day. If flag A is displayed with a class flag, it pertains only to that class.

5. ORDER OF STARTS
The order of starts may change following the first race each day. For subsequent races, the RC may announce the starting order on VHF radio as provided in SI 2.2.

6. RACING AREA
The racing area is on Santa Monica Bay with the starting area approximately one (1) nautical mile northwest of the Marina del Rey breakwater.

7. MARKS
Marks are described in SI Addendum A.

8. COURSES
Courses are described in SI Addendum A.

9. THE START
9.1 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, multiple sound signals may be made approximately one (1) minute before the warning signal for the first class. There will be one (1) minute between any consecutive starting sequences unless otherwise hailed by the RC as provided in SI 2.2.
9.2 The starting line will be between the course side of Mark S and the staff displaying an orange and white checkered flag on the port side of the RC signal boat (note that Mark S is not MdR "S" mark, see SI Addendum A).
9.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to hail her sail number as provided in SI 2.2.
9.4 A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This change is added to RRS A5.1 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee).
9.5 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting line during the starting sequence for other races.

10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE
To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with the original mark.

11. THE FINISH

11.1 For Courses 1 through 5, the finishing line is between Mark F and the staff displaying a blue flag on the starboard side of the RC signal boat. For Courses 6 and 7, the finishing line will be between the course side of Mark 1 and the staff displaying a blue flag on the RC boat (see SI Addendum A).

11.2 Competitors should be aware that other classes may be starting while they are finishing, and that RRS 23.1 (Interfering with Another Boat) prohibits boats not racing from interfering with boats that are racing.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

13. HEARING REQUESTS

13.1 The protest time limit each day is forty-five (45) minutes after the RC signal boat docks on that day. This 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 boat docks.

13.2 RRS 61 (Redress) is modified as follows:

(a) The second sentence of 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 for that day."

(b) A notice of boats scored per RRS A5.1 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee) each day will be posted on the *View Starting Penalties* link located on the Official Notice Board no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the RC signal boat docks on that day. The deadline for a request for redress based on these scores is the protest time limit for that day.

(c) The time limit for a request for redress based on the outcome of a scoring inquiry (see SI 14.2) is thirty (30) minutes after that outcome has been posted.

13.3 Hearing request forms are available at the *File a Protest* link located on the Official Notice Board.

13.4 Notices to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties will be posted no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the protest time limit each day at the *Protest Time Limit and Hearing Schedule* link located on the Official Notice Board. Hearings will be heard as soon as possible in the CYC Junior Trailer Classroom.

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

14. SCORING

14.1 Preliminary results will be posted on the Official Notice Board webpage as soon as possible after racing each day.

14.2 Competitors shall notify the RC of any scoring errors using the *Submit Scoring Inquiry* link on the Official Notice Board webpage. The deadline to file a scoring inquiry is the protest time limit or thirty (30) minutes after the preliminary results have been posted for that day, whichever is later.

15. [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race prior to finishing or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall notify the RC either before leaving the racing area or as soon as possible after arriving ashore.

16. [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

16.1 All Support Person Vessels (SPVs) shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on normal domestic and international channels and shall monitor channel 68.

16.2 SPVs shall not enter the racing area from the preparatory signal of a race until the finish of the last boat in that race. However, SPVs may enter the racing area at the direction of the RC to assist a competitor or after an abandonment or postponement until a new preparatory signal has been made. The racing area shall be as indicated on SI Addendum A and include any other area within one hundred (100) meters of any boat still racing.

16.3 SPVs shall neither create wakes nor otherwise interfere with competitors.

16.4 SPVs and spectator boats shall not be launched or recovered at CYC while competitors are launching or recovering their boats and must check in with the CYC Waterfront Director, Chase Young (310.823.4567) prior to using the hoist. Alternately, boats may use the public ramp at Dock 52 on Fiji Way and keep the trailers at CYC.

17. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 (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.

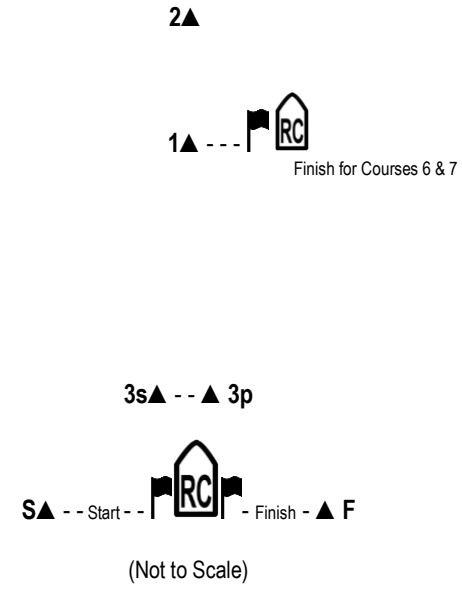
SI ADDENDUM A

SI 7. MARKS (continued)

7.1 Marks 1 and 2 are yellow or orange inflatable shapes whose color shall be signaled per SI 7.3.
7.2 Mark 2 may or may not be in the water at the discretion of the PRO.
7.3 The color of Marks 1 and 2 are indicated during the starting sequence by an orange or yellow pennant displayed with the course numeral pennant.
7.4 A new windward mark, as provided in SI 10, is the alternate color to that signaled during the starting sequence.
7.5 Marks 3s/3p are yellow inflatable shapes.
7.6 Mark S is an orange inflatable tetrahedron.
7.7 Mark F is a pink tetrahedron.

SI 8. COURSES (continued)

8.1 Mark 1 shall be rounded to port. Mark 2, if in the water, shall be rounded to port.
8.2 Mark 3s/3p is a gate. In the event only one leeward mark is on station, that mark shall be rounded to port.
8.3 The starting/finishing lines will be approximately 0.1 nautical miles to leeward of Mark 3s/3p.
8.4 No later than the warning signal for each class, the RC signal boat will display the approximate magnetic bearing and distance from Mark 3s/3p to the first weather mark using numeral placards.
8.5 No later than the warning signal for each class, the RC signal boat will use numeral pennants to signal one of the courses shown below:

Numeral Pennant	Courses
Downwind Finishes	
1	Start – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – Finish (at Mark F)
2	Start – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – Finish (at Mark F)
3	Start – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – Finish (at Mark F)
4	Start – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – Finish (at Mark F)
5	Start – 2 – 3s/3p – 1 – Finish (at Mark F)
Upwind Finishes	
6	Start – 1 – 3s/3p – Finish (at Mark 1)
7	Start – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 3s/3p – Finish (at Mark 1)

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