



## **2016 SCYA Midwinter Regatta**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **February 20-21, 2016**

#### **1. RULES**

The Regatta will be governed by the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the rules of the Harbor 20 Class Association and Harbor 20 Fleet 1, and the rules of the Thistle Class.

#### **2. RACING AREA**

The Racing Area will be in Newport Harbor in the area commonly referred to as the "Five Points Area".

#### **3. COURSES AND MARKS**

- 3.1. Courses will be windward/leeward.
- 3.2. The course will be displayed before the Warning Signal.
- 3.3. "W" is the orange tetrahedron to windward of the start/finish line. It shall be taken to port.
- 3.4. "O" is a yellow tetrahedron offset from the windward mark. It shall be taken to port.
- 3.5. "L" is the orange tetrahedron to leeward of the start/finish line. It shall be taken to port.
- 3.6. "G" is the leeward gate comprised of two (2) round red buoys. After passing through the gate, competitors may round the buoy to port or to starboard.
- 3.7. The possible courses to sail are shown in Attachment 1.

#### **4. CHECK-IN**

- 4.1. Before the first Warning Signal for the first race, each boat shall: 1) sail past the Race Committee boat on starboard tack; 2) announce her sail number; and 3) obtain the recognition of her sail number by the Race Committee.
- 4.2. The Race Committee may penalize a boat for failure to check in.

#### **5. START/FINISH**

- 5.1. The Start and Finish Line will be located in Newport Harbor in the vicinity commonly referred to as "Five Points".
- 5.2. The first warning signal each day is scheduled for 1300 hours.
- 5.3. The Start line will be a line between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and an orange flag on a staff.
- 5.4. The Finish Line will be a separate line between an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and an orange flag on a staff.
- 5.5. Races will be started using RRS 26 modified for 3-minutes (as shown at the end of this document). This changes RRS 26.
- 5.6. There will be a brief delay between the start signal and the subsequent warning signal.
- 5.7. The order of start and the flags used by Race Committee for signaling will be:

START #	START GROUP	FLAG
1	Harbor 20 A	A
2	Harbor 20 B	B
3	Harbor 20 C	C
4	Thistle	D

- 5.8. Three (3) boats will constitute a group entitled to start. Upon elimination of a group, the starting times of succeeding groups will advance accordingly. Competitors must be alert for the display and/or announcement of their start group flag at the warning signal for each race.
- 5.9. Boats whose Warning Signal have not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of boats starting and finishing.
- 5.10. When not racing, a boat interfering with any boat that is racing is subject to protest.
- 5.11. The start and finish line marks are not marks of the course except when starting or finishing.

## 6. TIME LIMIT

- 6.1. The time limit for the first boat in each group to finish will be one (1) hour.
- 6.2. Boats failing to finish within ten (10) minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored "DNF".

## 7. PROTESTS

- 7.1. RRS 61.1 is changed by adding this sentence: "When a boat intends to protest, she shall notify the Race Committee at the finishing line and inform the Race Committee of the identity of the other boat involved in the incident."
- 7.2. Protests shall be written on forms available at the front desk of BCYC and shall be delivered to the front desk no later than sixty (60) minutes after the Race Committee Boat has returned to the dock. That time will be posted.
- 7.3. Protests will be heard as soon as possible, in the order determined by the Protest Committee.
- 7.4. Only the skipper may represent his or her boat in a hearing. No coach or other party may represent a boat or file a protest on her behalf. This changes RRS 63.
- 7.5. It is the sole responsibility of each boat involved to be ready and have witnesses available when the hearing is called.

## 8. PENALTIES

RRS 44.1 is changed to a One Turn Penalty.

## 9. SCORING

- 9.1. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 9.2. Four (4) races are scheduled on each of the two days.
- 9.3. If eight (8) races are run and a boat participates in all eight (8) races, its worst score will be excluded from the total of the score. This modifies RRS Appendix A2.
- 9.4. A boat that did not start, did not finish, or retired, shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of **starters** in the race. A boat that is disqualified will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of **entries** in the race. This modifies RRS A4.2.
- 9.5. Three races shall constitute a series.

## 10. TROPHIES

Trophies will be presented at BCYC after the last race of the Regatta.

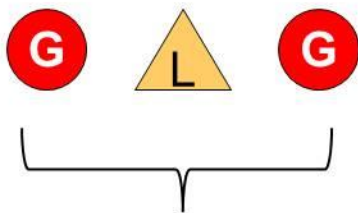
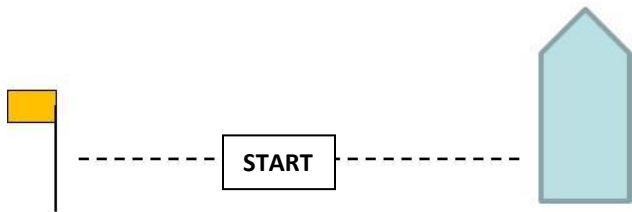
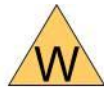
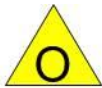
### RRS 26 – MODIFIED FOR 3-MINUTES

SIGNAL	VISUAL SIGNAL	SOUND	WHEN
Warning	Class Flag Up	One Horn	3 minutes before start
Preparatory	Preparatory Flag Up	One Horn	2 minutes before start
	Preparatory Flag Down	One Long Horn	1 minute before start
	Class Flag Down	1 horn	START

## ATTACHMENT 1 - MARKS & COURSES

COURSE #	COURSE
1	W – O – L - Fin
2	W – O – L – W – O – L - Fin
3	W – O – G – W – O – G - Fin

**DRAWING BELOW IS NOT TO SCALE**



Either "L" or both "G" in water

