



Standing Sailing Instructions

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1 RULES

- 1.1 Sequoia Yacht Club fleet races will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* and these Standing Sailing Instructions (including Attachments A & B).
- 1.2 The US Sailing Prescriptions will apply including Appendix T.
- 1.3 All competitors are required to wear a USCG approved life jacket or other adequate personal floatation device. RRS 40 is changed as follows: The “Y” flag will not be displayed.
- 1.4 Racing rule(s) 52 will be changed as follows: autopilots are permitted.
- 1.5 A boat that finishes between the times of sunset and sunrise without displaying proper running lights readily visible to the Race Committee will be disqualified. Times shall be for San Francisco as published by NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration). A grace period of three minutes will be granted to allow for interpolation errors in the use of published tables.

2 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 A skippers’ meeting will be held on the same day of each race at the Sequoia Yacht Club as noted in the Notice of Race for each race or race series. The Notice of Race can be found on the Sequoia Yacht Club website at www.sequoiayc.org and titled Sequoia Yacht Club – 2017 Notice of Race.
- 2.2 Written changes to these Sailing Instructions may be distributed at the skippers’ meeting and shall prevail over these Instructions.
- 2.3 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the Sequoia Yacht Club deck.

3 DECISION TO RACE

- 3.1 As stated in RRS 4, a boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or continue racing.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 The dates and number of races shall be described in the Notice of Race.
- 4.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day shall be five minutes before the start. Start times are listed in the Notice of Race.

5 CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1 Class flags will not be flown unless so stated in the Notice of Race.

6 MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 Each race shall be under the management of a Race Committee (RC)/Fleet Captain designated by Sequoia Yacht Club, which shall have full power to enforce these Sailing Instructions.

7 COURSES AND MARKS

- 7.1 Courses not listed in these Sailing Instructions may be announced at the skipper’s meeting. Alternatively, courses numbered 1 through 9 may be chosen and are described in Attachment A, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.



7.2 Unless a Committee Boat is used, the starting and finishing marks will be between Mark “3” and Mark “4”. If a Committee Boat is used, the starting and finishing marks will be between the Committee Boat and Mark “S”.

8 START AND FINISH

8.1 For non-pursuit races the starting and finish lines will be as described in 7.2 above, or as amended at the skipper’s meeting.

8.2 The starting time sequence will correspond to RRS 26 which may or may not use flags. The sound signal will be given at the 5 minute warning, 4 minute preparation, 1 minute, and start.

8.3 All classes will start at the same time unless specified differently in the Notice of Race or as amended at the skipper’s meeting.

9 TIME LIMITS

9.1 The time limit for series races is four hours after the start. If one boat in a division finishes in that time, then all boats in that division will have a time limit of four hours, thirty minutes. This changes rules 35 and A4.

10 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

10.1 *US Sailing Prescription Appendix T – Alternative Procedures for Dispute Resolution* shall apply

10.2 An arbitrator (pursuant to Appendix T, Section D of the US Sailing Prescriptions) will be available immediately following the race in case racers choose to resolve the dispute with arbitration.

10.2.1 If the parties choose to pursue the protest past the arbitration meeting, a formal protest hearing shall be initiated.

10.2.2 Protest forms are available at the Sequoia Yacht Club on the Racing bulletin board in the Forms wall file located in the lounge area.

10.2.3 Protests shall be submitted in writing according to the form prescribed by RRS, and delivered to the Race Committee no later than 48 hours after the NOR published start time of the race. Verbal notification of the intent to protest must be given to the Race Committee within 1 hour of the protesting boat’s finish.

10.2.4 Once a Protest is received by the Race Committee a protest committee shall be formed. Copies of the protest, as well as notification of the time & date of the protest will be sent to the involved parties by email at the most recent available address.

10.3 An expedited protest hearing process shall be made available to racers who decline arbitration meetings, pursuant to Appendix T, Section C of the US Sailing Prescriptions.

11 SCORING

11.1 Scoring will be conducted in accordance to the Low Point System as described in RRS Appendix A4.

- Each yacht finishing a race, and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified, shall score points as follows: First place = 1 point, Second place = 2 points, Third place = 3 points, etc. For non pursuit races a handicap/rating system using corrected time will be used to determine the final order of finish.
- Scoring for DNS, DNF, retired and DSQ will be pursuant to RRS A9. A boat that came to the starting area, but DNS, DNF, retired or DSQ will receive +1 point added to the number



of boats that came to the starting area. A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.

- Series ties will be conducted in accordance of RRS Appendix A8.

11.2 There are not a minimum number of races that are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

12.1 All boats must comply with the U.S. Coast Guard's requirements for recreational vessels, RRS 1.2. Additionally, each boat must carry an anchor with suitable rode and a VHF radio.

12.2 Check-in and check-out: All boats are required to check in with the Race Committee no later than five minutes prior to the beginning of their scheduled start sequence. A proper check-in is performed by hailing the Race Committee-via radio transmission on VHF channel 69 or by cellular phone. Please hail the Race Committee at this time, announcing the boat name and the fact that you are checking in. In lieu of the above, checking in at the Skipper's meeting shall fulfill this requirement.

12.3 Boats withdrawing from the race are required to notify the Race Committee of such intentions via radio transmission on VHF channel 69. Failure to properly report a boat's retirement to the Race Committee may result in the boat not being allowed to compete in further events at the discretion of the Fleet Captain

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

13.1 RRS 25 is amended to allow for on-the-water radio communication between the Race Committee and racing boats over the VHF radio on channel 69 up until the first Warning signal of the race.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1 Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

14.2 A registration and skipper release needs to be signed by all skippers and a crew registration and waiver is required to be signed by each crew member. Copies will be available at the Club before the race and can also be downloaded off the Sequoia yacht Club website. Completed forms shall be turned in to the Club office.



ATTACHMENT A

Courses not listed below may be chosen and will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting.

	Courses*	Length A Nautical Miles	Length (B) Nautical Miles*
1	Sp Xp 12p Sp (3p)	4.44	5.94
2	Sp Xp Bp 12p Sp (3p)	6.18	7.68
3	Sp Xp 12p Yp Sp (3p)	6.47	7.97
4	Sp Xp Bp 12p Yp Sp (3p)	8.21	9.71
5	Sp Bs Xs 12p Yp Sp (3p)	8.87	10.37
6	Sp Xp Bp Ys 3s Sp (3p)	8.84	10.34
7	Sp Bs 8p Yp Sp (3p)	12.51	14.01
8	Sp Bs 8p 3p Sp (3p)	12.06	13.56
9	Sp Bs 8p 12p Sp (3p)	10.59	12.09

All Government marks that are not turning marks of the course must be left to the proper side.

Note: If it becomes necessary for the Committee boat to leave its anchorage at Start Mark "S" because of rough conditions, the race will be extended by rounding Finish Mark "S" as marked for the course, then sailing into Redwood Creek Channel and finishing between Govt. Mark #3 and #4. An additional 1.50 nm will be added to the course length. Skippers will take their own finish time and report it to the Race Director for that race.

	Mark Descriptions	Mark Locations **
S	White Ball, 24" Diameter	37 34.46N, 122 11.95W
X	Yellow Ball, 20" Diameter	37 35.50N, 122 13.20W
Y	Orange Buoy, 24" Diameter	37 33.29N, 122 10.73W
B	Green Can, Govt. Mark #11	37 34.97N, 122 14.89W
3	Green Govt. Day Mark #3	37 32.99N, 122 11.60W
8	Red Govt. Day Mark #8 (off Coyote Point)	37 36.28N, 122 17.49W
12	Red Govt. Day Mark #12	37 33.58N, 122.12.64W
20	Red Govt. Day Mark #20 (across from Wharf 4)	37 30.57N, 122 12.82W
** Note: Locations are approximate and temporary marks may be substituted by the Race Committee.		



**ATTACHMENT B
COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC, SAFETY**

- B1** As stated in the RRS preamble to the Part 2 rules, when a boat sailing under these rules meets a vessel that is not, she shall comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) or government right-of-way rules. This supplements, but does not replace the rules of Part 2.
- B2** If a commercial vessel has sounded five blasts, and/or the vessel or the Coast Guard identifies an offending boat, the Race Committee shall protest the boat, in which case the Protest Committee shall assume that the identified boat has impeded passage or violated the U.S. Inland Navigation Rules, and the identified boat shall have the burden of proving otherwise. In the case of a complaint by a Vessel Traffic or the Coast Guard, the protest time limit shall be extended up to two days after the conclusion of the race. This changes RRS 60.2(a) and 61.3.
- B3** A boat may be penalized independently under B1 and/or B2. As prescribed in RRS 44.1, violation of any part this appendix shall not be exonerated by a “turns” or Scoring Penalty, and a resulting disqualification shall not be excludable under RRS A2. The Sequoia Yacht Club shall cooperate with and provide relevant information to the Coast Guard or other governmental authority regarding investigations of boats impeding ship traffic or violating Inland Navigation Rules (33 CFR 83).