

King Harbor Yacht Club
Club Handicap Racing Fleet
Summer Series 2015
Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

1) RULES

The Racing Rules of Sailing shall govern this series, except as noted below. **Please note there is a limitation on luffing on reaching and running legs.** (See 11). Please be considerate to novices that may not fully understand racing rules.

2) ELIGIBILITY

The series is open to all sail boats that can safely complete the course with an average speed greater than 4.5 kts. during normal afternoon conditions.

The race committee reserves the right to reject entries they consider not able to meet the above requirement.

3) ENTERING AND ENTRY FEE

Boats may enter by completing a KHYC CHRF Entry Card prior to 12:30 hours PDT on the day of the first race in which it competes for a given series. Only one Entry Card is required for the entire series. The entry fee is payable either at the skippers meeting on the day of the race or in advance for the entire series. Fees are \$7.00 per race.

4) SKIPPERS MEETING

A skippers meeting will be held on the lower deck at 12:30 prior to the race. Starting times will be assigned at that time. For those that cannot attend the skippers meeting, times may be posted on the KHYC website or can be obtained by calling the race committee, either by phone or on VHF 78.

5) RATINGS

Ratings assigned for this series are derived from a system used by Santa Barbara Yacht Club. It is essentially the same as the "H" fleet system used on Thursday night racing. However, the ratings used for Sundays will not consider the Thursday ratings other than for the initial rating assignment.

Spinnakers may be flown or not. However, a separate rating will be assigned when a spinnaker is used. A qualification race will be required to use a spinnaker.

A summary of the CHRF rating system is available on the KHYC website.

6) INITIAL RATINGS

Ratings will be assigned by the chief handicapper for the first race entered. They will be based on H fleet results if available, or an adjusted PHRF rating. Allowances will be given to those with very limited racing experience. Boats with initial ratings will be ineligible for trophies for the first race completed.

The boats rating for subsequent races of the series will be based on the results of prior races in this series.

7) RACE SCHEDULE

Races will be held Sunday afternoons of June 14, June 28, July 12, July 19, August 2, and August 23.

8) CLASSES

All boats will be ranked in order of their finish, and eligible for overall trophies.

There will be a separate class for boats that are skippered and helmed by a female. They will be eligible for a class trophy, as well as, an overall trophy.

9) STARTS

This series will employ an inverted starting sequence with starting times assigned by the race committee. These times along with course that will be sailed will be provided at the skippers meeting. The first start will be approximately 14:00.

Skippers will be responsible for starting at the proper time as synchronized to GPS or Atomic Clock time. The race committee time piece will be available at the skippers meeting. (Note: cell phone times should be acceptable)

The starting line will be between the north west corner of the upper west deck and T mark.

Boats must start immediately after their assigned starting time on starboard tack. After their starting time, boats must not interfere with others preparing to start.

The race committee will attempt to notify anyone who starts prematurely by VHF channel 78. However, the skipper is ultimately responsible for a proper start.

Yachts not starting properly will be ineligible for a trophy, but their elapsed time will be used for calculating future handicaps

10) COURSES

One of the following courses will be used. Marks are defined in the King Harbor Yacht Club Mark Guide available at the skippers meeting or on the KHYC website.

- 1) Start, C, B, Finish (3.9 nm.)
- 2) Start, A, B, Cs, Y, Finish (5.7 nm.)
- 3) Start, F, B, Cs, Y, Finish (7.6 nm.)
- 4) Start, F, Bs, Js, As, Y, Finish (10.2 nm.)
- 5) Specified by race committee

*note weather legs are multiplied by 1.4 to allow for sailing upwind.

The course to be sailed will be given at the skippers meeting.

Boats retiring from the race must advise the Race Committee without delay, either on Ch-78 VHF, KHYC (310) 376-2459, or cell phone number provided at the skippers meeting (normally 310-938-3322).

11) LIMITATIONS ON LUFFING

Boats sailing on reaching or running legs shall not sail above their proper course when being passed by a faster boat. This rule doesn't apply when rounding marks or when beating to weather.

12) FINISH

The finish line shall be between **T** mark and the patio on the west side of the upper deck of the KHYC clubhouse.

Yachts are encouraged to note time they finished in the event of a race committee error. This data is necessary to calculate future handicaps

13) TIME LIMIT

At least one boat must finish prior to 17:00 for a valid race. Any boats finishing after 17:00 or 20 minutes after the first finisher, which ever is later, shall be considered DNF.

14) PENALTY SYSTEM

The “Two Turn Penalty” is replaced with a “One Turn Penalty”, modifying Rules 44.1 & 44.2. Rule 44.3 shall not apply.

15) PROTESTS

Protests must be on written forms available at the host Club: KHYC and filed within 60 minutes after the last finish. Protests will be heard as soon as possible after the conclusion of each race.

16) RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel **78**.

17) TROPHIES AND SCORING

Individual race trophies will be awarded by class after each race with the number of trophies determined by class size and KHYC Trophy Policy.

18) HOSPITALITY

All participants are welcome to have lunch at KHYC prior to their starts. This will be a good time to pickup the course assignment and starting time sheet.

After the race an informal dinner and trophy presentation will be held. Bring your own meat to grill and a side dish to share.

19) DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Participants in this event compete entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Any questions should be directed to:

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