

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FRIDAY NIGHT RACES 2008

Rules: Current ISAF Rules as adopted by US Sailing and as modified by these instructions. Appendix 2, the ISAF eligibility code, shall not apply. For the purpose of Appendix 1, ISAF advertising code, this is Category A event.

Handicap: Northern California PHRF ratings will be used for time-on-distance handicapping. A copy of the PHRF certificate should accompany each entry, except provisional entries authorized by the Race Committee. (A copy of the PHRF certificate for an identical yacht may be acceptable for some classes - check to see if the RC already has one on file.)

Rating Allowances: A rating credit of 15 sec/mile will be given to boats rated with a spinnaker but electing not to fly one during the race. To receive the credit, signal when crossing the finish line by waving a buoyant cushion or life jacket. A rating credit of 3 sec/mile will be given to any boat with at least one crew member under 30 years old. To receive this credit, shout "GO BEARS" upon crossing the finish line.

A rating credit of 12 sec/mile will be given to boats using only roller-furling headsails for upwind legs of the race. Boats that normally use roller-furling for one-design racing and boats with recessed drums that allow full-hoist roller-furling jibs are not eligible for this credit.

Class Divisions:

Division 1, First Start:	PHRF 170 or slower, all sizes (the "small" class)
Division 2, Second Start:	PHRF 169-or faster and LOA less than 29 (the "fast" class)
Division 3, Third Start:	PHRF 169 or faster and LOA 29 or more (the "big" class)

(for division assignment, PHRF is without the no spinnaker credit but with roller furling credit if applicable)

Starting Line: Between the mast of the anchored RC boat and a temporary starting mark, located within 1/4 mile of the entrance to the Berkeley Marina. A starting limit mark may be used.

Finish Line: Between the chair nearest the northwest corner of the Berkeley Yacht Club deck and the speed limit sign on the opposite side of the marina entrance.

UTC Time: Time will be synchronized to UTC (Coordinated Universal Time). There will be no visual signals for timing the start. UTC time is available from WWV time signals or a GPS receiver. All RC sound signals are optional and approximate.

PREPARATORY	6:30	one sound signal
START, Division 1	6:35	one sound signal
START, Division 2	6:45	one sound signal
START, Division 3	6:55	one sound signal

Signals:

INDIVIDUAL RECALL	VHF hail or code flag X	one additional sound signal
GENERAL RECALL	VHF hail or first substitute	two additional sound signals
New start exactly 5 minutes after scheduled start (no change to subsequent start times).		
POSTPONEMENT	Answering pennant	two sound signals
END OF POSTPONEMENT	Answering pennant down	one sound signal
New preparatory signal at next UTC five-minute point, new start 5 minutes later. Subsequent starts at scheduled time intervals. The P flag will be displayed approximately at the preparatory signal for the postponed start. The RC may modify a postponed starting sequence via VHF channel 71.		

Numeral pennants displayed at or prior to the preparatory signal will be used to indicate course.

The race committee may use VHF channel 71 and/or amplified voice hails to supplement visual signals or to announce changes to courses or instructions.

Courses:

1	2	3	4	12	13	14	21	23	24	31	32	34	41	42	43	123	124	134	234
Ep	Es	Ep	Es	Ds	Ds	Ds	Ds	Ds	Ds	Ds	Fp	Xp	Gp	Xp	Bp	Dp	Bp	Xs	Xs
	Xs	BYCp	Bp	Xs	BYCs	BYCp	Bp	Xs	Bp	Xp	Dp	Dp	Dp	Dp	BYCp		Ds	Bp	BYCp
		Dp	Xp		Ds	Ep	Xp	BYCs	Ep	Ep				Xs	Bp		Xs	Xp	Xp
Distance								Ds							BYCp				
4.2	4.9	6.8	6.7	4.2	5.5	6.8	5.6	6.7	6.8	5.5	5.2	4.1	5.5	5.5	4.3	2.9	5.3	5.6	6.7

Spinnaker Restrictions: Spinnakers shall be doused immediately upon crossing the finish line

Protests: Protests shall be submitted to the Race Committee in writing within 90 minutes after the protesting yacht finishes or withdraws. Protest hearings shall begin approximately 90 minutes after the last yacht finishes. The hearings will be conducted in an open format for educational and entertainment purposes. Protests are not discouraged.

Commercial Vessels & Fishing Lines: Due to the restricted finish area, competitors shall keep clear of commercial vessels, fishing boats, and other right-of-way vessels not racing. Competitors shall also keep clear of fishing lines on the Berkeley Pier. The Race Committee may initiate protests on the basis of reported violations of this instruction. The time limit for receiving such reports and initiating action is 8:30 PM on the seventh day after the incident.

Woman Skipper Nights: On June 27, July 25 and August 29, only those boats steered by a woman will be eligible for a first place trophy and a point towards the series championship. Boats not steered by a woman are still invited to compete and will be scored as usual, except as noted above.

Changes: Changes or additions to these instructions will be posted on the BYC bulletin board before 6:00 PM, or announced from the committee boat by VHF channel 71 or amplified voice hail. Changes may also be announced on the BYC home page at <http://www.BerkeleyYC.org>