



OAKLAND YACHT CLUB

Rites of Spring 2020

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

March 13, 2021

First Gun: 1255 Hours

Finish Times: Under the current YRA Guidelines, Race Committees are running short handed. Because of this, racers are encouraged to record their own finish times and the identities of boats that finish just ahead and just behind, if feasible.

Rules: The 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as adopted by US Sailing except as amended by these Instructions. This series will be sailed in compliance with Alameda County Covid-19 Health Orders, as amended from time to time. See <http://www.acphd.org/2019-ncov.aspx>, and in compliance with the 2021 YRA Guidelines for Holding Races under the tiered COVID-19 system *As of 1/25/21**, as posted in Jibeset

Safety: Life jackets must be worn. Only single-handed crews may use autopilots.

Eligibility: Open to double- and single-handed crews and fully crewed boats. PHRF time-on-distance handicaps will be used. All monohull yachts must have a NCPHRF certificate, and multihull yachts must have a BAMA rating certificate. The certificate is to be dated after January 1, 2019.

Starting Signals: Races will be started using RRS 2021-2024 as modified on the course sheet. Times will be taken from the visual signals. The absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Start/Finish Lines: A protection mark, which is NOT a part of the line, may be set near the RC boat. Racers are not allowed between that mark and the RC boat. Any physical contact with the Committee Boat shall not be exonerated. (Changes RRS 31.2.)

Course Signals: No flags. The official race signals will be oral by radio ONLY on VHF channel 69. No course, class, preparatory, postponement, shorten-course, or starting infraction flags will be flown. And because of the need for a clear radio channel for the starting sequences, no communication by radio with the RC will be allowed during the starting sequences, except to point out an error by the committee or a safety hazard.

All starting sound signals will be by iStart or horns. There will be no guns.

Late Starts: A yacht will be scored as DNS if she starts more than 15 minutes late unless her skipper hails the RC, requests to start late, and is given permission to do so.

Time Limit: See Course Sheet. No finishes will be recorded after the end of the time limit. (Changes rule 35.)

Individual Recall: 1 sound, sail number or boat name may be hailed via radio.

General Recall: 2 sounds and a radio hail to the fleet being recalled. The RC will instruct re fleet's starting order via radio.

Postponement: 2 sounds and a radio hail to all racers. To lift postponement, 1 sound and a radio hail to all racers one minute prior to the start of the next sequence.

Abandonment: 3 sounds and a radio hail to all racers.

Changes to Sailing Instructions: Any changes to the sailing instructions will either be posted on Jibeset prior to 1200 hours on the day it will take effect or RC will advise via radio hail prior to the first warning.

Courses: The course sheet is published separately and ranks as a part of these sailing instructions.

Shortened Course: Code flag "S" on a RC boat and nearest course mark constitute a new finish line.

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Restricted Areas: Areas may be indicated on the course sheet.

Sail Numbers: Mainsail numbers as shown on the application are required. The number on the foresail and spinnaker, if any, must be same as on the mainsail unless the RC is notified before the race.

Withdrawals: Yachts withdrawing must notify the RC by hailing, phone (510) 522-6868 or by radio. See course sheet for channel.

Protests: Protests must be submitted in writing via email containing the substance required by Rule 61.2 and by 1700 hours on the first Tuesday following the race or mailed to the Oakland Yacht Club (1101 Pacific Marina, Alameda CA, 94501) postmarked no later than the Monday following the race. At OYC's discretion, a non-binding preliminary arbitration hearing may be ordered.

Responsibility: Skippers and crews are solely responsible for deciding whether to start or continue racing.

Ratings: YRA standard headsail size and other adjustments will be applied if declared on the entry form.

Management: Oakland Yacht Club shall have full power to interpret and enforce these instructions.

Prizes: T-shirts only in 2021, no prizes.

Radio: The RC may radio announcements along with race signals See course sheet for channel.