



2020

OAKLAND YACHT CLUB  
Nifty Nine Series  
(aka Slimmed down Sweet 16)  
Covid-19 Version

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**  
**July 15 to September 9**  
**First gun at 1825 hours**

1. **Rules:** The 2017-2020 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>
2. **Entries:** Races are open to BAMA rated multihulls and monohull keel sailboats 20' and over. Other groups wishing to race, please contact the Race Chair.
3. **Equipment:** All boats must comply with the United States Coast Guard (USCG) equipment requirements for recreational vessels . Wearing of face masks is strongly encouraged
4. **Start/Finish Lines:** Once the first warning has sounded, the Start/Finish line is restricted to boats preparing to start, *passing through the starting line to begin a second lap, or finishing. X is designated as a mark on the course sheet and must be taken on the side specified on the course sheet.*
5. **Starting and Course Signals:** Starting will be as described in Rule 26 as changed here. 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. Note: fleets are often combined into multi fleet starts.
6. **Radio:** All boats must have working VHF radios and must be turned on to VHF channel 69 for communicating from Race Committee.
7. **Late Starts:** A yacht will be scored as DNC if it starts more than 15 minutes late unless it hails the RC and requests a late start and is given permission to start.
8. **Time Limit:** Sunset. Racers who do not finish before time limit expires will be scored for a Late Finish and will be scored "number of finishers in the division plus 1." This changes Rule 35.
9. **Individual Recall:** 1 sound, Sail Number or boat name may be hailed via radio.
10. **General Recall:** 2 sounds and a radio hail to the fleet being recalled. The RC will instruct via radio when the recalled fleet will begin its restart sequence.
11. **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.
12. **Abandonment:** 3 sounds and a radio hail to all racers.
13. **Changes to Sailing Instructions:** Any changes to the sailing instructions will either be posted on Jibset prior to 1200 hours on the day it will take effect or RC will advise via radio hail prior to the first warning.
14. **Courses:** The course sheet is published separately and ranks as a part of these sailing instructions.
15. **Shorten Course:** Races may be shortened at the end of the first "lap." Horns will be used to signify finishing.
16. **Restricted Areas:** The area northwest of Coast Guard Island bounded by a line from day marker G "S" to R "2" to R "4" and from each end of that line to the nearest point on Coast Guard Island is restricted.
17. **Sail Numbers:** Sails whose numbers differ from number on entry must be reported to RC before each race.
18. **Withdrawals:** Yachts withdrawing are to notify the RC by hailing or VHF channel 69.
19. **Protests:** Protest hearings will difficult and awkward. Please consider some other way of resolving the matter peacefully. Protests must be submitted no later than 2 hours after expiration of "Time Limit." To protest an error by the RC in recording finish times or order, the protesting boat must have contemporaneously recorded its finish time or the boats before which and after which it finished.
20. **Responsibility:** Skippers are solely responsible for deciding whether to start or continue racing.
21. **Ratings:** All monohull yachts must have a NCPHRF certificate and multihull yachts must have a BAMA rating certificate. The certificate is to be the current year or 1 year prior. One Single Race (SR) entry per boat, per series, will be accepted without the PHRF Certificate.
22. **Scoring:** Scoring per RRS Appendix A using the low point scoring system, except that number of yachts finishing plus 1 for DNF, DNS, DSQ, OCS or RET, plus 2 for DNC, plus 3 for DNE. Time on distance will be the basis for handicap scoring. Two throw-outs will be allowed for the series.
23. **Management:** Oakland Yacht Club shall have full power to interpret and enforce these instructions.
24. **Prizes:** Individual race prizes will not be given this season. Series prizes will be awarded to top finishers in each fleet. Prizes for the series will be held by the RC and only distributed when the RC deems it safe.