



# OAKLAND YACHT CLUB

## 2019 SWEET SIXTEEN SERIES

### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

**1<sup>ST</sup> Half: April 24, May 1-29, June 5 & 12; 2<sup>nd</sup> Half: July 10-31, August 7-28**

***First gun at 1825***

1. **Rules:** The 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as adopted by US Sailing except as amended by these Instructions.
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. **Start/Finish Lines:** 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.*
4. **Starting Signals:** Starting will be as described in Rule 26. All flags used will be huge international code flags hung vertically from the race deck. The sound signal with the Preparatory signal will be a horn, not a gun. Note that fleets are often combined into multi-fleet starts. Watch the flags and listen on VHF channel 69. Other starting signals may also be horns.
5. **Course Signals:** Course numbers will be indicated by code flags or placards displayed with each fleet's warning signal. A fleet's course signal may be removed one minute before its start.
6. **Radio:** The flags on the race deck are hard to see from the water. The RC makes best efforts to radio comprehensive announcements on channel 69 before and during the starting sequence. The flags remain the official course, class and timing signals.
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 plus 30 minutes. Racers who do not finish because of the time limit 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:** Flag "X" with 1 sound. Sail number or boat names may be hailed.
10. **General Recall:** "First Substitute" flag and 2 sounds. Any start for which a Warning signal has been made is postponed. One minute after lowering of the general recall (with 1 sound), a Warning signal and class flag(s) will be displayed. The recalled fleet(s) will generally be designated as the starting fleet(s). After a second general recall of the same fleet(s), the recalled fleet(s) will generally start after the other fleets.
11. **Postponement:** "Answering Pennant" (AP) and 2 sounds. The postponement ends with the lowering of the AP and 1 sound signal, followed in approximately one minute by hoist of the Warning Signal and one sound signal.
12. **Abandonment:** Code Flag "N" with 3 sound signals announces abandonment of all racing.
13. **Changes to Sailing Instructions:** Signaled by code flag "L" to signal yachts to come within hail.
14. **Courses:** The course sheet is published separately and ranks as a part of these sailing instructions.
15. **Shorten Course:** Finish between the nearby mark and the staff displaying code flag "S". Races are often shortened at the end of the first "lap." OYC does not sound 2 blasts.
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 must notify the RC by hailing on VHF channel 69 or by calling the OYC office at (510) 522-6868
19. **Protests:** Protests must be submitted no later than 2 hours after expiration of "Time Limit."
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.
23. **Management:** Oakland Yacht Club shall have full power to interpret and enforce these instructions.
24. **Prizes:** Single-race prizes will be awarded at OYC bar following each race; competitors must be present to win. Winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded after each half-series.