



2010 ALYC Whale Regatta

Sailing Instructions

Saturday, March 27, 2010

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. American Legion Yacht Club (ALYC) is the Organizing Authority for the Whale Regatta.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing, (RRS), the rules of the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Southern California (PHRF), and the Notice of Race, except as altered by these Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2. Boats are subject to inspection by the appropriate fleet coordinator to ensure conformity to the applicable class rules, bylaws and/or measurement certificates.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Bulletin Board located at the ALYC clubhouse ("Hut") (215 E. 15th St., Newport Beach, CA, 92663) or on the website at al291.com on or before Mar. 19, 2010

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at the ALYC clubhouse bulletin board before 0900 hours on the day before the race or available from the Race Committee boat before the start of the race.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. The scheduled starting warning signals at Alamitos Bay are as follows:

Cruising	1055 hrs
Class C	1100 hrs
Class B	1105 hrs
Class A	1110 hrs

6. CLASSES and CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. The fleet will be divided into a Cruising Class and multiple Spinnaker Classes based upon entries received.
- 6.2. Spinnaker Class Breaks will be determined using the PHRF Random Leg Course (RLC) Ratings for Area D.
- 6.3. The PHRF Non-Spinnaker class Offset will be used for the Cruising Class.

- 6.4. Class assignments will be emailed to participants on or before March 19, 2010 if email addresses are available. Class assignments will also be available from the Race Committee boat before the start of the race.
- 6.5. Classes, Number Pennants and PHRF bands will depend upon the entries but generally will be as follows:

Cruising	Pennant 1		
Class C	Pennant 2	PHRF	251 & up
Class B	Pennant 3	PHRF	151 - 250
Class A	Pennant 4	PHRF	0 - 150

7. RACING ROUTE

- 7.1. A point-to-point course will be used.
- 7.2. Course route
From the vicinity of Alamitos Bay to Newport Beach.

8. START AND FINISH AREAS

- 8.1. Start and Finish Areas will be as follows:
The Alamitos start area will be located approximately 400 yards west of Oil Island Chaffee.
The Newport finish line will be approximately ¼ mile SE of the Balboa pier.
The approximate coordinates are: N33° 35.75' W117° 54.20'
- 8.2. Contestants are to monitor channel 67 from 10 minutes before the warning signal to 10 minutes after their start. Also, they are to monitor channel 67 for 10 minutes after their finish.

9. STARTING

- 9.1. The Starting Line will be between an orange flag on or near the Race Committee boat and an orange flag on a staff.
- 9.2. Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal
- 9.3. A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 9.4. Classes will be started in this order: Cruising, C, B, A
- 9.5. Prior to the first warning signal each boat shall sail by the Race Committee boat and hail her sail number.

10. RECALLS

- 10.1. Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The Race Committee will hail On Course Side (OCS) sail numbers on Channel 67. However, neither the timing of this hail, equipment failure or the failure of a yacht to hear the hail shall be cause for redress from the Protest Committee.
- 10.2. General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2.

11. FINISHING

- 11.1. The Finish Line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a parallel line of sight at the beginning of the Balboa pier.
- 11.2. In the absence of a Race Committee Boat at the Newport finish, a boat shall take her own time when she crosses an imaginary line parallel to the center line of the Balboa pier and approximately 1/4 mile SE of the Balboa Pier near Newport. Skippers shall report the time to the Race Committee ashore as soon as possible.

12. TIME LIMITS

- 12.1. The time limit will be:
Saturday March 27, 2010 @ 1700 hours.
- 12.2. Any boat not finishing before the Time Limit will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. The 720-degree turns penalty (RRS 44.1) is modified to one 360-degree turn.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. A boat intending to protest shall comply with RRS 60 & 61.1 and notify the Race Committee at the finish line of her intention to protest and identify the other boats involved.
- 14.2. Protests shall be on written forms, which are available at the American Legion "Hut" (215 15th St., Newport Beach, CA 92663) and the Race Committee boat at Newport. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee within the protest time.
- 14.3. For each class the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee boat has docked. This changes RRS 61.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the "Hut" beginning at 60 minutes after The Race Committee boat has docked on Saturday evening March 27th.
- 14.4. Notice of protest by the Race Committee will be posted at the "Hut" to inform boats under RRS 61.1 (b).

15. SCORING

- 15.1. Scoring will be according to RRS A4.1 Low Point System.
- 15.2. Cruising Class motor-on-time penalty shall be two times the recorded motor-on-time.
- 15.3. Cruising Class participants must hail the ALYC Race Committee boat on channel 67 after crossing the finish line with their amount of motor time.

16. RETIREMENTS

- 16.1. A yacht that retires from a race shall notify the ALYC Race Committee as soon as possible on channel 67.

17. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 17.1. Official boats will be marked using Race Committee Flags.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1. A competitor shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio transmissions not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 18.2. It is recommended that contestants monitor VHF Channel 14 when in the area of the commercial traffic lanes.
- 18.3. Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 16 for emergencies or to acknowledge a yacht retiring from a race on channel 67.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1. Take Home awards will be given out at 1900, Sat 27 March at the Race Awards Presentations for the Whale Regatta by the ALYC.
- 19.2. Take home awards will be awarded as follows:
 - Up to 3 boats in a class = one awards
 - 4 to 5 boats in a class = two awards
 - Greater than 5 boats in a class = three awards

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

21. INSURANCE

- 21.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000.00 per event or equivalent .