

2011 BYC TWILIGHTS SERIES SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) **Rules:** This regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The use of spinnaker sails is prohibited.
- 2) **Notices to Competitors:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Balboa Yacht Club (BYC) Race Notice Board located on the Flag Deck. Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1700 hours on the day it will take effect.
- 3) **Schedule:** The Twilights Series is composed of five (5) series: May, June, July, August and September. Races are scheduled for every Wednesday starting with May 11th and ending September 14th.

May Series: May 11th, 18th, 25th, June 1st

June Series: June 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

July Series: July 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

August Series: August 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

September Series: August 31st, September 7th, September 14th

For all classes but the Harbor 20 class, two (2) races are scheduled for each day of racing. The Harbor 20 class shall only sail the first race of each day of racing. The scheduled time of the Warning signal for the first race each day is 1800 hours. The second race of the day will start after a short (approx. 5 to 10 minute) break after the conclusion of the first race.

- 4) **Courses:** The courses for dinghy classes and the Harbor 20 class are described on the 2011 BYC Twilights Race Course Chart. The Race Committee will display a numeral placard on the BYC Race Signal Tower, located on the waterfront at the southwest most corner of the club facilities, to indicate the course to be sailed. The placard may not be in place until shortly after the Warning signal; this changes RRS 27.1.
- 5) **Marks:** Marks are described on the course chart.
- 6) **Omit Mark K:** When code flag V (white with red X) is displayed at the Warning signal, omit the first instance of Mark K from the course.

Code Flag V		White with Red X
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- 7) **Start/Finish Line:** The start/finish line will be between a staff buoy flying an orange flag and the vertical spar of the BYC Race Signal Tower signal mast. As a courtesy, an orange flag may be flown from the signal mast. Boats shall start in the direction which leaves the BYC Race Signal Tower on their port side, unless verbally instructed to do otherwise. Boats shall finish in the direction that leaves the BYC Race Signal Tower on their starboard side.

- 8) **The Start:** Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the Warning signal given three (3) minutes prior to the Starting signal and the Preparatory signal given two (2) minutes prior to the Starting signal. This changes RRS 26. The order of starts will be posted on the Race Notice Board.
- 9) **Individual Recalls:** The Race Committee will attempt to verbally hail boats during an Individual Recall. Code Flag X will not be displayed. This changes RRS 29.2.
- 10) **Time Limit:** The time limit to sail the course shall be two (2) hours for the Harbor 20 class and one (1) hour for all other classes. Boats not finishing within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat in her class will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35 and A4.1
- 11) **Penalty System:** A boat breaking a RRS Part 2 rule while racing may take a One Turn penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 12) **Protests:** Protest forms are available outside the BYC Sailing Office. Protests shall be delivered to that office within one-half hour after the conclusion of the last race of the day. This Changes RRS 61.3. Protest hearings will be conducted at a time and place to be determined by the BYC Protest Committee. Notice of hearing will be posted on the Race Notice Board immediately following the close of Protest Time.
- 13) **Scoring:** The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will be applied to each series except that:
 - a) When fewer than seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - b) When seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - c) When eight (8) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.
 - d) DNS boats will be scored points equal to the greatest number of competitors in the series, to date, plus one (1). This changes RRS A4.2.
 - e) RRS A9 will not apply.
 - f) One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - g) Competitors that fail to file an entry form by the close of the registration period will not be scored.
 - h) The September Series will not be included in the overall results that determine the winners of any perpetual awards.
- 14) **Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded per Class per Series in the BYC dining room the evening of the last day of racing for each monthly series per the following: 1 trophy 1 to 3 boats; 2 trophies 4 to 5 boats; 3 trophies 6 to 7 boats; 4 trophies 8 to 9 boats; 5 trophies 10 + boats.