



Balboa Yacht Club's 2016 "66" Series Notice of Race

March 12-13, April 16 and May 14-15

You are invited to compete in the 56th running of the "66" Series organized by Balboa Yacht Club (BYC). The 2016 "66" Series will consist of a variety of races ranging from random leg races, buoy races, pursuit races and a point to point race!

1) RULES

This series of races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), PHRF of Southern California Class Rules and the US Safety Equipment Requirements (US SER) for Nearshore racing as amended by this NOR.

- a) Alterations of the RRS
 - i) RRS 44.1 and 44.2 is modified so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.
 - ii) RRS 51, Movable Ballast, and RRS 52 Manual Power are modified to allow the positioning of movable ballast by power on boats as designed and as rated by the RA. All movable ballast systems shall be capable of manual operation if powered systems are inoperable.
 - iii) With respect to RRS 41 – Outside Help, attention is drawn to USSA Question 93 from the US Sailing Appeals Committee. This interpretation clarifies the application of RRS 41 and governs competitor's actions during the race.
 - iv) RRS 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: 'However, discarding elastic or wool bands when setting a sail is permitted.'
 - v) If the jury concludes that a boat has broken rule 55 or 48.2, it may impose a penalty other than disqualification. In these cases, the discretionary penalty, if less than disqualification, will be represented by the scoring abbreviation "DPI". The penalty imposed by the jury in such case constitutes the "other penalty" in the first sentence of rule 64.1.
 - vi) RRS 48.2 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: 'Boats shall monitor VHF channel 14 while they are transiting the VTS San Pedro Sector (25nm from Pt. Fermin to the federal breakwater encompassing the port of Los Angeles), and respond promptly when hailed.'
 - vii) US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.
- b) The Marine Industry Racer (MIR) rule of PHRF of Southern California shall not apply to this Series.
- c) Amendments to US SER Nearshore
 - i) US SER Requirements 2.4.2 through 2.4.7 on lifelines, pulpits and stanchions are added as requirements.
 - ii) US SER Requirement 3.8.2 is modified to strongly recommend but not require DSC/GPS capability. It is required the VHF radio be able to transmit and receive on at least channels 14, 16, 22A, 69.

2) ELIGIBILITY

- a) All entrants shall be a member of an SCYA Member Yacht Club or an organization affiliated with the US SAILING Association if the entrant is not a resident within US SAILING Area J.
- b) All entrants shall have a valid PHRF of Southern California Area D Rating Certificate to be eligible to compete.

3) CLASSES

- a) Three (3) Classes – A, B, C – are provided. The assignment of boats into each class will be based upon PHRF ratings ranges established by the Organizing Authority. Class assignments will be posted no later than 0900 hours, March 12, 2016, on the Regatta Notice Board located on the Flag Deck level at BYC as well as online at the Balboa Yacht Club website.
- b) A boat shall sail all races in the series within the class to which it is assigned.

4) ENTRY AND FEES

- a) To complete entry in the BYC hosted races of this series, each entrant shall complete either the on-line or hard copy entry form no later than 0830 hours on the first day an entrant wishes to compete. Only one entry form need be submitted for the series. The on-line entry form is located within the RACES section of www.balboayachtclub.com. If submitting a hard copy entry form, mail to the address at the bottom of this Notice of Race.
- b) Entry fees, per the following, are payable via credit card or BYC club charge if entering on-line or via check, credit card (with 4% service charge) or BYC club charge if entering with a hard copy entry form.

Race(s)	Entry Fee
All races	\$150
Any individual day	\$40

- c) Each entrant shall maintain a current PHRF of Southern California Area D Rating Certificate. If an entrant's rating is changed after their first race in the Series they shall provide evidence of the new certificate to the BYC Sailing Office no later than 0900 of the first race day for which it applies. Racing with an incorrect certificate constitutes grounds for disqualification from the applicable races.

5) SCHEDULE

Six (6) races are scheduled for the following dates and times:

Race(s)	Date	1st Warning Signal Of The Day (PDT)
Race 1 & 2 – Buoy Races	March 12	1200 hours
Race 3 – Pursuit Race	March 13	1200 hours
Race 4 – Random Leg Race	April 16	1200 hours
Race 5 – Point to Point Race	May 14	1200 hours
Race 6 – Point to Point Race	May 15	1200 hours

6) SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND COURSE CHARTS

Sailing Instructions and course charts will be available online at www.balboayachtclub.com or at the BYC Sailing Office located on the Flag deck level no later than 1700 hours on March 11, 2016.

7) VENUE

- Racing will take place within the San Pedro Channel with the start line located west of the Newport Pier.
- The official notice board and any onshore signals will be at the BYC clubhouse.

8) SCORING

- The RRS A2 and A9 will apply to all scorings except that if five (5) or fewer races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- Four (4) completed races within a class shall constitute a series for that class.
- Scores for each race will be based upon the PHRF ratings on file at the BYC Sailing Office on the day of the race and the elapsed race times of each boat in that race.
- For races 1, 2, 4, 5, & 6 Corrected Times will be determined from each boat's PHRF rating and elapsed time using the Time on Time scoring method.
- Races 1 & 2 will be scored using PHRF Buoy ratings. For races 4, 5 & 6 the Race Committee will announce whether they will be scored with RLC or OWC ratings prior to each race's warning signal.
- Pursuit Race starting times for Race 3 will be determined from each boat's RLC PHRF rating and the anticipated course length.

9) RADIO COMMUNICATION

- Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- The BYC Race Committee may communicate to boats via VHF channel 69.
- The BYC Dock Master monitors VHF channel 69.

10) PRIZES

- Awards for each class will be presented at the post race parties after the close of each racing day.
- The perpetual trophies listed below will be presented at a BYC ceremony, time and location, to be announced.

Perpetual Trophy	Award
William & Ann Campbell Trophy	1 st Overall PHRF
Charles Glasgow Trophy	2 nd Overall PHRF
Dave Young Trophy	3 rd Overall PHRF
W.F. Hancock Trophy	1 st Class A
John Payne Trophy	1 st Class B
Laguna Beach Post Trophy	1 st Class C
Santana Trophy	Overall winner of the last random leg race
Daily Pilot Trophy	Overall winner of the final two races

11) FURTHER INFORMATION

- a) Dock and mooring space may be available by calling the BYC Dock Master at 949-673-3515 x142
- b) All entered boats are invited to take part in the raft up parties on the BYC main dock following racing March 12 & 13, April 16 and May 15. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served on the BYC bar deck. Arrangements are being finalized for post race activities on May 14 and competitors will be notified by April 16.

12) DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Ratings Authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this race. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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