



2019 “66” Series

BALBOA YACHT CLUB - Organizing Authority

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES

1.1 This series will be governed by the ‘rules’ as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Rules of PHRF Southern California and for 66 Series entrants, the US Safety Equipment Requirements (US SER) for Nearshore racing as amended by the 66 Series NOR.

1.2 Alterations to the RRS

- i) RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are 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) RRS 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: ‘However, discarding biodegradable elastic or wool bands when setting a sail is permitted.’
- iv) 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”(Discretionary Penalty Imposed). The penalty imposed by the jury in such case constitutes the “other penalty” in the first sentence of rule 64.1.
- v) RRS 48.2 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: ‘Boats shall monitor VHF channel 14 while they are transiting the VTSLA/LB Sector (25nm from Pt. Fermin to the federal breakwater encompassing the port of Los Angeles), and respond promptly when hailed.’
- vi) US Sailing Prescriptions 60, 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.

2.0 ENTRIES

Entries shall be filed in accordance with the Notice of Race. Competitors must meet all eligibility requirements listed in the Notice of Race. The entry deadline is 0900 on each race day.

3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Official Notices will be posted on the “Regatta Notice Board” located on the Flag Deck of the BYC Clubhouse.

4.0 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day they will take effect. Code Flag “L” (Lima) will be flown from the BYC Race Tower if there are changes and a sound signal will be given.

5.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be flown from the BYC Race Tower.
- 5.2 Flag AP with two sound signals (one when lowered) means ‘The race is postponed’. The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the “AP” is lowered.
- 5.3 Flag “B” fully hoisted with one sound signal means that ‘Protest time has begun’. When lowered with one sound signal it means ‘Protest time has ended.’
- 5.5 See SI 8.4 for Inclement Weather Courses signals.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The 2019 "66" Series shall consist of three (3) races:

<u>Race</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Race Type</u>
1	Sunday, March 30	Random Leg
2	Saturday, April 20	Random Leg
3	Saturday, May 18	Pursuit Race

6.2 The first warning each day is 1200 hours.

6.3 The class breaks, Attachment A, will be posted on the "Regatta Notice Board" before 1700, March 29, 2019.

7.0 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the Pacific Ocean off Newport Beach, California. The Race Committee Signal Boat, which will be anchored in the vicinity of the Newport Pier, will be flying a Race Committee Flag.

8.0 COURSES

8.1 The courses will be indicated by a numeral pennant displayed before or with the warning signal.

Attachment B will be used for Races 1 & 2. **Attachment C** will be used for Race 3. Heading (magnetic) to the first mark will be displayed on the committee boat using number plaques. Course and/or Heading indicators will be removed after the lowering of the preparatory signal in preparation for signaling the next fleet at its warning.

8.2 **Inclement weather course** – if the race committee deems it unsafe to take the committee boat outside the breakwater, Code Flag "L" over "W" will be hoisted from the Race Tower and the start line will be set inside the harbor near race marker N and the finish line just inside the breakwater. The inclement weather course will be signaled from the Race Committee signal boat. Race course will be designated from the list of courses provided by the Race Committee on land and at the Race Committee signal boat. Spinnakers may not be flown inside the jetty entrance.

9.0 MARKS

9.1 Courses are described in **Attachments B & C**.

9.2 All marks will be red inflatable shapes, oil islands and/or permanent marks as described in Attachments A & B.

10.0 RECOGNITION

10.1 Each day when a boat is in the vicinity of the start prior to the first warning signal they shall hail the Race Committee on VHF 69 and check in with their boat name, sail number and total number of crew including skipper. Check in is not complete until the Race Committee recognizes the hail. It is the responsibility of each boat to comply with this recognition procedure.

10.2 If a boat fails to check in on time, the Race Committee may assess a penalty of 10% without a hearing. A boat may not protest another boat under this Sailing Instruction. This changes RRS 60.1

11.0 THE START

11.1 Races 1 & 2 will be started in accordance with the starting system RRS 26.

11.2 Race 3 will be a "pursuit" or reverse handicap start. A boat's start time will be staggered according to her PHRF RLC handicap. Start times and course will be posted on or before 0930hrs Saturday, May 18.

11.2.1 The warning signal will be made at 1200 by displaying one or more class flags with one sound.

Additionally, Flag I will be displayed with the warning signal to indicate RRS 30.1 is in effect for all starts. This changes RRS 26.

11.2.2 To determine when a boat is racing, her preparatory signal shall be made four (4) minutes prior to her start time. There will be no visual or audio signal; this changes RRS 26.

11.2.3 A whistle will be sounded at each boat's starting time. There will be no visual signal, this changes RRS 26.

11.2.4 Beginning at 1200, a horn will sound at ten (10) minute intervals, accompanied by a numeral pennant as follows: "1" at 1210, "2" at 1220, "3" at 1230, etc. These flags will be lowered with no sound at one (1) minute prior to the next flag.

11.3 The starting line will be between an orange flag on or near the Race Committee Signal Boat and an orange flag or inflatable buoy at the outboard end of the line.

11.3 Flags identifying the next class to start will be displayed from the Race Committee Signal Boat at the warning signal for that class. **Classes may be started together and scored separately.**

Class Flag

Class C Red Flag with the letter "C"

Class B Yellow Flag with the letter "B"

Class A Light Blue Flag with the letter "A"

11.4 Boats whose Warning signal has NOT been made shall avoid the starting area. Starting signals will be made from the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end of the starting line.

12.0 RECALLS

12.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1, except for Race 3 where there will be no sound signal with the X flag. The Race Committee will attempt to hail those yachts that are on the course side of the starting line (OCS) on VHF channel 69. However, neither the timing of this hail, equipment failure or the failure of a yacht to hear such hail shall be a basis for redress from the Protest Committee.

13.0 FINISHING

13.1 The finish line will be between an orange flag on or near the Race Committee Boat and an orange flag or inflatable buoy at the outboard end of the line in the same vicinity as the starting line.

14.0 RETIREMENT

A boat which retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee by VHF 69 or verbal hail before leaving the racing area or, if that is impossible, the BYC Race Office as soon as possible.

15.0 SCORING

15.1 RRS A2 and A9 will apply to all scorings except that a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. One (1) completed race within a class shall constitute a series for that class.

15.2 Races 1 & 2 corrected times will be determined from each boat's PHRF rating and elapsed time using the Time on Time (ToT) scoring method. The A and B factors will be either posted online and on the notice board by 0930 on race day or announced over VHF 69 before the start.

Races 1 & 2 will be scored using PHRF RLC ratings.

Pursuit Race starting times for Race 3 will be determined from each boat's RLC PHRF rating and the anticipated course length.

15.3 66 Series overall fleet places will be calculated using the Time on Time scoring system for any of Races 1 & 2 where all classes sail the same course. When the classes do not sail the same course, Overall places will be calculated by dividing each boat's ToT corrected time by that boat's course length and ranking the boats in order of lowest corrected seconds per mile.

16.0 TIME LIMIT

16.1 The time limit will be 1700. Any boat not finishing within sixty (60) minutes after the first boat in its class will be scored a TLE. This changes RRS 35.

16.2 Time Limit Expired (TLE) will be scored as the number of starters plus two (2).

17.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 A boat intending to protest shall comply with RRS 60 and RRS 61.1 and notify the Race Committee at the finish line of her intention to protest and the identity of the other boat(s) involved.

17.2 Protests must be filed with the Protest Committee at the BYC Race Office within one (1) hour of the time the Race Committee Boat reaches the dock. This changes RRS 61.3.

19.0 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as described in the NOR.

20.0 DISCLAIMER

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this series participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Race Committee 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 a competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.