

**Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club Sailing Instructions
OFFSHORE SERIES 2023**

1.0 Rules

The Regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2021-2024), the Prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the rules of the classes sailing, these Sailing Instructions, the Notice of Race (NOR), and any addendum, which may be published.

Boats shall be governed by Rule 9 of the Inland Navigation Rules (72 COLREGS). Compliance with the current ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4 is recommended.

In the event that less than three boats start a race, the Race Committee may declare "No Contest" even though the class has been previously established. The M.I.R. rule will apply, PHRF class rules Section E.

2.0 Entries

2.1 Entries shall be submitted as prescribed in the NOR.

2.2 Entrants must be a member of an SCYA recognized yacht club or Class Organization.

2.3 An entrant must have a valid PHRF certificate or be a member of a recognized One-Design fleet for invitational races, except as described in the NOR.

3.0 Notice to Competitors

Notice to competitors will be posted on the Bulletin Board located at the LSFYC Shed (233 Marina Dr, LB) no later than 10.00 a.m. on the day of the race. .

4.0 Changes In Sailing Instructions

Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 9:30 a.m. on the day it will take effect. Any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2:00 p.m. on the day before it will take effect.

5.0 Schedule of Races

The schedule of races shall be as prescribed in the NOR or an addendum thereto.

6.0 Class Flags

For class identification, each boat shall display an international numeral pennant from her permanent backstay as follows:

A Fleet = "two"; B Fleet = "5"; C Fleet = "7";
N/S = "9".

No identification pennants required for other classes such as one design. See NOR for information. .

7.0 Racing Area/Course

The Start/Finish line will be near Mk 38. The only mark on the Course will be Platform EDITH, N33°, 35', 45" - W118°; 8', 29" approximately 8 miles SSE of the S/F line. Rounding the mark will be standard, i.e. leave the mark to port. CAUTION: Do not round too close to the platform. If there's a platform tender secured to a

mooring can or the can itself nearby, that vessel and/or the mooring can will be considered part of the mark.

8.0 Check in Before Start

If the "L" flag (come within hail) is flying from the RC boat each boat shall pass close by the stern, preferably under power, and hail her sail number, which will be acknowledged. Any boat not checking in may be scored DNS.

9.0 The Start

9.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26 with classes starting at five (5) minute intervals in the order as prescribed below.

9.2 The start line will be between an orange LSF flag located approximately amidships on the RC boat and the pin end which will consist of a similar flag which will be flown on a staff mounted on a buoy.

9.3 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall remain clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

9.4 A boat shall not start later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal.

9.5 Placards identifying the next class to start may be displayed from the RC boat with or soon after the class warning signal and held until the starting signal.

9.6 To draw attention that the race starting sequence is about to begin, two or more sound signals will be made approximately one minute before the starting sequence begins.

9.7 The Starting Sequence:

WARNING; two or more horn sounds Six minutes to start
Class flag up & horn..... five minutes to start
Prep flag up & horn..... four minutes to start
Prep flag down & horn.....one minute to start
Class flag down & horn....Start!

9.8. Order of Start by Class
Order of Start: 1st Start: "A". 12 noon
2nd Start: "B". 12:05
3rd Start: "C". 12:10.
(Includes non-spins)
(one-designs: 12:15 and continuing as needed)

10.0 Recalls

10.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with rule 29.1. Sail numbers will be hailed.

10.2 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with rule 29.2 (see 22.2a). Note: Radio communications via Channel 68.

11.0 Abandonment or Cancellation

The Race Committee may abandon or cancel a race in progress when a change in the weather conditions has, in its judgment, made the race an unsatisfactory test of skills or as a safety precaution.

12.0 Retirements

A boat which checks in and later retires shall make every effort to notify the Race Committee before leaving the course area. If that is not possible then, at the first reasonable opportunity after retiring, notify the LSFYC Race Committee via Ch 68 or phone 714-749-1822.

13.0 The Finish

The finish will be the start line to be crossed from the last mark on the course, from seaward to landward, in all probability a downwind finish.

14.0 Boat Inspection

When requested, a boat shall submit itself to inspection by the Race Committee. Boats not in compliance with their rating certificate or class rules, as modified by their sailing instructions, shall be subject to protest by the Race Committee.

15.0 Time Limit

The time limit shall be as prescribed in the NOR.

16.0 Protests and Acknowledgement of Infringements

16.1 A boat intending to protest or acknowledging an infringement shall fly a red flag and notify the Race Committee promptly after finishing her race.

16.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the LSFYC Shed and delivered there within 60 minutes after finish of the race (RRS Rule 61.2).

16.3 Protest notices will be posted on the LSFYC Bulletin Board on the Shed as they are filed. It is the responsibility of each skipper lodging a protest to comply with rule 61.1(a) and be present along with defense witnesses, at the jury room when the protest is to be heard.

16.4 The jury will hear protests in the order of receipt beginning as soon as possible after filing.

16.5 Decision of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

17.0 Scoring

17.1 The low point scoring system, Rule A2, will apply to each individual race. Points will be cumulative for the series of two "Off Shore" races to determine the overall winner. In the event of a tie, low cumulative score determines the winner.

17.2 A DNF, DSQ, DNS or DNC will result in points equal to the number of boats participating.

17.3 The Race Committee, based upon the approximate course length, shall determine the distance.

18.0 Alternative Penalties

Rule 44.2, will apply, except that the penalty is modified to one complete 360-degree turn to include one tack and one gybe.

19.0 Radio Communications

Radio communications will be via Ch 68. Competitors are requested to limit radio communications with the RC boat to emergencies or to inform the Race Committee of Retirement, or similar reasons.

20.0 Trophies

20.1 Trophies will be awarded as prescribed by the NOR.

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