



Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 8-9, 2007
Santa Cruz Yacht Club



2007 Sailing Instructions

1.0 RULES

- 1.01 The 2007 SCYC West Marine Fun Regatta will be governed by the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, rules of the participating class associations, (except for any modifications made by these Sailing Instructions), and by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.02 The US Sailing prescription, RRS 75.3, will not apply to this Regatta

2.0 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.01 Sailors 8 through 18 years old may participate in the regatta. Sailors should have experience with the boats they sail. This event is not intended for inexperienced sailors. Competitors must register at the Santa Cruz Yacht Club from 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. on Saturday Sept. 8, 2007

3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.01 Official notices will be posted at the Santa Cruz Yacht Club.

4.0 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.01 Will be posted by 0930 the day that they will take effect, except for changes in the Schedule, which will be posted by 1800 on the day before they take effect.

5.0 SIGNALS

- 5.01 Signals will be displayed or announced at the Santa Cruz Yacht Club during the competitors meeting.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.01 The Race Committee will sail as many races as possible on Saturday and Sunday. The Warning Signal for the first race shall be sounded at 1200 with races continuing back to back. No races will start after 16:30 on Saturday and 15:30 on Sunday.

7.0 RACING AREAS

- 7.01 There shall be two Racing Areas with fleets assigned to each as designated below:

Race Area #1: 29ers, 420s, FJs (Non-spinnaker), Laser Full, Laser Radial/Laser 4.7, Byte

Race Area #2: El Toro Advanced, El Toro Intermediate, Opti Blue/Red, Opti White.

8.0 COURSES

- 8.01 The courses and finishes will be as shown on the course diagrams. The Race Committee (RC) will signal the course on a white marker board from the RC Boat.

9.0 MARKS

9.01 Marks will be inflatable or permanent buoys as described at the Competitors Meeting on Saturday, September 8, 2007.

10.0 CLASS FLAGS

29er	Flag Alpha	Laser Full, Laser Radial	Flag Delta
420	Flag Bravo	Laser 4.7, Byte	Flag Echo
FJ	Flag Charlie	Class announced orally on Race Area #2	

11.0 STARTS

11.01 Races on Race Area #1 will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

11.02 Races on Race Area #2 will be started in accordance with RRS Appendix Q.

Race Area #1 Signal	Flag/Sound	Time Before Start
Warning	Class flag / 1 sound	5 minutes
Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z with I, or black flag / 1 sound	4 minutes
One-minute	Preparatory flag removed / 1 long sound	1 minute
Starting	Class Flag removed / 1 sound	0 minutes

Race Area #2 Signal	Sound	Time Before Start
Warning	3 long	3 minutes
Preparatory	2 long	2 minutes
	1 long, 3 short	1 minute, 30 seconds
	1 long	1 minute
	3 short	30 seconds
	2 short	20 seconds
	1 short	10 seconds
	1 short	5 seconds
	1 short	4 seconds
	1 short	3 seconds
	1 short	2 seconds
	1 short	1 second
Start	1 long	0

11.02 Course signals may be made orally; visual signals shall govern.

11.04 A series of short signals shall be made before the Warning Signal for each fleet before the next sequence begins in order to attract attention.

11.05 For Race Area #1 and #2, the Starting Line will be to port of the RC Boat, and shall extend from a mast bearing the RC flag on the RC boat to an orange buoy to port.

11.06 The Starting Line and Finish Line are restricted.

11.07 All boats MUST check in with the Race Committee on the water prior to the first race. Boats not checking in may receive a DNS.

11.08 Boats not in their starting sequence shall keep clear of the starting line. Boats finishing shall immediately clear the finish area.

11.09 A boat shall not start later than ten minutes after its starting signal.

12.0 RECALLS

- 12.1 Individual recalls will be signaled with one long air horn blast. The Race Committee may attempt to hail individual boats over early but is under no obligation to do so. Boats over early are solely responsible for clearing themselves.
- 12.2 General Recalls will be signaled with several short air horn blasts. A new starting sequence for the fleet under a General Recall will begin immediately.

13.0 FINISH

- 13.1 For Race Area #1, the Finish Line shall be to port of the RC Boat for all fleets except 29ers. For 29ers the Finish Line shall be to starboard of the RC Boat. In both cases the finish line shall extend from a mast bearing the RC flag on the RC boat to an orange buoy.
- 13.2 For Race Area #2, the Finish Line shall be to starboard of the RC Boat and shall extend from a mast bearing the RC flag on the RC boat to an orange buoy.

14.0 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 A boat finishing 10 minutes or more after the first boat in its class may be scored a DNF. The Race Committee may assign finish positions to boats in order to expedite the racing.

15.0 SAFETY

- 15.01 All competitors MUST wear a Coast Guard approved personal floatation device while on the water.
- 15.02 A tow from a safety boat will be available for boats exiting the harbor. Competitors should take a tow out to the race course. In any event, sail only on the right-hand side of the harbor channel and be considerate of fishing and other boats sharing the channel.
- 15.03 All boats MUST have a 15-foot towline attached to the mast at all times.
- 15.04 All boats MUST hail the safety officer at Aldo's Restaurant and insure that the sail number is recorded. Boats leaving the sailing area MUST notify a Race Committee boat or safety boat prior to leaving the area and MUST notify the Santa Cruz Yacht Club tent upon return to the harbor.
- 15.05 El Toros, Optimists, and FJs MUST have a bailing device attached to the boat at all times.
- 15.06 In case of a capsize, competitors must right their boat and be onboard within ten minutes. Safety boats shall assist competitors out of the water when signaled by the competitor or the ten-minute limit has been reached.

16.0 PROTESTS and SPORTSMANSHIP

- 16.01 Given the nature of the West Marine Fun Regatta, protests shall not be considered by the Race Committee.
- 16.02 A boat and her owner shall compete in compliance with recognized principles of sportsmanship and fair play. Competitors shall employ good sportsmanship at all times, and shall be expected to self-govern their actions on and off the water. A competitor who fouls another shall take the required penalty turns as soon as getting clear of other yachts.
- 16.03 The 720 Rule is in effect.

17.0 SCORING

- 17.01 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply except as modified below.
- 17.02 One race is required to constitute a series.
- 17.03 Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores - no score will be excluded.

18.0 COACHING DURING RACING

- 18.01 No coaching will be allowed from 1200-1630 on Saturday and Sunday, September 8 - 9, 2007.