

Sailing Instructions

BYC Chowder Races 2014-2015

Rules & Handicap

Current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing as adopted by US Sailing and as modified by these instructions. Northern California PHRF ratings shall apply, converted to "time-on-time" Time Correction Factors by the formula $TCF = 800 / (550 + PHRF)$. A copy of the current PHRF certificate is recommended, otherwise the Race Committee will assign a provisional rating. A copy of a PHRF certificate for an identical yacht may be acceptable for some classes.

No-spinnaker Rating Credit

A rating credit of 4% will be subtracted from the TCF of boats rated with a spinnaker but electing not to fly one during the race. To receive the credit, signal when crossing the finish line by waving a buoyant cushion or life jacket.

Roller-Furling Rating Credit

A rating credit of 2% will be subtracted from the TCF of boats using only roller-furling headsails for upwind legs of the race. Boat classes that normally use roller-furling for one-design racing and boats with recessed drums that allow full-hoist roller-furling jibs are not eligible for this credit.

Divisions

There will be one division and one start for all boats with PHRF ratings.

Starting Line

Between the mast of the anchored RC boat (or orange flag if displayed) and a starting mark located within 1/4 mile of the entrance to the Berkeley Marina. A starting limit mark may be used.

Finish Line

Between the chair nearest the northwest corner of the Berkeley Yacht Club deck (or orange flag if displayed) and the speed limit sign on the opposite side of the marina entrance.

UTC Time

Time will be synchronized to UTC (Coordinated Universal Time). There will be no visual signals for timing the start. UTC time is available from WWV time signals or a GPS receiver. All RC sound signals are optional and approximate.

Start Time

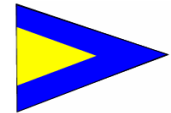
PREPARATORY	12:55	one sound signal
START, all PHRF boats	1:00	one sound signal



Recall Signals

INDIVIDUAL RECALL	VHF 78 hail or code flag X	one additional sound signal
GENERAL RECALL	VHF 78 hail or first substitute	two additional sound signals

New start exactly 5 minutes after recalled start.

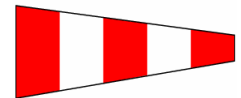


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Postponement

POSTPONEMENT	Answering pennant	two sound signals
END OF POSTPONEMENT	Answering pennant down	one sound signal

New preparatory signal at next UTC five-minute point, new start 5 minutes later.



Answering Pennant

The P flag will be displayed approximately at the preparatory signal for the postponed start. The RC may modify a postponed starting sequence via VHF channel 78.

Course Signals

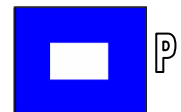
COURSE SIGNALS Numeral pennants displayed at or prior to the preparatory signal.

VHF Hails

The RC may use VHF channel 78 and/or amplified voice hails to supplement visual signals or to announce changes to courses or instructions.

Personal Flotation

Competitors are reminded that code flag Y displayed by the RC boat requires that all crew wear adequate personal flotation while on deck. RSS 40 is modified to make the sound signal optional.



Protests

Protests shall be submitted to the Race Committee in writing within 90 minutes of the time the protesting yacht finishes or withdraws. Protest hearings shall be conducted as Rolling Mediation Hearings in accordance with appendix A of these instructions. Protests are not discouraged.



Bad Weather Cancellation

Races will be cancelled in the event of rain or unusually strong wind. The go/no-go decision for weather cancellation will be made by the Race Committee at 11:00 am on race day.

Commercial Vessels & Fishing Lines

Competitors shall keep clear of commercial vessels, fishing boats and other right-of-way vessels not racing. Competitors shall keep clear of fishing lines on the Berkeley Pier. The Race Committee may initiate protests on the basis of reported violations of this instruction. The time limit for receiving such reports and initiating action is 8:30 PM on the seventh day after the incident.

Changes

Changes or additions to these instructions will be posted on the BYC bulletin board before 11:45 AM, or announced from the committee boat by VHF channel 78 or voice hail. Changes may also be posted before 11:00 AM at www.BerkeleyYC.org

Racer as RC Boat

The RC boat is encouraged to slip anchor and join the race after signaling the start. Boats on the pre-start side of the starting line when the RC boat leaves station will be considered to have started properly. There will be an additional trophy for the RC boat if it wins the race after signaling the start.

Grounded Finish

A boat that runs aground inside the breakwater shall be considered to have finished when it comes to a full stop.