

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

BYC Chowder Races 2017-2018

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.

Rules & Handicap

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. Boats 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 and a starting mark located within 1/4 mile of the entrance to the Berkeley Marina. A starting limit mark may be used. If the RC boat is not anchored and two buoys are set, the starting line is between the two buoys.

Finish Line Between the orange flag mounted near the northwest corner of the Berkeley Yacht Club deck and the speed limit sign on the opposite side of the marina entrance. If a boat runs aground east of the breakwater, the finish time shall be taken when the boat comes to a stop.

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 Times

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



Recall Signals

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

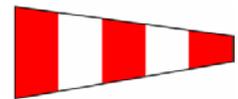
New start exactly 5 minutes after scheduled start (no change to subsequent start times).



Postponement

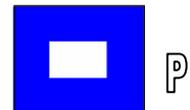
POSTPONEMENT	Answering pennant	two sound signals
END OF POSTPONEMENT	Answering pennant down	one sound signal

New preparatory signal at next UTC five-minute point, new start 5 minutes later.
Subsequent starts at scheduled time intervals.
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 79.



Answering Pennant

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



VHF Hails VHF RADIO AND VOICE COMMUNICATION
The RC may use VHF channel 79 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 will be conducted according to the BYC Rolling Mediation Hearing protocol, in accordance with Appendix A to 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 will be made by race committee by 11:00 am on race day.

Commercial Vessels & Fishing Lines Competitors shall keep clear of commercial vessels, fishing boats, other right-of-way vessels not racing. The Race Committee may initiate protests on the basis of reported violations of this instruction, and 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 on VHF channel 79 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.

Scoring Season standing shall be determined by a high-point scoring system as follows: 1 point for each first place finish, 1/2 point for each 2nd place finish and 1/4 point for each 3rd place finish.

