

Encinal Yacht Club
 Olson 25 National Championship Regatta
 September 30th & October 1st, 2006
 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **RULES:** Races will be governed by: The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2005-2008 (RRS), Prescriptions of US Sailing, Class Association Rules, the Notice of Race and by these Sailing Instructions. This race is classified as a Class A Regatta.
2. **ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY:** Boats may enter by completing registration and waiver with the Encinal Yacht Club by 9am on September 30th, 2006.
3. **NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board located in the Lounge at the Encinal Yacht Club.
4. **CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 9am on the day it will take effect, except that any change in schedule of races will be posted by 8pm on the day before it will take effect.
5. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the mast on the clubhouse lawn. Code flag "AP", Answering Pennant, with two (2) sound signals, (one when lowered) means the race is postponed. The warning signal on the water will be made not less than 90 minutes after "AP" is lowered.

6. **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Race No.	Day and Date	Time of Signal	Course Area
Race 1	Saturday	11:25am First Warning	Treasure Island / YRA 10
Race 2	Saturday	Immediately following race 1	Treasure Island / YRA 10
Race 3	Saturday	Immediately following race 2	Treasure Island / YRA 10
Race 4	Sunday	11:25am First Warning	Treasure Island / YRA 10
Race 5	Sunday	Immediately following race 4	Treasure Island / YRA 10

No race shall be started after 3pm on Sunday

7. **RACE AREA and COURSES:** Racing area and courses are described in section on RACING COURSE AREAS attached.
8. **MARKS:** Windward, Leeward and Start / Finish marks shall be orange yacht club inflatable marks. The windward mark may be a yellow yacht club inflatable mark. Saturday's long distance race may use Government marks. Offset marks for all W-L races will be an orange ball.
9. **REPORTING AT STARTS:** Before starting her first race of the day, each boat is required to check in with RC Boat prior to Warning. The RC boat will record check-ins. When the RC verbally acknowledges a boat's sail number/name, the competitor is officially recorded.
10. **THE START:** Races shall be started in accordance to RRS 26.
 - 10.1. Warning signal for Olson 25's shall be the Course Flag for that race.
 - 10.2. Starting line will be between an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat and the port end mark.
 - 10.3. A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4.
 - 10.4. Races will generally be started in wind velocity of no less than 5 knots.
 - 10.5. The Start/Finish line is not restricted.
11. **RECALLS**
 - 11.1. Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2 for 29.1 or 30.1. The Race Committee will attempt to hail recalled boats on channel 66. Failure by them to make the hail or by the competitor to hear the hail shall not relieve a boat from making a proper start and will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
 - 11.2. A General Recall will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.3. A new Starting Signal will

be made one minute after lowering code flag "First Substitute". (One signal). Start time for races not started will move back as necessary.

12. **THE FINISH:** Finish line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end of the line and the port end finishing mark.
13. **TIME LIMIT:** The time limit for all races except for the long course on Saturday will be two (2) hours for the first boat to finish. The time limit for the long course on Saturday will be 5pm. Any boat finishing more than 20 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.
14. **SAFETY:**
 - 14.1. A boat which retires from a race shall notify the RC by radio on channel 66, or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore at the Yacht Club Office.
 - 14.2. Boats shall comply with U.S. Coast Guard regulations. Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel that can only safely navigate within a narrow channel, or commercial vessels with restricted ability to maneuver. Competing boats interfering with such vessels are subject to protest by other competitors or by the Race Committee and risk disqualification that is DNE.
 - 14.3. Competitors shall comply with the Y Flag when displayed by the Race Committee at all times during the races in which it is displayed.
15. **PROTESTS:**
 - 15.1. Protests must be written on forms available at the Encinal Yacht Club Office and filed there. Protest filing period is three hours, beginning when the Race Committee Signal boat returns to the dock. This time will be posted on Regatta Notice Board.
 - 15.2. Protest notices and hearing schedules informing protestor and protestee shall be posted no later than 20 minutes after expiration of protest filing time limit. It is a competitor's responsibility to check the board for possible protest involvement.
16. **SCORING**
 - 16.1. The regatta will be scored using the Low Point Scoring System, RRS A4. No discards will be allowed.
 - 16.2. DSQ for a safety violation is DNE.
 - 16.3. Five races are scheduled, three of which must be sailed to constitute a series.
17. **ON THE WATER COMMUNICATIONS:** RRS 25 is amended to allow for on-the water radio communications between the R/C and racing yachts on VHF channel 66. Competitors are advised that channel 66 is a private channel not to be used for communication other than with the Race Committee.
18. **PRIZES:** Prizes will be awarded to boats for the top (3) places by their fleets.

RACING COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

DESCRIPTION OF BAY MARKS TO BE USED

YRA 7:	R "2" Fl 6s 1 nm Northwest of Treasure Island
YRA 8:	R "4" Fl 4s Horn 1 nm East of Pt. Blunt
YRA 10:	Temporary YC orange inflatable in the vicinity northeast of Treasure Island.
YRA 12:	G "1" Fl G 4s Little Harding Rock
YRA 17:	Harding Rock RG "HR" Fl (2+1) R 6s
YRA 21:	G "1" Fl G 6s approximately .6 NM NE of Alcatraz
1:	Weather Mark, Temporary YC orange or yellow inflatable
S/F:	Start / Finish Mark, Temporary YC orange inflatable
2:	Leeward Gate, Temporary YC orange inflatables
O:	Offset Mark, Temporary YC Ball

Windward – Leeward Courses:

Course 1: S/F - 1 - O - 2 - S/F (single lap)

Course 2: S/F - 1 - O - 2 - 1 - O - 2 S/F (two laps)

Course 3: S/F - 1 - O - 2 - 1 - O - 2 - 1 - O - 2 S/F (three laps)

Long Distance Race Courses:

Course 4: S/F - YRA 17 - 2 - YRA 21 - S/F Note: Downwind Finish

Course 5: S/F - YRA 12 - 2 - YRA 8 - S/F Note: Downwind Finish

Course 6: S/F - YRA 17 - 2 - YRA 7 - S/F Note: Downwind Finish

Note: Round or leave all marks to port. Pass through the leeward gate.

Course Description for Courses 1, 2 and 3:

