

Svensden's Marine, Harken and Doyle Sailmakers
2008 Columbia 5.5 Nationals - Encinal Yacht Club
September 20 and 21, 2008
Sailing Instructions

- 1) **Responsibility:** It will be the sole responsibility of the skipper of each yacht to decide whether or not to start or continue any race.
- 2) **Interference with Non-Competing Vessels:** Yachts will not interfere with commercial vessels. Race Committee may penalize without a hearing (this changes rule 63.1) if a commercial vessel warns any yacht or if Race Committee is so notified by Vessel Traffic Service of an infringement by a competing yacht. The penalty will be DND (disqualification not discardable). Competitors are also advised that non-competing yachts are not governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and that the Unified Inland Rules govern all such meetings. Yachts not observing this will be subject to disqualification and/or protest by other competitors and the Race Committee.
- 3) **Rules:** This Regatta will be governed by the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of USSA, SF Bay YRA Standard instructions, One Design Class Rules, except as amended by these sailing instructions.

Amendment to the Rules: RRS 44.2 360 Turns Penalty is modified as follows: The turns penalty for a Part 2 rule broken inside two boat lengths of a *mark* shall be a 720 degrees penalty. The turn's penalty for a Part 2 rule broken outside two boat lengths of a *mark* shall be a 360-degree turn. For the purpose of this rule, a finish line *mark* is considered a *mark*, however, a starting line *mark* is not.

- 4) **Management:** The Encinal Yacht Club shall have full power to interpret the rules and conditions governing each race, to decide eligibility and protests, and to reject the entry of any yacht.
- 5) **Entries:** Races are open to all Columbia 5.5. Eligible boats will be entered by delivering the completed Entry Form and fees to the Encinal Yacht Club office.
- 6) **Minimum Equipment:** All yachts must comply with the US Coast Guard equipment requirements for recreational vessels. Yachts racing one-design must have the minimum prescribed in the class rules. **Personal Flotation Devices are required for this regatta!** No "Y" Flag will be flown for this requirement.
- 7) **Changes to the Sailing Instructions:** Changes may be made prior to the warning signal for any race to which the changes apply. Notification of the change must be made to all yachts for the change to be valid. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be made by displaying the code flag "L" from the committee boat. All boats must come within hailing distance when the international code flag "L" is displayed from the committee boat.
- 8) **Schedule of Races:** The races are schedule as follows:

Race 1	September 20, 2008	Warning Signal 12:00 PM
Race 2	September 20, 2008	Immediately Following Race 1
Race 3	September 20, 2008	Immediately Following Race 2

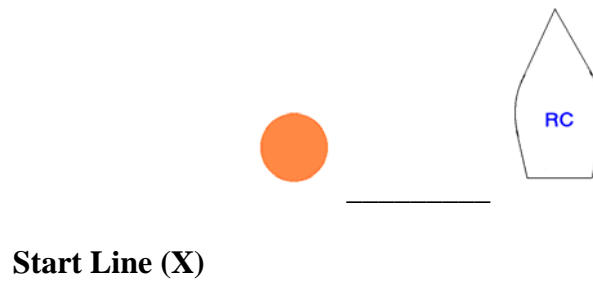
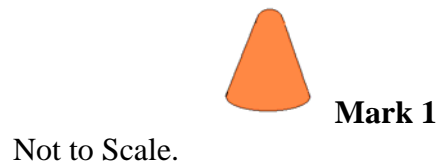
Race 4	September 21, 2008	Warning Signal 12:00 PM
Race 5	September 21, 2008	Immediately Following Race 4

- 9) **Courses and Mark Descriptions:** Refer to attached course sheet.
- 10) **On the Water Communications:** The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 68 for traffic concerning withdrawals and emergencies in the racing fleet. The Race Committee will either broadcast on VHF Channel 68 or hail from the EYC chase boat any instructions relating to cancellation or abandonment of races.
- 11) **Sail Numbers:** Sail numbers ARE required on the mainsail. Participants are required to notify the principal race officer of alternate sail numbers prior to the first warning signal.
- 12) **Start/Finish Line:** The start/finish line is an imaginary line between an orange flag on the committee boat and an orange buoy.
- 13) **Check In:** Yachts are required to check in by sailing by the race committee Boat prior to the first warning signal. Yachts failing to check in will be scored "DNS".
- 14) **Late Starts:** No yacht will be scored as starting if the vessel starts more than 15 minutes after the division/class starting time unless given permission to do so by the race committee.
- 15) **Course Signal:** Courses will be signaled by international code number flags.
- 16) **Missing Marks:** Missing marks may be replaced by temporary club marks or a committee chase boat the Race Committee flag and international code flag "M".
- 17) **Postponement:** The signal to postpone will be the hoisting of the answering pennant and two sound signals. The postponement period will end with the lowering of the answering pennant and be signaled by a sound signal. One minute after the ending of the postponement period, the warning signal will be made by signifying the resumption of the regular starting sequence.
- 18) **Individual Recall:** When at her starting signal a boat must comply with rule 29.1 or rule 30, the race committee shall promptly display flag X. The signal shall be displayed until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions and have complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, but not later than four minutes after the starting signal or one minute before any later starting signal, whichever is earlier.
- 19) **General Recall:** When at the starting signal several unidentified boats are on the course side of the starting line or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the race committee may signal a general recall. The preparatory signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is lowered.
- 20) **Shortened Course:** If the course is shortened, the EYC chase boat will take station at a mark of the course to establish a new finish line, The chase boat will display international code flag "S" and the blue Race Committee flag to indicate the course is shortened and the EYC chase boat is on station to record your finish per ISAF Rule 32.
- 21) **Withdrawals:** Any yacht withdrawing from a race must notify the Race Committee of that fact either by hail, VHF radio CH 68, or by phoning EYC Clubhouse - 510-822-3272.
- 22) **Time Limit:** The time limit for each race will be 2 ½ hours.

- 23) **Protests:** Protests must be filed in accordance with ISAF RRS on a standard ISAF protest form or facsimile within 90 minutes of the race committee boat returning to the EYC docks after the final race of the day. Protest must be filed at the Encinal Yacht Club with a race officer.
- 24) Notification of time and place will be posted on the bulletin board in the Bar at the Encinal Yacht Club.
- 25) **Race Results:** Preliminary results will be posted at the EYC Clubhouse Regatta board.
- 26) **Scoring:** RRS Rule A2 Low Point Scoring System, 1 point for first place, 2 points for second, 3 for third, etc. All yachts scored as "DNF" will be scored as # of starters plus 1. Yachts scored as "DNS" will be scored as # of starters plus 2. Yachts scored as "DSQ" will be scored as # of starters plus 3.

Attachment A

COURSES



Course 1	X - 1 - 2 - X
Course 2	X - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - X
Course 3	X - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - X

Note:

- 1) Round all marks to Port.**
- 2) Start/Finish Line is Restricted**
- 3) Mark 1 = Orange Inflatable**
- 4) Mark 1 = Orange Inflatable**
- 5) X = Orange Sphere**