

EYC Twilight Series 2009 (Spring)

Sailing Instructions

Friday Night Spring Series – April 24, May 8, May 29, June 12 & June 26.

Hosted by Encinal Yacht Club, Alameda, CA

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: Racing will be governed by the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of one-design classes, except as may be changed herein, the Notice of Race and by these Sailing Instructions. The series is designated Category A.

4 Entries: Eligible boats may be entered by delivering the completed Entry Form, current PHRF Certificate, and fees to the Encinal Yacht Club office. Eligibility requirements for boats are: an overall length of at least 19 feet. All yachts must comply with the U.S. Coast Guard equipment requirements for recreational vessels including proper navigation lights.

5 Notice to Competitors: Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Encinal Yacht Club Lounge.

6 Changes in Sailing Instructions: Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 5:00 p.m. on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 5:00 p.m. on the day before it will take effect.

7 Signals made Ashore:

7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Encinal Yacht Club Yardarm.

7.2 Flag AP with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means “The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered.”

8 Schedule of Races: The races are schedule as follows:

Race 1	April 24	Warning Signal 6:25 p.m.
Race 2	May 8	Warning Signal 6:25 p.m.
Race 3	May 29	Warning Signal 6:25 p.m.
Race 4	June 12	Warning Signal 6:25 p.m.
Race 5	June 26	Warning Signal 6:25 p.m.

9 Racing Area: The Alameda/Oakland Estuary

10 Courses: The diagrams in attachment A show the courses including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

12 Marks:

Marks 1, 2 and 3: are temporary Yacht Club (YC) Buoys (Orange inflatable or Orange 2 foot round buoy).

The start mark (S): will be a temporary (YC) Buoy (Orange 2 foot round buoy), which marks the end of the Start Line opposite to the Race Committee Boat.

The finish mark (F): will be a temporary (Yellow or Orange 2 foot round buoy), which marks the end of the Finish Line opposite to the Race Committee Staff on Encinal Yacht Club “L” shaped dock

13 Check-in: All yachts must check in with the Race Committee Boat, before the warning for the first division, by sailing by the transom of the Committee Boat (passing it to starboard). Yachts failing to check in may be scored DNS.

14 The Start: Races will be started using rule 26

14.1 Fleet Classes: Fleet classes will be divided as follows.

Succeeding Class: Will be started as follows

A	PHRF Less than-126
C	PHRF 126-160 & 168
D	Columbia 5.5
E	PHRF 161- over
F	Non-Spin

The warning signal for succeeding class shall be made with or after starting signal of preceding class.

14.2 Course Signal: The race committee will signal the course to be sailed with the warning signal for that class. International code numeral pennants hoisted on the Committee Boat will designate courses.

14.3 The Start Line will be between an orange panel on the Race Committee Boat and Mark (S). The start line is restricted to boats starting.

14.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.

14.5 A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

14.6 Individual Recall: RRS 29.2 The Yachts sail number will be hailed over the loudhailer or VHF channel 72.

14.7 General Recall: RRS 29.3 will be announced over the loudhailer or VHF channel 72.

14.8 The Race Committee shall attempt to hail OCS yachts via VHF channel 72. The inability of the R/C to hail or the inability of a yacht to hear a hail shall not relieve her of her responsibility or be grounds for redress.

14.9 Classes may be combined if the minimums of five vessels are not checked in prior to that class’s warning signal.

15 Personal Buoyancy: RRS 1.2 and 40.

16 The Finish: The finish line will be between the flag staff on the “L” dock in front of Encinal Yacht Club and Mark (F). The Finish line is restricted to boats finishing.

17 Time Limit: The time limit will be 2.5 hours after a division starts or 2100 hours, whichever time is the earliest. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes in their division or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rule 35. Withdrawals: Any yacht withdrawing from the race must notify the Race Committee by VHF CH72, Hail, or phone at 510.693.2094.

18 Protest: Protest shall be written on forms available at Encinal Yacht Club race station. The protest shall be delivered to the race committee or to the Encinal Office by the first Tuesday following the race by 5 PM . Protests will be heard the second Thursday @ 7:30pm following the race. The race committee, at their discretion, may move the date and time of the protest hearing. Parties involved in the protest will be notified.

19 Scoring: The low point scoring system, as allowed by RRS Appendix A will apply. Five races are scheduled, of which 4 races shall be completed to constitute a series.

PHRF Scoring: Time on Time handicapping system will be used.

Race Results: Preliminary results of each race will be posted in the upstairs lounge of the Encinal Yacht Club following the race.

20 Radio Communication: The Race Committee will broadcast on VHF channel 72.

21 Trophies: Will be awarded at Encinal Yacht Club after the finish of the Series **NOTE:** Trophies must be claimed within 30 days of the last race of the series.

Attachment A COURSES



- A PHRF Less than 126
- C PHRF 126-160 & 168
- D Columbia 5.5
- E PHRF 161 and over
- F Non-Spinnaker

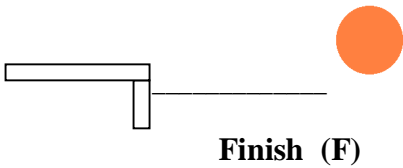


Mark 1

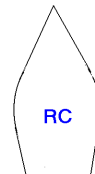
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Mark 2



Start Line (S)



Mark 3

- Course 1** S - 1 - 3 - F
- Course 2** S - 1 - 3 - 2 - 3 - F
- Course 3** S - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 2 - 3 - F
- Course 4** S - 2 - 3 - F
- Course 5** S - 2 - 3 - 2 - 3 - F
- Course 6** S - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - F

Note: 1 Marks placement may vary from race to race due to wind and daylight available.
(Time on Time allows for varying course length)
2 The start and finish lines are restricted to boats starting and finishing only.

Round all marks to starboard.