# - Vesteryear Regatta-

49th Annual

One of the West Coast's Premier Classic Boat Regattas

# **Sailing Instructions**

Saturday May 13, 2023

Race Management by SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB

RC Boat - Grand Banks 36 Dennis Conner

Social by SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB
Organizing Authority is ANCIENT MARINERS SAILING SOCIETY
Race Chair Greg Stewart

\*\*\*\* PRE-ENTRY REGISTRATION REQUIRED \*\*\*\*

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions (SI's).
- 1.2 Yachts encountering non-racing vessels shall conform to the inland rules of the road. All yachts shall remain clear of, and give way to, deep draft vessels operating or at anchor or mooring in the designated channels and turning basins within the race course area. Rules 60.2, 63.1 and A5 are modified to add that the RC may protest or disqualify a yacht infringing this instruction.
- 1.3 NAVAL PROTECTION ZONE: The Naval Protection Zone is a 500yard regulated area of water surrounding all US Naval Vessels. All yachts within 500 yards of a US Naval Vessel shall operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain safe course and speed and shall proceed as directed by any official patrol. NO VESSEL IS ALLOWED WITHIN 100 YARDS OF A US NAVAL VESSEL. These zones are permanently in effect.

# 2. ENTRIES

- 2.1 Eligible yachts may enter by completing the 2023 AMSS Yesteryear Regatta Entry and Release Form.
- 2.2 Eligible yachts shall complete their entry before 0930 Saturday, May 13, 2023, and attend the Mandatory Skippers' Meeting at 0930 Saturday at SWYC Lawn. Yachts must check in with the Race Committee Boat (RC Boat) at the Starting Line at least 30 minutes prior to their starting time, while staying clear of the starting line. Be sure to receive Race Committee (RC) acknowledgment.
- 2.3 There will be four (4) Classes as follows:
  - Classic "A"
  - Classic "B"
  - Pacific Class
  - Split Rigs

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#### 3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice located at the SWYC Junior Clubhouse Board and will be broadcast by the RC on Channel 72 prior to the first WARNING signal.

#### 4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the Sailing Instructions, including a change in the schedule of the race, will be posted before 0930 May 13, 2023 on the Official Notice Board located at the SWYC Junior Clubhouse Board and will be broadcast by the RC on Channel 72 prior to the first WARNING signal.

# 5. SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

Code flags "L" over "C" means a change to the "SIs" will be broadcast from the RC Boat five minutes prior to the first WARNING SIGNAL.

#### 6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The first WARNING SIGNAL will be at 1150 unless modified by the RC and broadcast on Channel 72.

#### 7. CLASS PENNANTS

A colored Pennant representing the Class each yacht is entered will be distributed at Skippers meeting.

Classic "A" Blue Pennant
Classic "B" Black Pennant
Pacific Class Red Pennant
Split Rigs Yellow Pennant

# 8. COURSE

There shall be one race course for all classes as shown on the "Course Diagram". The Course will not be shortened. This changes Rule 32. (Handicap Distance 12.25 nm.)

Start/Finish Line

MARK A to port

BUOY 15 to port

BUOY 5 to port

BOUY 6 to port

MARK B to port

Start/Finish Line

# 9. MARKS

Start / Finish Line - At East end of Harbor Island off Island Prime / C Level Restaurant

MARK A – SWYC Yellow inflatable buoy off *Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant* 

BUOY 15 – SD Channel Buoy 15 (Green)

BUOY 5 - SD Channel Buoy 5 (Green)

BUOY 6 - SD Channel Buoy 6 (Red)

MARK B - SWYC Yellow inflatable buoy off Star of India



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# 10. THE START

- 10.1 The Race will be a Pursuit format Race.
- 10.2 Yachts shall start between an orange flag displayed on the RC boat at the Starboard end and the course side of a yellow inflatable buoy at the Port end. (Leave RC boat to Starboard.)
- 10.3 Rule 26 is changed so that races will be started as follows:

| Signal                | Time                    | Signal                            |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| WARNING (Group 1)     | 1150 (10 minutes prior) | Yellow shape displayed w/ 1 sound |
|                       | 1154 (6 minutes prior)  | Yellow shape removed              |
| PREPARATORY (Group 1) | 1155 (5 minutes prior)  | Blue shape displayed w/ 1 sound   |
|                       | 1159 (1 minute prior)   | Blue shape removed                |
| START (Group 1)       | 1200 (Start)            | Red shape displayed w/ 1 sound    |

For all other Group starts, see START ORDER SHEET, in Race Packet, for individual yacht start times.

#### 11. RECALLS

- 11.1 The RC Boat shall signal individual recalls (yachts over early) with one (1) horn signal and hoisting the code flag X-ray. The RC will endeavor to hail yachts starting prematurely but failure to hail, or failure to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a). Each skipper shall be responsible for assessing whether they should return and restart properly.
- 11.2 Yacht's that do not start correctly will be assessed a penalty per S.I. 14.1.

# 12. FINISH

- 12.1 The Finish Line shall be at the same location as the Starting Line. Yachts shall finish between an blue flag displayed on the RC boat and an inflatable yellow buoy, leaving the RC boat to Starboard. If possible, the RC will stay in the same location as the start.
- 12.2 If for any reason, the Race Committee is not on station at the finish, yachts shall take their own time when the position of the white U.S. Navy mooring Buoy FM 19 bears 180 degrees magnetic (take to port) and is within 100 yards. Yachts should note their position in relation to other yachts finishing nearby. Times so taken must be transmitted to the RC by radio on Channel 72 as soon as possible.

# 13. PROTESTS

- 13.1 In keeping with the Corinthian yachting tradition of the AMSS, protests are highly discouraged.
- 13.2 In all cases, protests shall be communicated to the RC by radio immediately after finishing and filed in writing using the appropriate Forms and submitted to the Race Chair at SWYC by 1700 hrs.
- 13.3 Protests will be heard on a day, time and place convenient to the Protest Chairman. (Not the same day as the event and the results of some classes may not be final on the day of the event.) The Race Chair will notify the skippers involved ASAP the day, time and place of the Protest hearing. All participants in the protest must be present for the Protest hearing.

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#### 14. PENALTIES

- 14.1 PREMATURE STARTS: A ten-minute penalty shall be added to the elapsed time of yachts that start prematurely and do not restart properly.
- 14.2 Yachts over early *in excess of two (2) minutes* before their start time that do not restart shall be disqualified. This modifies 60.2, 63.1 and A5.

#### 15. HANDICAPS

Handicaps are assigned by the AMSS Handicap Committee and assume a Spinnaker.

#### 16. SCORING

Since the Race is a Pursuit Format, the order of Finish will be the order of finish.

# 17. RETIREMENT

A yacht that retires from the race must notify the RC on VHF Channel 72 before leaving the course. Rule 60.2, 63.1 and A5 are modified to add that the RC may protest or disgualify a yacht infringing this instruction.

#### 18. COMMUNICATIONS

The RC will monitor Channel 72.

#### 19. AWARDS

Take-home awards will be given to the top three (3) finishers in each of the Classes listed in S.I. 2.3, at the after race gathering at the Southwestern Yacht Club Deck.

Winners of the following AMSS Perpetual Trophies will be recognized for yachts that meet AMSS Flag Vessel yacht requirements:

Dingus Perpetual Trophy First Overall on Corrected Time

Reliance Perpetual Trophy Fastest Elapsed Time

Herreshoff Perpetual Trophy First Herreshoff to finish on Corrected Time

International Rule Perpetual Trophy First International Rule yacht on Corrected Time

Sparkman & Stephens Perpetual Trophy First S&S yacht on Corrected Time

Pacific Class Perpetual Trophy First PC to finish

Kettenburg Perpetual Trophy First non-PC Kettenburg Yacht on Corrected Time

Turtle Trophy Last boat to finish on Elapsed Time

# 20. SOCIAL

Post Race activities will be held at the Southwestern Yacht Club Deck immediately following racing. The Traditional Raffle will start the activities followed by awards. Beverages and Food will be available for purchase.

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# **Course Diagram**

# provided by - Seebreeze Books and Charts

Course Distance 12.25nm

