



OCEANSIDE YACHT CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - THIRSTY THURSDAY SERIES 2006

May 2006

1. Rules

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the "Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008", the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, and by these sailing instructions.

2. Entries

- 2.1 A signed entry must be filed for each boat in agreement with the notice and invitation for each event. The individual signing the entry will be responsible for the boat throughout the event to which it applies.
- 2.2 Registration must be completed at OYC prior to racing on the water. There will be no on-the-water registration. Skippers may register at any time during the series.
- 2.3 Three or more boats entered and ranking as starters establish a class.
- 2.4 Classes will include Sabots, Lasers, Lido 14 and Portsmouth Handicapped Fleet classes.
- 2.5 Registration and skippers meeting will take place at Oceanside Yacht Club
- 2.6 Registration Fee:
 - OYC Members \$50.00 for all 3 Series, or \$25.00 per individual Series
 - Non-OYC Members \$75.00 for all 3 Series, or \$30.00 per individual Series
 - Upon presentation of membership card, members of USSA will receive an additional \$5 discount for the overall series or a \$2 discount for any individual series

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions and/or notices to competitors will be posted on the OYC bulletin board before 1700 hours on the day of a race. Oral changes MAY be given on the water.

4. Schedule of Events

- 4.1 May 10, one week prior to first race of Series 1 through 3
 - 1800 – 1900 Registration
 - 1900 – 2000 Skippers Meeting
- 4.2 Registration 1600 – 1630 every Thursday at OYC office as necessary
- 4.3 Each race, Inside Course, all Series
 - Approx. 1800 - Warning Signal – 1st Class flag up
 - 1 Minute later, Preparatory Signal – P Flag up
 - 1 Minute later, Preparatory Signal – P Flag down
 - 1 Minute later, 1st Class Start – Next Class Flag up
 - Sequence will repeat for each class thereafter

5. Racing Area

- 5.1 The racing area will be as shown in Attachment 1 with these Sailing Instructions.

6. The Course

- 6.1 Candidate courses are listed in Attachment 1 to these Sailing Instructions.
- 6.2 No later than the warning signal for each start, the **course** will be posted in Arabic numerals and the **laps** in Roman numerals.
- 6.3 The start/finish line shall be considered restricted except when starting, finishing, or starting the next lap of a multiple lap course.

7. Marks

- 7.1 Permanent marks are channel buoys as shown on the course chart.

8. Check-In

- 8.1 When flag "L" is flown by the race committee boat before the first warning signal, each boat shall sail on starboard tack, close by the stern of the committee boat, and hail her sail number, which will be acknowledged. Boats failing to check in, but starting, may be scored "DID NOT START" (DNS).

9. The Start

- 9.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS rule 26 with classes starting at 3 minute intervals. The order of start will be Portsmouth (Purple Flag), Sabots (Pink Flag), Lido 14 (Dark Green Flag) and Lasers (Light Blue Flag).
- 9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the race committee boat at the starboard end of the line and the green channel buoy G3 at the port end.
- 9.3 The starting area will be in the Oceanside Harbor outer basin as shown on the course chart.
- 9.4 Boats whose warning signal have not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and all boats who's warning signal has been made.
- 9.5 When more than one lap is ordered, a boat shall complete each lap by crossing the finish line from the direction of the last mark. When this requires crossing from the direction opposite of the start, the boat shall sail through the line, round the line mark furthest from the Race Committee station and then assume her proper course on the first leg of the next lap.

10. Recalls

- 10.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS rule 29.2 by code flag "X" and one sound signal. The flag 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 one minute after the starting signal or one minute before any later starting signal, whichever is earlier. The Race Committee will attempt to notify each yacht recalled by verbal announcement of the yacht's sail number, if possible. It is the responsibility of each yacht to start properly.
- 10.2 General recall will be signaled in accordance with rule 29.3 by code flag "First Substitute" and two sound signals.
- 10.3 The warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed (one sound), and the starts for any succeeding classes shall follow the new start.

11. The Finish

- 11.1 The finish will be between an orange flag or shape on a Race Committee boat and a finish line mark in accordance with the course chart.

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12. Time Limit

- 12.1 The time limit will be 1930. If no boat of a class has finished by 1930 the race is abandoned for that class. Boats finishing after 1930 will be scored "DID NOT FINISH" (DNF). This changes rule 35.

13. Retirement

- 13.1 Any boat retiring from a race shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area. Failure to notify the Race Committee may result in Disqualification (DSQ).

14. Protest

- 14.1 The provisions of RRS rule 61 shall be followed by a yacht which intends to protest.
- 14.1.1 Hail "protest"
- 14.1.2 Display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity and keep it displayed until acknowledged by the Race Committee at the finish of the race in which the foul occurred.
- 14.1.3 Notify the Race Committee immediately upon finishing of your intent to protest.
- 14.1.4 File a written protest within fifteen (15) minutes of the docking of the Race Committee.
- 14.2 It is the responsibility of each skipper lodging a protest to comply with Rule 61 and to present himself and his witnesses at the jury room when the protest is to be heard.

15. Penalties

- 15.1 The "720" rule (RRS 44.1) is modified to a "360 degree" penalty turn including one tack and one gybe in the same direction.

16. Life Jackets

- 16.1 All competitors on the race course shall properly wear a USCG approved life jacket (type I, II or III) while on the water.

17. Scoring

- 17.1 The low point scoring system A4 will apply. The number of races and the number scored will be in accordance with Notice of Race.
- 17.2 There will be no throw outs for the individual Series 1, 2 or 3, but there will be three (3) throw outs for the entire Thirsty Thursday Series overall scoring.
- 17.3 For the purposes of scoring the overall Thirsty Thursday Series, a Skipper serving as Race Committee may be awarded points equal to the average points of all races scored under 16.2 for any race not sailed due to the Skipper serving as Race Committee. A Skipper must obtain prior approval from the Principal Race Officer before serving as Race Committee.

18. Trophies

- 18.1 Trophies will be awarded to boats placing first in each race in each class and for each class for each series.
- 18.2 First, second & third place trophies will be awarded for overall winners of entire 12 races at OYC at the conclusion of race # 12.
- 18.3 Boats will be scored for the overall combined Series 1 through 3 based upon their initial class of entry.