

OCEANSIDE YACHT CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – O-DARK: 30 SERIES 2010

The race will be governed by the "Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012", the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, and by these sailing instructions.

Entries

A signed entry must be filed for each boat in agreement with the notice and invitation for the series.

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.

All entrants will compete as non-spinnaker class. No spinnaker offsets will be used.

Registration and skippers meeting will take place at Oceanside Yacht Club,

Friday, August 13, 7:30 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$20.00 OYC members, \$40.00 non-members; All US Sailing Members will receive a \$1.00 discount

Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions and/or notices to competitors will be posted on the OYC bulletin board no later than 1700 hours on the day of a race. Oral changes MAY be given on the water.

Schedule of Events

Registration 1930-2000, Friday August 13

Skippers Meeting 2000 Friday August 13

Race #1, August 20 (first warning signal is at 5:55 p.m.) and then every Friday thereafter until final race of the series, Sept. 24.

Racing Area / Course

The racing area and course information is provided with these Sailing Instructions. See separate course chart.

Marks

Various permanent navigation buoys in the outer basin of Oceanside Harbor and OC (aka R2 permanent red & white bell buoy) marking the entrance to Oceanside Harbor will be used as rounding marks of the race course. The latter buoy is frequently called "The Moaner".

Obstructions

The various jetties forming the Oceanside harbor and the jetty near the NE end of "J" dock are considered obstructions.

Check-In – no later than GPS time, 5:50 p.m.

Sail by the stern of the committee boat, and hail your sail number or boat name to the race committee. Boats failing to check in, but starting, will be scored "DID NOT START" (DNS)

Classes

Boats will be assigned "Cruiser" or "Racer" status by the race committee. The Cruiser class flag is light blue; the Racer flag is pink.

The Start

Races will be started in accordance with RRS rule 26 with boats starting at 1 minute intervals. The order of start will be according to boat names on the attached sheet. An Arabic Number ("1" to "5") will be raised to signal the start of that handicap bracket as shown in the attached sheet. Cruisers will start between 6:01 and 6:05 p.m. Racers will start between 6:06 and 6:10.

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end of the line and the green can buoy #3 located in the outer basin of Oceanside Harbor.

Boats may enter the starting area one minute before their start.

Starting times: Races #2-#6

The last two boats finishing will start one minute earlier the following week, providing they finished within the time limit and did not receive a DNF. A Cruiser can receive a maximum of two minutes but cannot start earlier than 6:01p.m. A Racer can receive a maximum of two minutes but cannot start earlier than 6:06. See posted starting times on the OYC website or the OYC office window.

Recalls

Individual recalls will be by code flag "X". No over-early sound signal will be given. It is the responsibility of each yacht to start properly. Any boat over early will be required to restart without interfering with other timely starters. If a boat is over early and does not restart properly, she will be assigned a DNS for that race.

The Finish

The finish will be between the northernmost piling of I-dock and the "O" in the Oceanside sign across the harbor from the I-dock.

The last two boats to finish will start one minute earlier the following week. The start times for boats will be published on the OYC website and posted in the OYC office window

.All boats must sail their proper course to the finish.

Time Limit

The time limit will be 2000.

Retirement

Any boat retiring from a race shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area. Notification may be made by radio on channel 68 or in person. Failure to notify the Race Committee will result in Disqualification (DSQ).

Protest

The provisions of RRS rule 61 shall be followed by a yacht which intends to protest.

Hail "protest" & 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.

Notify the Race Committee immediately upon finishing of your intent to protest.

File a written protest within thirty (30) minutes of your docking to the Race Committee.

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.

Protestors are encouraged to make a \$50 donation to the juniors' Program.

Penalties

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

Scoring - Low Point system

Scoring will be based on the traditional low point system. Entrants must participate in at least five out of six races to be eligible for the overall O-Dark Series trophy. The competitor with the lowest total points for five races will be the O'Dark champion.

Radio Communications

All radio communications with the Race Committee will be on channel 68.

Trophies

Each class will compete for series trophies. Awards will be given to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place boats with lowest cumulative overall points for the best 5 races of the 6-race series. Presentation: September 24, 2010, 2030 at OYC bar lounge.