



2025 Around The Oil Islands Series

August 23, September 20, October 18

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club (BCYC) is the Organizing Authority.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing, (*RRS*), the rules of the fleet in which it sails, and the Notice of Race, except as altered by the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 The Regatta is classified as a Category "A" Event in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.
- 2.3 US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for Nearshore shall apply.
- 2.4 USSER 2.4.1 shall also apply. A boat's deck including the headstay shall be surrounded by a suitably strong enclosure, typically consisting of lifelines and pulpits, meeting the requirements in USSER 2.4.2 to 2.4.8.
- 2.5 Spinnakers shall not be flown inside Newport Harbor.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the BCYC Racing website.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the BCYC Racing website before 0900 hours on the day of the race.
- 4.2 Any change to the schedule will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before the race.
- 4.3 Race Committee may issue verbal changes to the sailing instructions during check-in while code flag L (Come Within Hail) is displayed.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at BCYC.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, racing is postponed.
- 5.3 First Warning will be no less than 1 Hour after AP is removed.

6. SCHEDULE

The first warning signal is scheduled for 1055 hours.

7. CLASSES

7.1 PHRF boats will be assigned to classes based on the boat's Area D Random Leg Course rating.

7.1.1 Race Committee may assign a boat to a class that is appropriate for the boat.

7.2 Class assignments will be posted on the BCYC Racing website before 1700 hours on the day before the race.

8. RACING AREA

The Racing Area will be in the Pacific Ocean off Newport Beach.

9. COURSE TO BE SAILED

9.1 Start - Round Oil Island Edith to port - Pass Oil Island Ellen-Elly to port - Round Oil Island Eureka to port while passing through the gate described in SI 9.4 – Round Newport Harbor entrance buoy (J Mark) to port - Finish.

9.2 The handicap distance is 24.4 nm.

9.3 The approximate locations of the Oil Islands are:

	LAT	LON
EDITH	33.35.762 N	118.08.498 W
ELLEN-ELLY	33.35.012 N	118.07.765 W
EUREKA	33.33.843 N	118.06.949 W

9.4 Racers shall pass through a gate formed on one end by Oil Island Eureka and a virtual mark located approximately 250 yards SSW at GPS coordinates 33.33.687 N and 118.06.992 W.

9.5 A Race Committee boat may be stationed near the virtual gate. **It is not a mark of the course.**

10. STARTING

10.1 The Start line will be located off the Santa Ana River jetty (approximate GPS coordinates of 33.37.153 N and 117.57.395 W)

10.2 The Start Line will be between an orange flag on or near the Race Committee boat to starboard and an orange flag on a staff to port.

- 10.3 Races will be started using *RRS* 26 with the start signal for the class being the warning signal for the next starting class (commonly known as a “rolling start”) in the order shown below:

START #	CLASS	FLAG
1	C	
2	B	
3	A	

- 10.4 A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.5 Prior to the first warning signal each boat shall sail by the Race Committee boat and hail her sail number. Failure to check in may be protested by the Race Committee.
- 10.6 A boat starting later than fifteen (15) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes *RRS* A4 and A5.

11. RECALLS

- 11.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with *RRS* 29.1. The Race Committee will attempt to hail On Course Side (OCS) sail numbers on Channel 68. However, neither the timing of this hail, equipment failure nor the failure of a boat to hear the hail shall be cause for redress from the Protest Committee.
- 11.2 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with *RRS* 29.2.

12. FINISHING

- 12.1 The Finish will be located inside Newport Beach harbor between government mark #5 and the Race Committee boat anchored near Mark #6 as shown on Attachment A. The Race Committee boat will display a blue finish line flag.
- 12.2 If no boat has reached the gate described in SI 9.4 before 1530 hours, or if, in the opinion of the Race Committee, weather conditions warrant, the course will be shortened at the gate. Race Committee will position a Race Committee boat in the vicinity of the seaward end of the gate and will signal the shortened course in accordance with *RRS* 32. The handicap distance for the “shortened course” is 11.7 nm.

12.3 Race Committee will log the time of all boats as they reach the gate. Should a class have fifty percent (50%) or fewer boats in the class finishing the race at the finish line described in SI 12.1 before the Time Limit, the finish times for all boats in that Class will be the times logged at the gate. This changes *RRS* 32.1, *RRS* 32.2, and *RRS* 35.

12.4 If a class is finished at the gate, the logged times at the gate will be used to determine the Corrected Times for that class on that day.

13. TIME LIMIT

13.1 The Time Limit will be 1800 hours on each race day.

13.2 Any boat not finishing before the Time Limit will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes *RRS* 35.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed to a One-Turn Penalty.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 A boat intending to protest shall comply with *RRS* 60 and 61.1 and shall notify the Race Committee at the finish line of her intention to protest, and the other boats involved.

15.2 Protests shall be on written forms, which are available at the BCYC Front Office.

15.3 Protests shall be delivered to the BCYC Front Office within the Protest Time Limit.

15.4 If Race Committee shortens course as noted in SI 12.3, the Protest Time Limit is three (3) hours after the boat finished the shortened course. Otherwise, the Protest Time Limit is one (1) hour after the Race Committee Finish boat has docked. This changes *RRS* 61.3.

15.5 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the Protest Time Limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

15.6 The parties will be advised under *RRS* 63.2 of when and where the protest will be heard, which may be on a date and time other than immediately following the close of the Protest Time Limit.

15.6 Notice of protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under *RRS* 61.1 (b).

16. SCORING

- 10.1 Daily scoring will be according to RRS A4 - Low Point System.
- 10.2 Area D PHRF RLC Ratings will be used for scoring PHRF boats.
- 10.3 Each race day, a boat's Daily Score will be her finishing position.
- 10.4 For Best in Class Series scoring, a boat's Series Score will be the sum of her Daily Scores.
- 10.5 For Best Overall Series scoring, a boat's Series Score will be the sum of her Daily Scores which have been assigned Points from the Rinderle B table. The boat with the Highest Point Total will be awarded Best Overall.
- 10.6 There are no throw out Daily Scores. This changes RRS A2.1
- 10.7 A boat that did not start/compete, did not finish, is disqualified, or retires, shall be scored points for the finishing place **one more** than the number of **starters** in the race. This changes RRS A5.2.

17. RETIREMENTS

A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 68 or contact the BCYC Office at 949-644-9530 as soon as possible after retiring.

18. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked using Race Committee Flags.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 19.1 Except in an emergency, or for the purpose stated in SI 17, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 19.2 Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 16 for emergencies.

20. PRIZES

- 20.1 Take-home prizes will be given out after racing each day.
- 20.2 The Perpetual trophies below will be awarded after the last day of racing.

TROPHY NAME	AWARDED TO
BCYC Around The Islands Perpetual	Best Corrected Time - Overall
Ted O'Connor Perpetual	Best Corrected Time – All Women Crew

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See *RRS 3, Decision to Race*. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

22. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000.00 per event or equivalent.

ATTACHMENT A

