



# 2026 SCYA Midwinter Regatta

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

February 21, 2026

### 1. RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except [US Sailing Prescriptions](#) to Rule 63.2 will not apply, the rules of the Harbor 20 Class Association and Harbor 20 Fleet 1.

### 2. RACING AREA

The Racing Area will be in Newport Harbor in the area commonly referred to as the “Five Points Area”.

### 3. COURSES AND MARKS

- 3.1. Courses will be windward/leeward.
- 3.2. The course will be displayed before the Warning Signal.
- 3.3. “W” is the orange tetrahedron to windward of the start/finish line. It shall be rounded to port.
- 3.4. “O” is a yellow tetrahedron offset from the windward mark. It shall be rounded to port
- 3.5. “L” is the orange tetrahedron to leeward of the start/finish line. It shall be rounded to port.
- 3.6. “G” is the leeward gate comprised of two (2) round red buoys.
- 3.7. The possible courses to sail are shown in Attachment 1.

### 4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on-line at [Midwinter Regatta – BCYC Racing](#)

### 5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on-line at [Midwinter Regatta – BCYC Racing](#) before 0900 hours on the day of the race.
- 5.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before the race.
- 5.3 Race Committee may also issue verbal changes to the sailing instructions, including the number of races to be sailed each day, during check-in while code flag L (Come Within Hail) is displayed.

## 6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

## 7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 The scheduled first Warning Signal is **1300** hours.
- 7.2 After a class finishes a race, a subsequent start for that class will be signaled as soon as possible. Competitors should return to the starting area as quickly as possible after finishing.

## 8. CHECK-IN




Before the first Warning Signal for the first race, each boat shall: 1) sail past the Race Committee boat on starboard tack; 2) announce her sail number; and 3) obtain the recognition of her sail number by the Race Committee.

## 9. START/FINISH

- 9.1 The Start Line and Finish Line will be located in Newport Harbor in the vicinity commonly referred to as “Five Points”.
- 9.2 The Start line will be a line between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and an orange flag on a staff as shown on Attachment 1.
- 9.3 The Finish Line will be a separate line between a blue flag on a separate Race Committee boat and a separate orange flag on a staff as seen on Attachment 1.
- 9.4 **The Finish Line is restricted to boats finishing.**
- 9.5 Races will be started using *RRS* 26 modified for 3-minutes as shown below. This changes *RRS* 26.

SIGNAL	VISUAL SIGNAL	SOUND	WHEN
Warning	Class Flag Up	One Horn	3 minutes before start
Preparatory	Preparatory Flag Up	One Horn	2 minutes before start
	Preparatory Flag Down	One Long Horn	1 minute before start
	Class Flag Down	1 horn	START

- 9.6 There will be a brief delay between the start signal and the subsequent warning signal.
- 9.7 The scheduled order of start and the flags used by Race Committee for signaling are:

START #	START GROUP	FLAG
1	Harbor 20 A	
2	Harbor 20 B	
3	Harbor 20 C	

- 9.8 Three (3) boats will constitute a group entitled to start
- 9.9 Boats whose Warning Signal have not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of boats starting and finishing.
- 9.10 When not racing, a boat interfering with any boat that is racing is subject to protest.

## 10. TIME LIMIT

Boats failing to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat in their class finishes will be scored "DNF". This changes *RRS* 35.

## 11. PROTESTS

- 11.1 *RRS* 61.1 is changed by adding this sentence: "When a boat intends to protest, she shall notify the Race Committee at the finish line and inform the Race Committee of the identity of the other boat involved in the incident."
- 11.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the BCYC front desk and shall be delivered to the BCYC front desk no later than sixty (60) minutes after the Race Committee "Finish" Boat has returned to the dock.
- 11.3 Protests will be heard as soon as possible, in the order determined by the Protest Committee.

## 12. PENALTIES

*RRS* 44.1 is changed to a One Turn Penalty.

## 13. SCORING

- 13.1 The Low Point Scoring System of *RRS* Appendix A4 will apply.
- 13.2 Five (5) races are scheduled.
- 13.3 There are no throw-out races. This modifies *RRS* A2.1
- 13.4 A boat that did not start, did not finish, was disqualified or retired, shall be scored points for the finishing place **one more** than the number of **starters** in the race. This modifies *RRS* A5.2.
- 13.5 Two (2) races shall constitute a series.

## 14, TROPHIES

Trophies will be presented at BCYC after the last race of the Regatta.

### ATTACHMENT 1 - MARKS & COURSES

COURSE #	COURSE
1	W – O – L - Fin
2	W – O – L – W – O – L - Fin
3	W – O – G – W – O – G - Fin

