



2026

Hot Rum Series

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

November 22 & December 13

The organizing authority is Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club (BCYC), 1601 Bayside Drive, Corona Del Mar, CA 92625, (949) 644-9530

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (*RRS*), the rules of the fleet in which the boat races, the Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 While racing, boats shall not enter the mooring or anchorage areas. These areas are defined as obstructions.
- 1.3 Double headsails are allowed but are limited in size to the largest sail reported on the PHRF Rating Certificate.
- 1.4 Spinnakers are **not** allowed.
- 1.5 Jibs/genoas may be used with one whisker/spinnaker pole if class rules permit doing so.
- 1.6 PHRF boats rated with an engine shall carry the engine while racing (per PHRF Class Rules Section 7)

2 CHECK-IN

Boats shall pass by the Race Committee Boat and be recognized before starting.

3 CLASSES

- 3.1 Class Breaks will be posted no later than 1700 hours on the day before the first race on the BCYC Racing website at <https://bcycracing.org/hot-rum-series-2/>
- 3.2 Class Breaks will be based on the boat's PHRF Area D Random Leg Course Rating **PLUS** its Non-Spinnaker Offset.

4 COURSES AND MARKS

- 4.1 The course for each class will be displayed from the Race Committee boat.
- 4.2 All marks shall be taken to port unless otherwise signaled.
- 4.3 The Inside Mark Chart is attached below as Attachment 1.
- 4.4 Race Committee may display a solid black triangle as a mark of the course. The triangle represents a yellow tetrahedron in the vicinity of the start/finish line.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Two races are scheduled each day.
- 5.2 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1200 hours.
- 5.3 The starting sequence for subsequent races is scheduled to start after the last boat finishes the previous race.

6 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on-line at <https://bcycracing.org/hot-rum-series-2/>

7 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on-line at <https://bcycracing.org/hot-rum-series-2/> before 0900 hours on the day of the race.
- 7.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before the race.
- 7.3 Race Committee may also issue verbal changes to the sailing instructions during check-in while code flag L (Come Within Hail) is displayed.

8 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

9 START

- 9.1 The Start Line will be located in the “Five Points” area shown on Attachment A.

- 9.2 The Start Line will be between an orange flag on a staff at the port end of the line and an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end of the line.
- 9.3 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:

CLASS	SCHEDULED START	CLASS FLAG
PHRF A	1	
PHRF B	2	
PHRF C	3	

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed to a one-turn penalty.

11 FINISH

The Finish Line will be between an orange flag on a staff at the starboard end of the line and a **BLUE** flag on the Race Committee Boat at the port end.

12 TIME LIMIT

Any boat finishing later than fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat in its class finishes will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish). This changes *RRS* 35.

13 RETIRING FROM THE RACE

A boat retiring from racing shall, as soon as possible, notify the Race Committee on VHF channel 68 or call BCYC at 949-644-9530.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 Each race day, a boat’s Daily Score will be the sum of its finishing positions after scoring all races that day
- 14.2 A boat’s Series Score will be the sum of its finishing position for all races.
- 14.3 Scoring will be based on the boat’s Area D Random Leg Course (RLC) Rating PLUS its Non-Spinnaker Offset.
- 14.4 Two (2) races constitute a Series
- 14.5 There are no throw out races. This changes *RRS* A2.1

- 14.6 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*.

15 PROTESTS

- 15.1 A boat intending to protest shall comply with *RRS 60.1 & 61.1* and shall also notify the Race Committee at the finish line of her intention to protest and identify the other boats involved. This modifies *RRS 61.1*.
- 15.2 Protests and Requests For Redress shall be on written forms, which are available at the BCYC Front Office and shall be delivered to the Principal Race Officer within the Protest Time Limit. This changes *RRS 62.2*.
- 15.3 The Protest Time Limit is 45 minutes after the Race Committee boat has docked.
- 15.4 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.

16 PRIZES

Prizes will be handed out at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club after each day's racing.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See *RRS 3, Decision to Race*.
- 17.2 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.

18 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 1

Racecourse Marks

