



Stockton Sailing Club

4980 Buckley Cove Way, Stockton, Ca. 95219

2020 STANDING RACE INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 All races will be sailed in compliance with the most recent San Joaquin County Covid-19 Health Orders, and as amended or extended. Subsequent Health Orders related to Covid-19 may result in revisions to these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The sailing part of these races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as modified by these instructions, the Notice of Race, or Sailing Instructions for an individual race or series.
- 1.3 All competitors shall follow all notifications posted at the Club, or communicated via any means to the club membership, related to Covid-19 procedures concerning social distancing, personal protection equipment, and any restricted access to facilities. Subsequent Health Orders may extend or modify procedures and competitors are responsible for following such changes as they are implemented at the Club.

2 ENTRIES

- 2.1 Eligible yachts shall have completed an entry as prescribed by the Notice of Race for each event.

3 MINIMUM EQUIPMENT

- 3.1 All yachts must comply with the minimum USCG requirements for recreational vessels.
- 3.2 Yachts competing in a PHRF division, whose handicap rating is based on using an outboard motor, must have a motor on board that can propel the yacht at a minimum of 70% of her hull speed in smooth water.

4 INTERFERENCE WITH OTHER VESSELS

- 4.1 Yachts shall not impede the passage of a vessel, which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway, or fishing or other vessels with restricted ability to maneuver. Yachts so doing, and thereby endangering their own safety or that of other vessels, will be subject to protest by the Regatta Committee or contestants.

5 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the SSC website, no later than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the race.

6 START

- 1.1 GPS/Smartphone time will be used for starts.
- 1.2 Starting signals will be made in accordance with Racing Rules of Sailing Rule 26 with these modifications:

- 1.2.1 There will be no visual signals-only sound signals will be used:

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| -5 Minutes | Warning | Horn |
| -4 Minutes | Prep | Horn |
| -1 Minute | Getting close | Long Horn |
| -0 Minutes | Start | Horn |

- 6.1 Yachts must start within four minutes of their class start signal in order to be considered racing.

7 STARTING LINE

- 7.1 The starting line shall be between the pole near the start platform and the start buoy. In the event no start buoy is present, the pole on the south bank of the San Joaquin River shall be used instead.
- 7.2 The area approximately 100 yards either side of the start line and North of the start buoy shall be considered a restricted area unless you are starting. Yachts sailing into this area prior to their warning signal are subject to protest.

8 RECALLS

- 8.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with rule 29.1. The Race Committee MAY also hail the offending yacht by name, sail number, or skipper.
- 8.2 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with rule 29.2.

9 FINISH

- 9.1 The finish line shall be the same as the start line.
- 9.2 In the event the finish line will be significantly obscured by large traffic, competitors are to finish on the clubhouse side of such traffic.

10 PENALTIES

- 10.1 The One-Turn & Two-Turn penalty, rule 44.2 of the racing rules, is modified as follows: Immediately following a yacht's start, penalty turns incurred shall not be executed until reaching light "39" to the North-West of the start line.

11 PROTESTS

- 11.1 Protests shall be filed on forms which may be downloaded from US Sailing, or the SSC Regatta page, by midnight of the date of the event.
- 11.2 Protests will be heard on the Tuesday immediately following the race, at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom meeting, or at such other time as may be mutually agreeable to the parties involved in the hearing, including the Protest Committee. In any event, such hearing must be held within ten days of the race.
- 11.3 Mediation may be attempted to avoid the necessity of a protest hearing.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 The low point scoring system, appendix A4 of the racing rules, will apply as modified here.
- 12.2 A DSQ will not be counted as a throw out.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, 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.