



# Half Moon Bay Yacht Club Commodore's Regatta 2021

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

These are the Sailing Instructions for the Commodore's Regatta 2021, to be held 24 April 2021 in Pillar Point Harbor, Half Moon Bay, California. The Organizing Authority for this regatta is the Half Moon Bay Yacht Club (HMBYC).

### **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

The Notice of Race (NoR) and these Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be available on the HMBYC [website](#) (click on *Sailing > Racing* menu) and at check-in.

Any change to the SI's will be made prior to 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect. Changes will be posted on the HMBYC website.

### **RULES**

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the United States Sailing Association's *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (the "RRS"). For the C15 class, the *Coronado 15 Association Class Rules* also apply.

RRS 26 is changed to the audible-signal racing system of RRS Appendix U. To RRS U3 is added: a boat starting more than 4 minutes after the start of any race will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A5.



RRS 29.1 is modified to permit the hailing of boats that are on the course side of the starting line at the start by the Race Committee, in addition to prompt display of “X” flag. The failure of a boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of a boat, failure to hail a boat, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress.

To RRS 35 is added: a boat finishing more than 15 minutes after the first finishing boat in her division will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes rule A5.

RRS 40.1 is invoked: all competitors shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III or V Personal Floatation Device. The “Y” flag will not be displayed. Wet suits and dry suits are *not* personal floatation devices. Note, however, that **wet suits/dry suits are strongly encouraged for all dinghy classes.**

RRS 42.1 and 48 are changed: use of spinnakers is *not* permitted, regardless of whether a boat is equipped to fly them.

RRS 44.1 is changed: the penalty for breaking a rule in RRS Part 2 is changed to one turn. However, RRS 44.1(b) continues to apply: causing injury or serious damage, or gaining a significant advantage, obligates a boat to retire.

RRS 61.1 (b) is changed so that a boat intending to protest an incident that occurs in the race area shall notify the Race Committee of her intention as soon as possible after finishing, including the sail number or other identification of the boat(s) being protested. A red flag need not be displayed.

RRS 77 and Appendix G is changed such that a boat is not required to display national letters. Boats supplied by the HMBYC with colored sails and no sail number shall be identified by the color of the sail.



## **SIGNALS**

All visual and sound signals will be made from the Race Committee boat. No signals will be made ashore.

## **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Check-in will be 0900 to 1000. No sailor's meeting will be held, so as to keep social distancing in accordance with San Mateo County COVID restrictions. The Warning Signal for the first race is scheduled for 1100.

Five to seven races are scheduled, time permitting. There will be two sets of races, before and after a lunch break. Three races will be run before lunch (four if time permits). After lunch, two (or three, if time permits) races will be run. Each race will be started by class. No races will be started after 1500.

The class and course will be signaled by flags on the Race Committee boat. One-design classes will be signaled by a class burgee, and the handicap classes will be signaled by one or more letter flags as described in an addendum to the Sailing Instructions. The course will be signaled by a number flag corresponding to the course number described below.

## **THE COURSE**

All races will be conducted within the waters of Pillar Point Harbor. There will be four courses.

The first two courses use the same marks. The courses will consist of the start/finish line, a windward mark plus offset, and a leeward gate. The start/finish line will be marked by an orange flag displayed on the Race Committee boat and a mark consisting of a small buoy with streamers on the top of a pole. The windward mark will be a temporary inflatable mark to windward of the committee boat, plus an offset mark consisting of a small



inflatable ball to port (as approached from the start/finish line) of the windward mark. Both the windward mark and the offset mark must be left to port. The leeward gate will consist of two temporary inflatable marks to leeward of the Race Committee boat, which must be rounded as follows: around the port gate (facing downwind) to port or around the starboard gate to starboard. **Course 1** will consist of one lap, and **course 2** will consist of two laps.

**Course 3**, a “triangle course,” will use the same start/finish line and the same marks as the first two courses, but will have an additional temporary inflatable mark placed far offset of the start/finish, which must be rounded to port after the rounding of the windward mark’s offset, and which must be followed by a rounding of **both** marks of the leeward gate to port.

**Course 4**, the so-called “harbor tour,” will use the same start/finish line and the same windward mark and offset as the first three courses, but will use the breakwater defining Pillar Point inner harbor as the leeward mark, which must be left to starboard.

For all courses, the start/finish line will be restricted.

The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes for the first boat to sail the course and finish. If no boat has finished the course within the time limit, the race will be abandoned.

Boats in classes whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence of other classes.

Any boat withdrawing from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as practical.



## **POSTPONEMENT**

Postponement will be indicated by the hoisting of the “Answering Pennant” flag, accompanied by two sound signals. The postponement period will end with the lowering of the “Answering Pennant,” accompanied by one sound signal. One minute after the ending of the postponement period, the Warning signal will be made and the starting sequence resumed.

## **RECALLS**

Individual recall will be indicated by hoisting the "X" flag accompanied by a sound signal. The Race Committee will attempt to hail the recalled boat using loud hailer. The “X” flag will remain up until all recalled boats have properly started. General recall will be indicated by hoisting the “First Substitute” flag accompanied by two sound signals. The Warning signal for a new start shall be made one minute after the “First Substitute” is removed.

## **SCORING**

The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. Rule A2.1 is modified: if fewer than four races are sailed, no scores will be excluded.

## **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

Protest forms will be available on the HMBYC deck.

Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered, in writing, to the HMBYC deck within sixty minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the Regatta.

Notices will be posted within forty minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or



named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in a location and time to be announced.

Notices of protests by the Race Committee and or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.

## **SAFETY**

All boats shall carry a handheld VHF tuned to channel 69.

This regatta will have special restrictions due to the COVID pandemic. These restrictions are consistent with the State of California Department of Public Health Outdoor and Indoor Youth and Recreational Adult Sports guidelines and the San Mateo County Orange Tier COVID restrictions.

If a sailor thinks he or she has been exposed to COVID-19 or has, within the past 14 days, been in a group without exercising proper social distancing and wearing masks, then he or she should **NOT ATTEND** the Regatta.

All participants must wear a mask when not on the water and maintain social distancing. While racing, crews must wear masks unless all crew members have been vaccinated (all doses at least two weeks prior to the regatta).

All participants must agree to the Half Moon Bay Yacht Club Waiver and Release of Liability for the Commodore's Regatta. A signed copy must be provided to the Race Committee, preferably via email ([racing@hmbyc.org](mailto:racing@hmbyc.org)) before the regatta, or in person before the start of the regatta. The form is found [here](#).