



# Half Moon Bay Yacht Club

## El Toro North American Championship Regatta

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

1. These are the Sailing Instructions for the El Toro North American Championship Regatta, to be held 30 July - 1 August 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**

2. The Notice of Race (NoR) and these Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available on the [HMBYC website](#) (click on *Sailing > Racing* menu) and posted on the HMBYC Event Center.

3. Any change to the SI will be made prior to 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect. Changes will be posted on the HMBYC website and also on the HMBYC Event Center.

#### **RULES**

4. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the United States Sailing Association's *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (the "[RRS](#)"). The [El Toro Association Class Rules](#) also apply.

5. RRS Rule 26 is changed to the Audible-Signal Racing System of RRS US Sailing prescription [Appendix U](#).

6. To RRS Rule 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. To RRS Rule 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).

7. In accordance with RRS Rule 40.2, RRS Rule 40.1 is invoked: all competitors shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, or III Personal Floatation Device. The "Y" flag will not be displayed. Wet suits and dry suits are *not* personal floatation devices. Note, however, that the waters of Pillar Point Harbor are typically cold, so that **wet suits/dry suits are strongly encouraged**.



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## **SIGNALS**

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

## **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

9. Check-In will be Thursday, 29 July from 1200 to 1600 and Friday, 30 July from 0800 to 1100.

10. A mandatory Sailors' Meeting will be held Friday, 30 July at 1100 on the HMBYC deck.

11. Racing will take place on Friday, 30 July, Saturday, 31 July, and Sunday, 1 August. The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race each day is 1200. Two to three races are scheduled each day. No races will be started after 1600 on Friday and Saturday, and no races will be started after 1500 on Sunday.

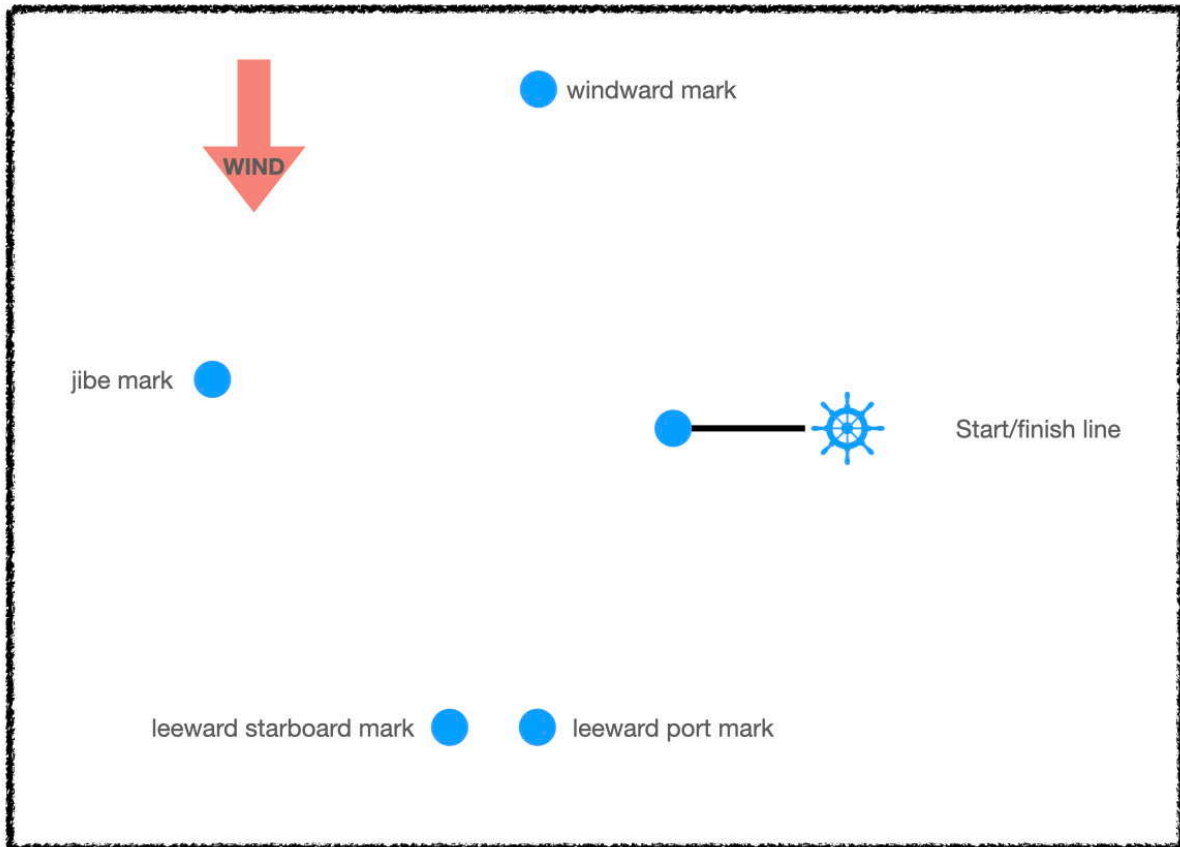
12. Practice races will be held on Thursday, 29 July, with the Warning Signal for the first race for Juniors is 1230 and for Seniors 1500.

## **RACING MARKS AND COURSES**

13. All races will be conducted within the waters of Pillar Point Harbor. The racing marks will consist of the **start/finish line**, a **windward mark**, a **jibe mark**, 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 (for the seniors course) and a small red buoy (for the juniors course). The windward mark will be a temporary inflatable mark to windward of the committee boat. The jibe mark will be a temporary inflatable mark. 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 leeward port mark to port or around the leeward starboard mark to starboard. The marks are shown below:



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14. There will be five courses:

**Course 1:** S - W(p) - LP(p) *or* LS(s) - F

**Course 2:** S - W(p) - LP(p) *or* LS(s) - W(p) - LP(p) *or* LS(s) - F

**Course 3:** S - W(p) - J(p) - LS(p) - LP(p) - F

**Course 4:** S - W(p) - LP(p) *or* LS(s) - W(p) - F

**Course 5:** S - W(p) - J(p) - LS(p) - LP(p) - W(p) - F

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

16. 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.

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



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## SCORING

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

## PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

19. Protest forms will be available at the HMBYC deck. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered, in writing, to the HMBYC bar within sixty minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the Regatta.

20. 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 to be announced.

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

## SAFETY

22. 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 for outdoor sports](#).

23. 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.

24. All participants must wear a mask when not on the water and maintain social distancing.

25. All participants must agree to the *Half Moon Bay Yacht Club Waiver and Release of Liability for the El Toro North American Championship Regatta*. The form is found [here](#). A signed copy must be provided to the HMBYC, preferably via email to [office@hmbyc.org](mailto:office@hmbyc.org) before the regatta, or in person before the start of the regatta.