



Half Moon Bay Yacht Club

Take the Tiller Women Sailing Regatta 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. These are the Sailing Instructions for the *Take the Tiller Women Sailing Regatta 2021*, to be held 24 July 2021 in Pillar Point Harbor, Half Moon Bay, California. The Organizing Authority 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 scroll down to *Next Up*) and at check-in.

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.

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"). For the C15 class, the [Coronado 15 Association Class Rules](#) also apply.

5. *RRS Rule 26* is changed to the audible-signal racing system of *RRS Appendix U*. 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.

6. *RRS Rule 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.



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7. 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).
8. *RRS Rule 40.1* is invoked: all competitors shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved 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.**
9. *RRS Rules 42.1 and 48* are changed: use of a spinnaker is *not* permitted, regardless of whether a boat is equipped to fly it.
10. *RRS Rule 44.1* is changed: the penalty for breaking a rule in RRS Part 2 is changed to one turn. However, *RRS Rule 44.1(b)* continues to apply: causing injury or serious damage, or gaining a significant advantage, obligates a boat to retire.
11. *RRS Rule 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.
12. *RRS Rule 77* and *RRS Appendix G* are 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

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



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SCHEDULE OF RACES

14. Check-in will be 0900 to 1000. There will be a mandatory Skipper's Meeting at 1000 on the deck. The Warning Signal for the first race is scheduled for 1100.

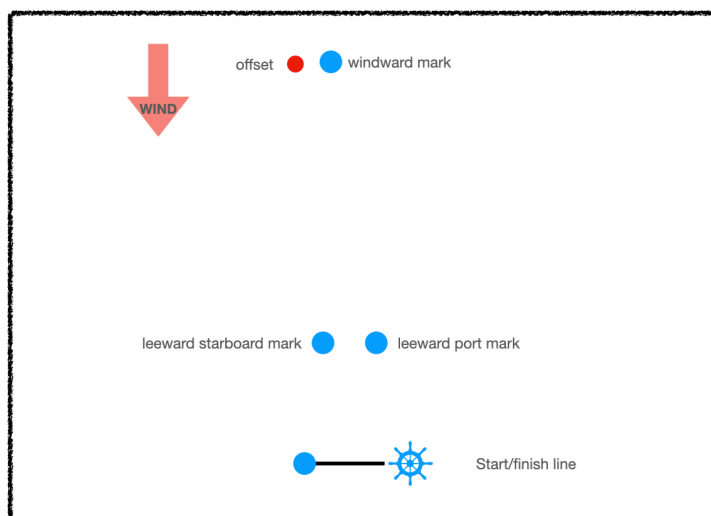
15. Five to seven races are scheduled, time permitting. There will be two sets of races, before and after a lunch break. Three races will be run before lunch (four if time permits). After lunch, two (or three, if time permits) races will be run. Each race will be started by class. No races will be started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

16. The course will be signaled by a number flag corresponding to the course number in paragraphs 19, 20, and 21 below.

THE COURSE

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

18. The courses are with respect to the following figure:





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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 below the leeward gates, and 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 windward 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.

19. **Course 1** will consist of starting, rounding the weather mark and offset, going through the leeward gates, rounding the weather mark and offset a second time, and then finishing. On the first weather leg and the last downwind leg the gates are not a racing mark.

20. **Course 2** will consist of starting, rounding the weather mark and offset, going through the leeward gates, rounding the weather mark and offset a second time, going through the leeward gates a second time, rounding the weather mark and offset a third time, and then finishing. On the first weather leg and the last downwind leg the gates are not a racing mark.

21. **Course 3**, the “harbor tour,” will use the same start/finish line and the same windward mark and offset as the first two courses, but will use the breakwater defining Pillar Point inner harbor as the leeward mark, which must be left to starboard.

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



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23. 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.

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

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

POSTPONEMENT

26. 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

27. 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. Failure of the Race Committee to hail a boat, the order of hailing multiple boats, failure of the boat to hear the hail, the timing of hails, or any other issue with the hail shall not be the basis of a protest or request for redress. The "X" flag will remain up until all recalled boats have properly started.



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28. 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

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

PROTESTS

30. Any protest should be handled on the water, if at all possible. The protestor boat should hail the protestee boat, yelling “Protest!,” and the protestee boat should take at one turn penalty as soon as possible, but without interfering with other boats racing.

31. If a protestee boat does not believe she has broken a Rule of RRS Part 2 and does not want to perform the one turn penalty, the protestor boat can verbally file a protest with the Regatta PRO, who will be the sole judge of the protest.

SAFETY

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

33. 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.



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34. All unvaccinated 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).

35. All participants must agree to the Half Moon Bay Yacht Club Waiver and Release of Liability for the Take the Tiller Women Sailing Regatta. A signed copy must be submitted via email (office@hmbyc.org) before the regatta, or in person before the start of the regatta. The form is found [here](#).