

Encinal Yacht Club
2009 Columbia 5.5 Nationals
Sailing Instructions

1.0 RULES: This Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (2009 – 2012) (RRS), the prescriptions of USSA, SF Bay YRA Standard instructions, and the 5.5 Meter One Design Class Rules, except as amended by these sailing instructions.

1.1 Non Competing Yachts: Competitors are advised that non-competing yachts may or may not be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing as adopted by the USSA and that the Inland Rules of the Road govern meetings with non-competing yachts.

1.2 Amendment to the Rules: RRS 44.2 360 Turns Penalty is modified as follows: The turns penalty for a Part 2 rule broken inside two boat lengths of a *mark* shall be a 720 degrees penalty. The turn's penalty for a Part 2 rule broken outside two boat lengths of a *mark* shall be a 360-degree turn. For the purpose of this rule, a finish line *mark* is considered a *mark*, however, a starting line *mark* is not.

2.0 ENTRIES: Races are open to all Columbia 5.5's

3.0 COURSES AND MARK DESCRIPTIONS: Refer to the Sailing Instructions Attachment A.

4.0 MANAGEMENT: The Encinal Yacht Club shall have full power to interpret the rules and conditions governing each race, to decide eligibility and protests, and to reject the entry of any yacht.

4.1 On the Water Communications: The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 68 for traffic concerning withdrawals and emergencies in the racing fleet. The Race Committee will either broadcast on VHF Channel 68, or hail from the EYC chase boat, any instructions relating to cancellation or abandonment of races.

4.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions: Changes may be made prior to the warning signal for any race to which the changes apply. Notification of the change must be made to all yachts for the change to be valid. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be made by displaying the code flag "L" from the committee boat. All boats must come within hailing distance when the international code flag "L" is displayed from the committee boat

5.0 MINIMUM EQUIPMENT: All yachts must comply with the US Coast Guard equipment requirements for recreational vessels. Yachts racing one-design must have the minimum prescribed in the class rules. **Personal Flotation Devices are required for this regatta!** No "Y" Flag will be flown for this requirement.

6.0 RESPONSIBILITY: It is the sole responsibility of the skipper of each yacht to decide whether or not to start or continue any race.

7.0 INTERFERENCE WITH COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC: Yachts must not interfere with large commercial vessels. Yachts doing so and thereby endangering their own safety and/or that of the commercial vessel will be subject to protests from competitors **and/or disqualification by the race committee without appeal.**

8.0 SAIL NUMBERS: Sail numbers ARE required on the mainsail. Participants are required to notify the principal race officer of alternate sail numbers prior to the first warning signal.

9.0 START/FINISH LINE: The start/finish line is an imaginary line between an orange flag on the committee boat and an orange buoy. The start/finish line is not restricted.

10.0 SCHEDULE

- a. Racing will be held on Saturday **August 15th** and Sunday **August 16th 2009.**

- b. A skippers meeting will be held on the EYC lawn area on Saturday **August 15th** at 9:00 am.
- c. The race committee will start towing the boats out to the race course each day at 9:30 AM.
- d. The scheduled time for the first warning gun will be 11:00 AM.
- e. Participants and their guests are invited to attend a regatta party Saturday evening and a trophy ceremony following racing on Sunday.

11.0 STARTING TIMES AND SIGNALS: Races will be started using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

The races are schedule as follows:

Race 1	August 15, 2009	Warning Signal 11:00 AM
Race 2	August 15, 2009	Immediately Following Race 1
Race 3	August 15, 2009	Immediately Following Race 2
Race 4	August 16, 2009	Warning Signal 11:00 AM
Race 5	August 16, 2009	Immediately Following Race 4
Race 6	August 16, 2009	Immediately Following Race 5

Signal	Flag	Sound	Minutes before start	Course Signal
Warning	Course, class	One gun or horn	5	Raise Course Flag
Prep	P, I, or Z	One gun or horn	4	
Drop prep		One horn	1	Drop Course Flag
Start	Drop Class	One gun or horn	0	

11.1 Check In: Yachts are required to check in by sailing by the race committee Boat prior to the first warning signal. Yachts failing to check in will be scored "DNS".

11.2 Late Starts: No yacht will be scored as starting if the vessel starts more than 15 minutes after the division/class starting time unless given permission to do so by the race committee.

11.3 Course Signal: Courses will be signaled by international code number flags.

12.0 MISSING MARKS: Missing marks may be replaced by temporary club marks or a committee chase boat the Race Committee flag and international code flag "M".

13.0 POSTPONEMENT: The signal to postpone will be the hoisting of the answering pennant and two sound signals. The postponement period will end with the lowering of the answering pennant and be signaled by a sound signal. One minute after the ending of the postponement period, the warning signal will be made by signifying the resumption of the regular starting sequence.

14.0 INDIVIDUAL RECALL: When at her starting signal a boat must comply with rule 29.1 or rule 30, the race committee shall promptly display flag **X**. The signal shall be displayed until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions and have complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, but not later than four minutes after the starting signal or one minute before any later starting signal, whichever is earlier.

14.1 General Recall: When at the starting signal several unidentified boats are on the course side of the starting line or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the race committee may signal a general recall. The preparatory signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is lowered.

15.0 SHORTENED COURSE: If the course is shortened, the EYC chase boat will take station at a mark of the course to establish a new finish line, The chase boat will display international code flag "S" and the blue Race Committee flag to indicate the course is shortened and the EYC chase boat is on station to record your finish per ISAF Rule 32.

16.0 WITHDRAWALS: Any yacht withdrawing from a race must notify the Race Committee of that fact either by hail, VHF radio CH 68, or by phoning EYC Clubhouse - 510-522-3272.

17.0 TIME LIMIT: The time limit for each race will be 2 ½ hours.

18.0 PROTESTS: Protests must be filed in accordance with ISAF RRS on a standard ISAF protest form or facsimile within 90 minutes of the race committee boat returning to the EYC docks after the final race of the day. Protest must be filed at the Encinal Yacht Club with the Primary Race Officer.

18.1 Notification of time and place will be posted on the bulletin board in the Bar at the EYC.

19.0 RACE RESULTS: Preliminary results will be posted at the EYC Clubhouse Regatta board.

20.0 SCORING: RRS Rule A2 Low Point Scoring System, 1 point for first place, 2 points for second, 3 for third, etc. All yachts scored as "DNF" will be scored as # of starters plus 1. Yachts scored as "DNS" will be scored as # of starters plus 2. Yachts scored as "DSQ" will be scored as # of starters plus 3. Six races are scheduled, with three on Saturday and two on Sunday, all of which will count in a boat's final score. **IF** a sixth race is held there will be one throw out.

2009 5.5 Nationals - Attachment A

COURSES

Not to Scale.



Mark 1



Start/Finish Line (X)



RC



Mark 2

Course 1	Xp - 1p - Xs
Course 2	Xp - 1p - 2p - Xp
Course 3	Xp - 1p - 2p - 1p - 2p - Xp
Course 4	Xp - 1p - 2p - 1p - 2p - 1p - 2p - Xp

Note:

- 1) Start/Finish Line not restricted**
- 2) Mark 1 = Orange Inflatable**
- 3) Mark 2 = Orange Inflatable**
- 4) X = Orange Sphere**