



## **Gracie & George Regatta**

Sunday August 20, 2017

# **Sailing Instructions**

### **1 Rules**

- 1.1 This race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.

### **2 Safety Regulations**

- 2.1 Equipment: All boats must comply with the United States Coast Guard (USCG) equipment requirements for recreational vessels.
- 2.2 Boats shall not interfere with commercial vessels. If a commercial vessel warns any boat, or if the Race Committee (RC) is notified by Vessel Traffic Service of an infringement, that boat may receive, without a hearing, a DSQ. This changes Rule 63.1.
- 2.3 Non-competing boats are not governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing; the Unified Inland Rules govern all such meetings. Racing boats not observing this will be subject to disqualification by the RC (this changes Rule 63.1) and/or protest by other competitors.
- 2.4 It shall be the sole responsibility of the skipper of each boat to decide to start or continue any race.

### **3 Skipper and Crew**

- 3.1 Only two people are allowed on each boat: a Lady Skipper and a Gentleman Crew. The skipper must helm during the pre-start, the start, all legs of the course and the finish. She is allowed to leave the helm for only brief moments for physical comfort or in rendering assistance with sail handling.

### **4 Communications**

- 4.1 Race Committee communications channel is VHF 66. Any boat withdrawing from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as practical by VHF 66, hail, or phone at 510-205-2451. Boats failing to do so are subject to disqualification without a hearing; this changes Rule A5.

### **5 Notice to Competitors**

- 5.1 Notices will be posted on the official notice board in the EYC Lounge and on the EYC website, <http://www.encinal.org>.

### **6 Changes in Sailing Instructions**

- 6.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:00 a.m. on the day it will take effect.

### **7 Signals made Ashore**

- 7.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the EYC yardarm.
- 7.3 When flown from shore, the flag AP with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means,

"The race is postponed. The warning signal from the race committee boat will be made not less than 60 minutes after AP is lowered."

## **8 Schedule of Races**

- 8.1 First Warning Signal is at 1255.

## **9 Class Flags**

- 9.1 Classes are shown in Addendum 1.

## **10 Racing Area and Courses**

- 10.1 The racing area is South Bay, with the Finish at EYC. The diagram in Addendum 1 shows the courses, description of marks, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

## **11 The Start**

- 11.1 Races will be started using Rule 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be located approximately 2 miles south of the entrance to the Oakland Estuary, or roughly .5 mile south of NAS 2.
- 11.2 The start line will be between an orange temporary YC buoy and an orange flag on the Committee boat.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS, without a hearing, unless she calls the Race Committee on VHF channel 66 or hails the committee boat of her desire to start late and is given permission to do so. This changes Rule A5.
- 11.5 The Race Committee MAY attempt to hail OCS boats via VHF 66 or voice hail. The inability of the R/C to hail or the inability of a boat to hear a hail shall not relieve her of her responsibility or be grounds for redress.
- 11.6 Class starts may be combined at the Race Committee's discretion. Pay attention to Class Flags at warning(s).
- 11.7 Course Signal: The race committee will signal the course to be sailed with the warning signal for that class. International code numeral pennants hoisted on the Committee Boat will designate courses. The Race Committee may broadcast the course for each class on VHF 66.
- 11.8 Any physical contact with the Committee Boat SHALL NOT be exonerated. This changes RRS 31.

## **12 Check In**

All boats must check in with the Race Committee, before the warning for the first class, by sailing by the transom of the Committee Boat (passing it to starboard), or by checking in via VHF channel 66. Boats failing to check in may be scored DNS. This changes Rule A5.

## **13 The Finish**

- 13.1 The finish line is between an Orange temporary YC buoy and an Orange Flag at the end of the Encinal YC dock.
- 13.2 The Finish line is restricted to boats finishing.

## **14 Penalty System**

- 14.1 The scoring penalty, rule 44.3 will apply. The penalty will be one place.

## **15 Time Limits**

- 15.1 The finish time limit will be 1800 hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes in her class or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rules 35 and A5.

## **16 Protests**

- 16.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Encinal Yacht Club Office. The protest shall be delivered to the Race Committee or to the Encinal Office no later than 1 hour after the protester finishes. Only protests that affect the outcome of the trophies to be presented will be heard that day. Protest times will be posted on the bulletin board in the EYC upstairs Lounge.

For any other protests, if all parties to a protest are present and agree, the protest may be heard and decided by the PRO that night at EYC or at a time to be agreed upon by the PRO and the skippers involved in the protest. This informal procedure may be terminated by the PRO or either of the skippers involved in the protest for any reason at any time before a decision is rendered.

## **17 Scoring**

- 17.1 The low point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply. PHRF Scoring, Time on Time handicapping system will be used.

## **18 Trophies**

Trophies will be awarded at Encinal Yacht Club following the race. The Gracie & George Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to boat with the lowest corrected time that weighs 2000 lbs or more.