



Offshore Yacht Racing Association

ONE WAY TO HALF BAY RACE – Sailing Instructions

Sponsored by the Half Moon Bay Yacht Club

1. RULES

1.1 This race will be governed by the rules as defined by *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 – 2012* and the *YRA Standing Sailing Instructions*, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.

2. ENTRIES

2.1 This race is open to all qualified yacht owners who are season racers in OYRA, or have paid a one-time entry fee for this YRA event, and have met the minimum equipment requirements for YRA Ocean Races. OYRA racers in the Pac Cup Prep series are invited to join this race as single race competitors.

2.2 Yachts that have not completed the online Boat and Crew Registration, including EPIRB data and Statement of Compliance, through www.jibeset.net by the deadline will not be considered starters and will be scored DNS.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 **ALL YACHTS MUST CHECK IN ON VHF CHANNEL 69 WITH THE RACE COMMITTEE DURING THE CHECK IN PERIOD 0830 TO 0930.**

3.2 Failure of a boat to check in before the deadline and establish two-way communication with the race committee will result in the boat not being considered to have started and will be scored DNS. The Race Committee may make announcements on, and will monitor **Channel 69**, but will not be able to respond to queries in the one minute before and after a start. Vessels in need of *safety assistance* should hail the Coast Guard on Channel 16 in case of emergency. **All vessels shall monitor VHF 16** while underway when the radio is not being used to communicate (47 CFR 80.310).

4. SCHEDULE OF RACE:

Race	Day and Date	Time of Warning Signal & Flag
Half Moon Bay Race	Saturday June 30th, 2012	0940 hours First Division Warning

4.1 SCHEDULED STARTING SEQUENCE

FLEET	DIVISION FLAG
PHRO 1 – D-W/L < 199 and PHRF 66 or less	C - CHARLIE
PHRO 2 – D-W/L < 199 and PHRF 69 or greater	D - DELTA
PHRO 3 – D-W/L > 200 all PHRF	E - ECHO
SHS & Multihulls	F - FOXTROT
Elkhorn YC Boreas Race Leg 1 Competitors	G - GOLF



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5. START

5.1 Between Mark "A" and an orange marker on the St. Francis Yacht Club race deck. Cross the line from East to West.

6. COURSE

6.1 COURSE 1: From the start, to Main Ship Channel Buoy "R8" to port, then to Pillar Point Gong Buoy #1 to port, then to finish. Approximately 26.5 NM

6.2 COURSE 2: From the start, to Main Ship Channel Buoy "R2" to port, then to Pillar Point Gong Buoy #1 to port, then to finish. Approximately 28.5 NM

6.3 COURSE 3: From the start, to the Approach Buoy R "SF" (YRA SF) to port then to Pillar Point Gong Buoy #1 to port, then to finish. Approximately 32 NM

7. FINISH

7.1 On an imaginary line running through the 50' tower at the end of the Half Moon Bay breakwater and Pillar Point Bell Buoy # 3. (Lat/Lon approximately 37-28.90 X 122-29.00)-leaving BOTH to port. Note that the finish line lays entirely SOUTH of Buoy 3. A committee boat will be on station from 1500 to 2000 to record finishes. Boats finishing before or after the committee boat is on station, must report their crossing of the finish line and sail number on VHF channel 69 (preferably using GPS time) to the race committee. Please do not ask the Race Committee if they got your time, but note your own time, along with names or sail numbers of yachts finishing around you. The Race Committee Time List will be posted at the Half Moon Bay Yacht Club.

7.2 Please remember that there are dangerous shoals located north of the line between buoys #1 and #3. Check your charts carefully.

8. TIME LIMIT

8.1 All boats not finishing by 2359 hours on Saturday June 30, 2012 will be scored DNF.

8.2 Yachts finishing after 2000 hours on June 30, 2012 if not receiving a response from the RC must take their own time and report it to the YRA Answering Service at (415)771-9500. RC will attempt to maintain a watch on the radio for approaching boats & for safety.

9. MISSING MARK

9.1 In the event a mark is missing the course shall be the same as indicated in these instructions. Boats shall round the mark by navigation to the Lat/Lon of the mark as indicated in the most recent Light List. Skipper shall maintain a log of the Lat/Lon and time of rounding.

10. REPORTING FINISH/WITHDRAWAL/DNF

10.1 Boats finishing during the night will illuminate the boat's sail numbers to assist the RC and call the RC on the race channel to let them know you are finishing. In addition, each boat should record her own finish time and note both the boat ahead and behind, whenever possible.

10.2 Boats withdrawing from the race or not finishing by the time limit shall contact the race committee on the race channel (or VHF 16 if no response on race channel) to notify them of their withdrawal.

10.3 Boats not specifically acknowledged by the RC, must report the fact to the YRA answering service at 415-771-9500. If not able to report while underway, telephone contact must be made immediately after coming ashore. Any boat not so reporting will be scored points equal to a DSQ under YRA SSI 2.0 and is considered a DNE (Disqualification not excludable).



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11. BOAT & CREW INFORMATION/STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE ONLINE INFORMATION

11.1 All boats **MUST complete or update** their Jibaset.net boat and crew registration including EPIRB info and boat photo **no later than 1700 hrs the Thursday before the start**. Boats that fail to complete their registration by the Thursday deadline will not be considered entered in the race and will be ineligible to race. You will receive an email when your information is reviewed and approved. Should you have a change in your crew after the Thursday deadline please update Jibaset.net up until the start of the race. Make sure and let the Race Committee know that you made a change at check in and be prepared to provide details of that change.

12. PROTEST

12.1 In accordance with the YRA Standing Sailing Instructions Article 17.0.

13. RELEASE OF LIABILITY

13.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizer (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

14. RACE COMMITTEE

14.1 Half Moon Bay YC: 650-728-2120

PRO: Richard Calabrese 415-297-0559

15. INFORMATION

15.1 YRA: (415)771-9500 or e-mail info@yra.org.

