

BALLENA BAY YACHT CLUB
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Sailing Instructions Friday Night Series 2009
Every Other Friday April 3rd through October 30th

Rules: The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing published by the United States Sailing Association. Changes or additions to these instructions will be posted on the BBYC bulletin board before 10 am on race day, or announced from the committee boat by VHF channel 71 or amplified voice hail. Changes may also be announced in the Racing section of www.bbyc.org.

Handicap: Northern California PHRF ratings will be used for time-on-distance handicapping. Boats with no Certificate of rating, or no sistership ratings (available at www.yra.org) may participate but will not be scored. **PROVIDING THIS INFORMATION IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SKIPPER. For Help Contact YRA at 415.771.9500**

No-Spinnaker Allowance: A rating credit of 18 sec/mile will be given to boats rated with a spinnaker but electing not to fly one during any race. To receive the credit, competitors shall signal while crossing the Finish line for that race by waving a buoyant cushion or life jacket and note same in finish phone message.

Class Divisions: All boats will start together, with classification to be determined by number of participants.

Start/Finish Line: Between Orange flag on shore near Ballena Isle Marina flagpole, and "G". Racing boats will leave "G" to Port at Start, and shall leave "G" to Starboard at Finish.

Description of Marks:

"G" **ORANGE INFLATABLE BALL or ORANGE INFLATABLE TETRAHEDRON** near entrance to Ballena Isle Marina

"32" Channel marker "A" (FL Y 4 sec)

"36" Channel marker "4" (FL R 4sec 12ft 4M "4" ra ref)

Signals

1800 Warning Class Flag "A" Raised Short Sound

1801 Preparatory Preparatory Flag "P" Raised Short Sound

1804 1-Minute Warning "P" Flag Lowered Long Sound

1805 Start "A" Flag Lowered Short Sound

In the event that the RC cannot start the race as above the race will be started and finished as follows:

"RADIO GPS TIME START". GPS chart plotters and instruments get a time feed from the same satellites...so all our GPS clocks should read the same. The RC will notify each racer of the official GPS time at check in on VHF channel 71. The RC will continue to give the time countdown starting with 15 minutes before the start sequence begins. The course to be run we be announced at that time and boats racing should check in by radio on VHF channel 71. When the start sequence begins racers will be notified on VHF channel 71 at five minutes before the start...at four minutes before the start...at one minute before the start...and finally the last five seconds will be counted down to "START". We will trust everyone to penalize themselves for crossing the line early by rounding the pin end of the line and crossing again.

As boats finish they should call their finish time to the RC immediately cell phone 925-785-2740. Please do leave a message with your finish time and Spinnaker Status

Course Signals: Numbered Flags Displayed from RC boat or Race Deck Area near BIM Flagpole prior to Warning. The course will also be announced on VHF Channel 71.

Course

1. GP-36P-32P-GS 6.6 nm
2. GP-36P-32P-36S-GS 9.3 nm
3. GP-32S-36S-GS 6.6 nm
4. GP-32S-36S-32P-GS 8.2 nm
5. GP-36P-GS 4.9 nm
6. GP-32P-GS 4.5 nm

Time Limit of 2.5 hours after Start will be in effect, after which no boats will be finished or scored.

Check in: By coming within hail of RC and identifying boat name and sail number, or by hailing RC on Ch 71 with same. In either case await confirmation from RC

Check out: Automatic upon receiving finishing gun or horn from RC boat. **If abandoning Race before finish, or still on race Course after expiration of time limit, competitors are to check out with RC by leaving a message at 925-785-2740**

Entry: Will be made by completing, signing and returning with cash or check the BBYC 2009 Race Entry Form available at www.bbyc.org or in hard copy at the BBYC clubhouse.

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