

2009 WHALE'S CHASE SERIES
Sailing Instructions "AROUND THE BAY" Courses
Saturday's May 16th, June 27th, July 25th, August 22rd and September 19th at Noon

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.

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

Start Line: Between Orange flag on RC Boat or on land near the BIM flagpole "Race Deck" area, and "L". Racing boats will leave "L" to Port at Start.

Finish Line: Between Orange Flag on RC Boat or on land near BIM flagpole "Race Deck" area, and "L". Boats shall leave "L" to Starboard at Finish.

Description of Courses:

All Courses start "L" to port, follow course in either direction, and finish "L" to starboard

Course 1.....Around the Block 9.56nm ("C" Pier of the western span of the Bay Bridge, in either direction)

Course 2.....Around Treasure Island 13.6nm (in either direction)

Course 3.....Around the Rock 16.3nm (Alcatraz, in either direction)

Course 4.....Around Angel Island 22.4nm (in either direction)

Course 5.....Around Three Islands 22.5nm (all boats must pass Treasure Island on the East Bay side, pass Angel Island on the Tiburon side, and pass Alcatraz on the Golden Gate Bridge side in either direction)

Course 6.....Around South 17.3nm [all boats must pass SB36 (red) to the north, pass SB32 (yellow) to the west, and pass around CHN6 (red, NE of Coyote Point) in either direction]

Description of Marks:

"L" BBYC spherical or tetrahedron buoy near Ballena Isle Marina harbor entrance

"The ROCK" Alcatraz Island

"SB36" red channel marker at entrance to Alameda NAS (N37 46.04 W122 19.807)

"SB32" yellow "A" (N37 44.765 W122 19.416)

"CHN6" red main ships channel marker NE of Coyote Point (N37 38.566 W122 18.936)

Signals

1200 Warning Class Flag "A" Raised Short Sound
1201 Preparatory Preparatory Flag "P" Raised Short Sound
1204 1-Minute Warning "P" Flag Lowered Long Sound
1205 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 will 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. Please leave a message with your finish time and Spinnaker Status.

Time Limit of 6 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 required to check out with RC on Channel 71. If no response is received by radio, competitors must leave a voicemail checkout at 415.531.8910 at their earliest opportunity.**

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