



2016 14-Mile Bank Race October 8, 2016 Sailing Instructions

The Organizing Authority for the 14-Mile Bank Race is the Newport Ocean Sailing Association (NOSA). Balboa Yacht Club (BYC) will be the host yacht club and venue for trophies, protest hearings and scoring results following the race. BYC's address is 1801 Bayside Drive, Corona del Mar, CA 92625.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013–2016 and the Prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (USSA).
- 1.2 The Class Rules of the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) apply for PHRF entries. Refer to: www.phrfsocal.org/classrules/class-rules/
- 1.3 The Class Rules of One-Design classes and the Ocean Racing Catamaran Association (ORCA) multihull class will apply for these classes. Refer to Sailing Instructions (SI) 2 for qualifying class requirements to race.
- 1.4 Boats shall comply with the Equipment Rules of their respective Fleets and of the US Coast Guard (USCG).
- 1.5 This is an ORCA multihull class Day Race.
- 1.6 Competitor advertising will be restricted as follows: no advertising other than that allowed under ISAF Regulation 20.9 will be allowed.
- 1.7 Boats are subject to inspection by the appropriate fleet coordinator to ensure conformity to the applicable class rules, bylaws and/or measurement certificates.
- 1.8 In addition to complying with their class and equipment rules, all boats shall carry a functioning GPS.
- 1.9 US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for Nearshore apply. The USSER can be found at... http://www.ussailing.org/wpcontent/uploads/DARoot/US_SER_2016.1%20with%20cx.pdf
- 1.10 RRS Appendix T, Sections A - Penalties While Racing, and Section B - Post Race Penalties will apply to all classes racing.
- 1.11 RRS 28.1 Sailing the Course, RRS 32 Shortening Or Abandoning After the Start, and RRS 35 Time Limit and Scores, are changed. The Race Committee will use the times logged at the 14-Mile Bank mark to determine a Class's finish positions for any Class with fifty percent (50%) or fewer boats in the Class finishing at the Balboa Pier finish line before the 1800 Time Limit.
- 1.12 NOSA Perpetual Trophies will only be awarded to Classes finishing at the Balboa Pier finish line unless all classes are finished at the 14-Mile Bank mark.

2. ELIGIBILITY, CLASSES, AND CLASS BREAKS

- 2.1 The race is open to all boats of the PHRF fleet with a current PHRF RLC Rating.
- 2.2 One-Design Monohull Classes, provided they have five (5) or more entries, will be given a separate start and will receive take-home trophies and be eligible for NOSA's PHRF Best Overall Elapsed Time perpetual trophy. One-Design Monohull class boats with less than five (5) qualifying entries will race in a PHRF class.
- 2.3 The ORCA multihull Class will be given a separate start and will receive take-home trophies and be eligible for NOSA's ORCA perpetual trophies
- 2.4 Class Breaks, Class Flags, and Class Start Times will be appended and become part of these Sailing Instructions no later than Friday, October 7, 2016, and will be posted on the www.nosa.org website and on the BYC Regatta Notice Board at Balboa Yacht Club (BYC).

3. ENTRY AND FEES

- 3.1 The electronic entry form is located at <http://www.nosa.org>
- 3.2 Boats that entered the 2016 Newport to Ensenada Race (N2E) have no entry fee.
- 3.3 For all other boats entering the 2014 14-Mile Bank Race, the entry fee is \$25.00.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the "Regatta Notice Board" (RNB), located on the Flag Deck level of Balboa Yacht Club (BYC), 1801 Bayside Drive, Corona del Mar, CA 92625 and on the NOSA web site at www.nosa.org

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Changes to the Race Schedule will be posted by 1900 hours the day before it will take effect. All other changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0900 hours the day they take effect. See SI 4.
- 5.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water (RRS 90.2.c) as follows: Code flag L will be displayed and signaled by a sound signal. While code flag L is displayed, participants should sail by the race committee signal boat to orally receive any changes to the sailing instructions made on the water. Participant's failure to do so will not be grounds for redress.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The first warning signal will be **Saturday, October 8, 2016 at 1200.**
- 6.2 There will be one race with a separate start for each class.
- 6.3 Visual signals will be displayed in accordance with RRS 26 and RRS Race Signals.

7. COURSE

- 7.1 The course will be:
 - Starting area to seaward and westerly of the Balboa Pier, Newport Beach, CA (approximate GPS coordinates in degrees, minutes, and decimal minutes are N 33.36.000 and W 117.54.000)
 - To an inflatable orange passing mark to port approximately ½ nm to seaward of the start line
 - To an orange inflatable rounding mark to port located at the 14 Mile Bank "Lasuen Knoll" (approximate GPS coordinates in degrees, minutes, and decimal minutes are N 33.24.000 and W 118.00.000).
 - In the event the inflatable mark is not in place, competitors shall round a virtual mark at the same GPS coordinates...AND shall record the time they round the mark.
 - THE RACE COMMITTEE BOAT AT THE 14 MILE BANK IS NOT A MARK OF THE COURSE.
 - To the finish line to seaward and westerly of the Balboa Pier, Newport Beach, CA with the same approximate coordinates as the start line.
- 7.2 The Handicap distance is 28 nautical miles (nm).

8. THE START

- 8.1 The Race Committee will start individual classes slowest to fastest.
- 8.2 The starting line will be between an Orange Flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end of the start line and an Inflatable Mark or a staff bearing an Orange Flag at the port end of the start line.
- 8.3 Prior to first warning signal each boat shall sail by the Race Committee signal boat when it is anchored on station in the starting area and displaying code flag "L". She shall hail her sail number until the Race Committee acknowledges.
- 8.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area.
- 8.5 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The Race Committee will hail On Course Side (OCS) sail numbers on Channel 69. Neither the timing of this hail, equipment failure or the failure of a boat to hear the hail shall be cause for redress from the Protest Committee. This changes RRS Rule 62.1(a).

- 8.6 Any boat on the course side at her starting signal that does not return to the pre-start side of the line to properly start, will be scored OCS and penalized thirty (30) minutes of elapsed time in lieu of being scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the class. This changes RRS A4.2.

9. THE FINISH

- 9.1 The finish line will be between an Orange Flag on the Race Committee Boat at the port end of the finish line and an Inflatable Mark or a staff bearing an Orange Flag at the starboard end of the finish line.
- 9.2 If no boat has reached the 14-Mile Bank mark before 1530, or if, in the opinion of the Race Committee, weather conditions so warrant, the course will be shortened by the Race Committee Boat at the 14 Mile Bank mark by displaying the "Course Shortened" signal (RRS 32.2). Boats shall finish between the 14-Mile Bank Mark and a staff displaying flag "S" on the Race Committee Boat.
- 9.3 The Race Committee Boat at the 14-Mile Bank mark will display the class flag of each Class to which the Shortened Course applies. Displaying the "S" flag with no class flag(s) displayed finishes all classes at the 14-Mile Bank Mark.
- 9.4 The Race Committee Boat at the 14-Mile Bank Mark will log the time of all boats as they reach the mark. Should a Class have fifty percent (50%) or fewer boats in the Class finishing the race at the Balboa Pier finish line before the 1800 Time Limit in SI 10, the finish times for all boats in this Class will be the times logged at the 14 Mile Bank Mark. This changes RRS 28.1, RRS 32.1, RRS 32.2, and RRS 35.

10. TIME LIMIT

The Time Limit for all boats is 1800 hours. All boats finishing after the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

11. PROTESTS

- 1.1 RRS Appendix T, Sections A – Penalties While Racing, and Section B - Post Race Penalties, will apply to all classes racing.
- 11.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be written and filed with the Protest Committee within one (1) hour of the docking of the Race Committee finish boat for boats finishing at the Balboa Pier finish line, Newport Beach, or by 1900 hours for boats finished at the 14- Mile Bank Mark. Protest and "Request for After Race Penalty" forms will be available outside the BYC Race Office adjacent to the Official Notice Board.
- 11.3 Decisions on measurement or class rules will be made in accordance with RRS 64.3.
- 11.4 Protests will be heard as soon as possible, normally in the order received and posted.
- 11.5 Notice of Protest will be posted on the BYC Flag Deck Official Notice Board to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. It is the responsibility of competitors to check the Official Notice Board.
- 11.6 It is the responsibility of each boat involved in a protest to have a representative and witnesses available when the hearing is called.
- 11.7 Protests will be heard at Balboa Yacht Club (BYC) on the upper floor.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 Finish order will be determined by corrected time after any penalty is applied.
- 12.2 If any corrected time class is finished at the 14-Mile Bank Mark, all corrected time classes' logged times at this mark will be used to determine the times for NOSA's overall Perpetual Trophies for Best Corrected Time.
- 12.3 One-Design Classes with a separate start will be scored on their elapsed times after any penalty is applied.
- 12.4 ORCA multihulls will be scored on their current ORCA Day Race Time-On-Time (TOT) rating after any penalty is applied.

13. SAFETY

- 13.1 The full preamble of RRS Part 2 applies when a boat sailing under these rules meets a vessel that is not.
- 13.2 A boat retiring from the race prior to finishing shall notify the Race Committee on VHF CHANNEL 69 before leaving the course, or immediately following arrival ashore by telephoning BYC at 949-673-3515.