



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Balboa Yacht Club's
2026 Harbor 20 Midsummer Regatta
Sunday, July 26th

1. RULES

1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Race Notice Board, located off the BYC flag deck (lower waterfront level) of the clubhouse on the Sailing Office window, no later than 1200 hours of the day of the regatta.

2.2 Code Flag "L" will be flown from the BYC Race Signal Tower if a notice has been posted.

3. SCHEDULE

First warning will be at 1300hrs

No races will be started after 1530hrs.

Awards ceremony will take place as soon as practical after racing.

4. MARKS & COURSES

4.1 The race venue will be in the Turning Basin/Five Points.

4.2 Courses will be described in Attachment A – Course Chart

4.3 The course to be sailed will be indicated with a number displayed from the BYC Signal Boat.

4.4 All marks are rounding marks.

4.5 Marks A (weather mark) and B (leeward mark) will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons or marksetbots. Marks K, M, P, Q, W are yellow permanent marks. Mark 8 is a red channel mark.

5. THE START

5.1 The start line is between a staff in the water displaying an orange flag and an orange flag flown from the BYC Signal Boat.

5.2 The division (Harbor 20 "A", Harbor 20 "B" or Harbor 20 "C") to be started will be indicated with a letter "A", "B" or "C" respectively, displayed on the BYC Race Signal Boat.

5.3 Races will be started using RRS Appendix U, Audible-Signal Racing System.

6. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff in the water displaying a blue flag and a blue flag on the Signal Boat.

The finish line for the last race of the day will be between an orange flag on the BYC Race Tower and an orange inflatable shape. This changes RRS Race Signals.

7. TIME LIMITS

Boats not finishing within fifteen (15) minutes of the first boat to finish within her division will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

8. PROTESTS

- 8.1 Protests shall be filed using forms available outside of the BYC Race Office and online and logged at the BYC Race Office or email sailing@balboayachtclub.com within thirty (30) minutes after the last boat finishes.
- 8.2 Protest hearings will be heard as soon as possible after filing at a time to be determined by the BYC Protest Committee.
- 8.3 Notice of hearings will be posted on the Official Race Notice Board, online and emailed out to those involved no later than one half hour after protest filing time has closed for that day.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty

10. SCORING

The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A shall apply. If five (5) races are completed, a boat's worst score will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for the damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this race. By participating in this race, 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.