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2026 Fall SCORE
August 23, September 13 and October 25
Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

- 1.1 This series will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS.)
- 1.2 RRS 40.1 applies: Personal Flotation Devices must be worn while racing.

2. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted online before 1100 on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 The sailing documents may be changed on the water via VHF and if so, Flag L (Lima) will be displayed from the RC boat until the 1st warning.

3. Communication with Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the online Official Notice at the event site located on the event page at <https://scyc.org/upcoming-races>.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee may monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 68.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the EYC flagpole for the race from Moss Landing or the SCYC Regatta shed mast Flagpole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the RRS Race
- 4.3 Signals description of flag AP.

5. Schedule

- 5.1 A competitor's briefing is scheduled for **11:00** hours on Sunday, August 23rd, 2026, at the Elkhorn Cruz Yacht Club Patio.
- 5.2 Dates of Racing for all classes:
 - August 23rd, 2026; One Race scheduled starting in Moss Landing.
 - September 13th, 2026; Two Races scheduled
 - October 25th, 2026; Two Races scheduled
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal.
 - August 23rd – First warning signal at 12:55
 - September 13th – First warning signal at 12:25
 - October 25th – First warning signal at 12:25
- 5.4 The Race Committee may change the number of races held each day at its discretion.

6. Check-In

- 6.1 All participating boats shall check-in with the Race Committee by sailing past the Signal Vessel's stern or calling on VHF channel 68 prior to the First Warning Signal.

7. Class Flags

	PHRF Rating	Class Flag
PHRF-A	81 or Less	F
PHRF-B	82 or Greater	E
Double Handed	All ratings	D
Jib & Main	250 or less	K

8. Marks

- 8.1 All marks listed in Appendix A are rounding marks except marks "Start" and "Signal Vessel".
- 8.2 Gate is comprised of mark Start and the Signal Vessel.
- 8.3 If a mark is missing, the Race Committee will attempt to replace it with an inflatable mark at approximately the same location. This changes RRS 34.

9. Courses

- 9.1 The course to be sailed will be indicated by the displaying numerical pennant(s) from the Signal Vessel.
- 9.2 Appendix A describes the courses, the order to which the marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left and a description of each mark.
- 9.3 Marks followed by a "(stb)" in the Mark Rounding Order tables below shall be left to starboard, other marks shall be left to Port except marks Start and Signal Vessel.

10 Scoring

- 10.1 Three (3) races are required to constitute a series.
- 10.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 10.4 One Day entries shall be scored per race in their class for performance comparison only. One Day entries shall not be scored in the series. This changes RRS A2.2.

11 The Start

- 11.1 For the race starting in Moss Landing, the start line will be the continuous line between MLA and the Green Can Entrance Buoy #1.
- 11.2 The RC in Moss Landing will be stationed on the beach shore near the ML North Jetty along an extension of the start line. Over the VHF radio channel 68, **RC shall execute sound signals and countdown for rule 26 (5-minute start sequence) but no visual signs will be used.** This changes RSS 26.
- 11.3 The Start in Santa Cruz will be between mark Start and the staff of an Orange Flag displayed from the Signal Vessel.
- 11.4 Between the preparatory signal and starting signal, a boat shall have the spinnaker head below the main boom gooseneck.
- 11.5 The Race Committee may hail on VHF channel 68, the sail number or other identifying feature of any boat that was on the course side of the starting line at her start signal. The failure of a hail, the failure of a boat to hear a hail, or the order of the hail(s) shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12 The Finish.

- 12.1 For the race starting in Moss Landing, the finish line will be an imaginary line between Walton Lighthouse to Start Buoy marked "SCYC 2". Race Committee shall observe the finishes from the SC Harbor Jetty at the Walton Lighthouse. This changes RRS flag signals.
- 12.2 The finishing line for the races starting in Santa Cruz will be between mark Start and the staff of a Blue Flag displayed from the signal vessel.
- 12.3 After rounding Schuyler mark and approaching the finish line, participating boats shall hail Race Committee on VHF channel 68 that are approaching the finish.

13 Check out

- 13.1 A boat that withdraws from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity, for the first SCORE race please text Richard Theron (408) 391 1911. Competitors shall confirm receipt of message.

14 Time Limit

- 14.1 The Finishing Window is 30 min after the first boat finishes in the same Class. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window will be scored DNF.
- 14.2 The time limit for SCORE race #1 from Moss Landing will be 18:00 hours. All boats finishing after this time will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 & A5.

15 Penalty System

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

16 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 16.1 For each class, the protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the signal vessel has arrived at her berth in Santa Cruz Harbor or sixty (60) minutes after the last boat finishes from Moss Landing. The protest filing time limit will be posted on the online official Notice Board and on the North window.

- 16.2 Protest forms are available in the Race Office's or in the clubhouse hallway across from the office door. Protest forms must be turned in at the Race Office's.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than thirty (30) minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the Regatta shed, beginning at the time posted.

APPENDIX A

DESCRIPTION OF MARKS

Mark Name	Mark Location	Mark Description
MLA	36°47.90'N – 121°48.11'W	R/W Safe Water Bell Buoy
Moss Landing Entrance Buoy#1	36°48.34'N – 121°47.52'W	Green cylinder marked 1
Walton Lighthouse	36°57.64'N – 122°00.13'W	Cylindrical structure Oc G 4 sec
Start (S)	36°57.11'N – 121°59.83'W	Yellow ball marked SCYC 2
Government (Gov)	36°57.47'N – 122°00.72'W	Large white metal ball marked "CG"
Mile Buoy (Mile)	36°56.35'N – 122°00.57'W	R&W "SC" WHISTLE buoy
Mitchells Cove (MC)	36°56.80'N – 122°02.34'W	Yellow ball marked SCYC 3
Natural Bridges (NB)	36°56.60'N – 122°03.70'W	Yellow ball marked SCYC 4
Black Pt. (BP)	36°57.11'N – 121°59.14'W	Yellow ball
Snyder	36°56.50'N – 121°58.02'W	Yellow ball marked Snyder
Schuyler	36°56.84'N – 122°01.29'W	Yellow ball marked Schuyler
Signal Vessel	Near mark "Start"	Race Committee Signal Vessel

COURSES

Course	Mark Rounding Order	Distance nautical miles
0	Start – Natural Bridges – Snyder – Finish	9.29
1	Start – Natural Bridges – Black Pt. – Schuyler – Black Pt. - Finish	10.87
2	Start – Natural Bridges – Black Pt. – Finish	7.39
3	Start – Mitchell Cove – Snyder – Finish	7.10
4	Start – Schuyler – Black Pt. – Gate – Schuyler – Black Pt. – Finish	6.97
5	Start – Schuyler – Black Pt. – Finish	3.49
6	Start – Black – Gov – Finish	2.66
7	Start – Schuyler – Finish	2.39

8	Start – Mile – Black – Mile – Finish	4.70
9	Start – Black – Schuyler – Finish	3.48
10	(ML#1/MLA) Start – Schuyler (stb) – Finish (Walton Lighthouse/SCYC2)	15.07

APPROXIMATE MARK LOCATIONS

