



Oceanside Yacht Club
Sailing Instructions
HOLIDAY REGATTA
Saturday December 19, 2026

1. **Rules.** The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS), PHRF of Southern California, U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Safety Equipment Requirements (US_SER_2020.0) for Nearshore Racing.
2. **Entries** Competitors may enter by delivering a completed entry form and paying the entry fee before 10:00 am day of race.
3. **Notices to Competitors.** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Oceanside Website at [Racing – Oceanside Yacht Club \(oceansideyc.net\)](http://Racing – Oceanside Yacht Club (oceansideyc.net)).
4. **Changes to Sailing Instructions.** Any changes to the Sailing Instructions and/or notices to competitors will be posted on the OYC bulletin board prior to completion of the Skippers Meeting. Oral changes MAY be given on the water.
5. **Signals Made Ashore.** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the OYC flagpole.
6. **Schedule of Races.** 3 Races are scheduled at the discretion of the Race Committee.
7. **Class Flags.** Class flags will be specified at the skippers' meeting. Classes may be combined.
8. **Racing Area.** The racing area will be Oceanside Yacht Club outside Racing Area
9. **The Courses**
 - 9.1 Candidate courses are listed online at <https://oceansideyc.net/racing/>
 - 9.2 At or before the warning signal for each start, the course will be posted in Arabic numerals.
 - 9.3 The start/finish line shall be considered restricted except when starting or finishing, or where K is a mark on the course.
10. **Marks.** Permanent marks are 6' poles with floats, painted yellow, or inflatable orange or red shapes. Permanent marks may be replaced with inflatable marks - details will be provided at the Skippers Meeting.
11. **The Start**
 - 11.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26, with classes starting at 5 min intervals. **Classes will start in the order or combined** as announced at the skippers meeting and maybe changed on the water by the RC.
 - 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end of the line and K Mark at the port end (or an Inflatable Mark if "K" Mark is not on station). R/C boat may float an orange buoy behind it. This will be considered part of the R/C boat.
 - 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and shall keep clear of all boats who's warning signal has been made.
 - 11.4 Boats will not start later than four minutes after their starting signal.
12. **Recalls.** The Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, or to be hailed shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
13. **The Finish.** The finish will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the start/finish line mark.
14. **Penalty System.** Rule 44.2, will apply, except that one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is prescribed vs two. This changes RRS 44.2.

15. Time Limit.

15.1 The time limit will be 1730 hours. If no boat of a class has finished by 1730 the race is abandoned for that class. Boats finishing after 1730 will be scored "DID NOT FINISH" (DNF). This changes RRS Rule 35.

15.2 If a boat in last place in a race is delaying the start of another race, the Race Committee may terminate the race and score that boat in the place she would have finished.

16. Protest

16.1 A boat intending to protest shall notify the Race Committee immediately after finishing the race and before leaving the racing area.

16.2 A protest shall be written on a US Sailing Protest form, available at OYC, and lodged with the Race Committee within thirty minutes after the Race Committee boat docks.

17. Scoring.

17.1 The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply. Each boat's series

score shall be the total of her race scores, including her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

18. Safety Regulations.

18.1 When flag "L" is flown by the race committee boat before the first warning signal, each boat shall sail on starboard tack, close by the stern of the committee boat, and hail her sail number, which will be acknowledged. Boats failing to check in prior to first warning will be scored "DID NOT START" (DNS).

18.2 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a race committee vessel before leaving the course, or when that is impossible, the OYC office immediately after arrival ashore. Notification may be made by radio on channel 68. Failure to notify the Race Committee may result in Disqualification (DSQ).

19. Radio Communications. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats unless necessary. The R/C may broadcast on and will monitor VHF Channel 68.