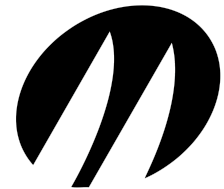


50th Moore 24 National Championship



September 25th-27th, 2026
Sailing Instructions

The following abbreviations will apply to the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions:

RC:	Race Committee	PC:	Protest Committee
[NP]:	A boat may not protest	[DP]:	Discretionary Penalty
OA:	Organizing Authority	[DNE]:	Disqualified Non-Excludable
RRS:	Racing Rules of Sailing	ONB:	Official Notice Board
TC:	Event Technical Committee (not Nat'l Assoc. TC)		

The Santa Cruz Yacht Club (244 4th Ave, Santa Cruz, CA 95062) will be the OA for the event.

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1. **Rules**

- 1.1. This event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the [DP] [Moore 24 National Association Class Rules](#).
- 1.2. The RC will use the Vakaros RaceSense system for electronic identification and for official time. Refer to Addendum ARMS on the ONB for instructions, rules, and other information.
- 1.3. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in and did not see, the incident, or".
- 1.4. The US Prescriptions to RRS 63.1(b) and 63.1(c) do not apply.

2. **Changes to the Sailing Instructions**

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions (SI) will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3. **Communications with Competitors**

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the ONB located at <https://scyc.org/regatta/vuTMUSdJY9>.
- 3.2. As a non-binding courtesy, the OA, RC and/or PC may post information on the unofficial notice board located on the North wall of the Race Office.
- 3.3. The Race Office is located in the SCYC dry storage yard near the base of the stairs leading up to the Yacht Club.
- 3.4. On the water, the RC intends to communicate with the fleet on VHF 68.
- 3.5. [DP] All boats shall have a working VHF radio aboard capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF 16, 68, 69 & 71.
- 3.6. On shore, the OA, RC and PC will communicate with skippers using email and/or SMS through ClubSpot. Failure to receive messages will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

4. **Signals Made Ashore**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the North East corner of the Race Office.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5. **Schedule**

5.1.	Date	Event	Time
	Wednesday, Sept 23	Crew Weigh-In - Race Office	0900-1200
	Thursday, Sept 24	Registration - Race Office	0900-1200
		Crew Weigh-In - Race Office	0900-1200
		50th Nationals Exhibition Race Start	1600
		All boats afloat (see NOR 7.2)	2100
	Friday, Sept 25	Registration - Race Office	0700-0930
		Crew Weigh-In - Race Office	0700-0930
		Skippers' Briefing - SCYC Clubhouse	1030
		Practice Vakaros Start 1	1230
		Practice Vakaros Start 2	1240
		First Warning Signal	1255
	Saturday, Sept 26	First Warning Signal	1155
	Sunday, Sept 27	First Warning Signal	1155
		No Warning Signals after	1500
		Awards Ceremony	Following Racing

5.2. [DP] The Skippers' briefing is open only to the skipper (or their designee) due to limitations on space.

6. **Races**

6.1. Eight races are planned: three races each on Friday and Saturday, and two races on Sunday.

6.2. The RC may change the number of races held each day at their discretion.

7. **Class Flag**

7.1. The class flag will be Yellow with a Red Moore emblem.

8. **Racing Area**

8.1. Racing will be around autonomous MarkSetBots, temporary buoys and fixed marks within a five nautical mile radius of the Santa Cruz Small Craft Harbor West jetty.

9. **Courses**

9.1. The courses are located in Attachment A and designate the order of marks to be rounded.

9.2. All marks shall be rounded to port with the exception of the leeward gate "G1/G2" which shall be rounded as a gate.

9.3. In the event the leeward gate "G1/G2" is replaced by a single mark, boats shall round the remaining mark to port.

9.4. The RC may adjust the next leg of the course during a race, provided no boats are on the leg to be adjusted, of no more than 10 degrees or 10% of leg length to maintain course alignment or target time, without signalling a change. This changes RRS 33.

9.5. In the event a course change for a new Mark W is signaled per RRS 33, Mark WO will no longer be a course mark. SI 10.3 will apply.

9.6. No later than the warning signal the signal vessel will display the course to be sailed using the numeral pennant for the course number in Attachment A. The RC may announce the course on VHF as a non-binding courtesy.

10. **Marks**

10.1. Mark W will be an Orange MarkSetBot.

10.2. Mark WO will be a Yellow MarkSetBot.

10.3. The change mark for W will be a green mark.

10.4. Marks G1 and G2 will both be Orange MarkSetBots.

10.5. Mark S/F will be an Orange MarkSetBot.

10.6. Mark NB (Natural Bridges) is a fixed yellow sphere marked "SCYC 4" located at approximately 36° 56.58' N, 122° 03.71' W.

10.7. Mark CS (Cement Ship) is a red ball set at approximately 36° 58.08'N, 121° 54.90'W. This is approximately 400 feet to the SW of the bow of the Cement Ship.

10.8. MarksetBots may be replaced with an inflatable mark of the same color.

11. The Start

- 11.1. Races will be started in accordance with Addendum ARMS as posted on the ONB.
- 11.2. [DP] Prior to the first warning signal of the first race of each day, boats shall check-in by sailing on starboard tack, passing the stern of the RC Signal vessel displaying flag L. Check-Ins by VHF will not be accepted.
- 11.3. The starting line will be between a Vakaros device affixed to a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal vessel at the starboard end and a Vakaros device affixed to a staff displaying an orange flag on an Orange MarkSetBot at the port end of the line.
- 11.4. A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12. The Finish

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between the Vakaros device affixed to a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel and a Vakaros device affixed to a staff displaying an orange flag on a Orange MarkSetBot at the other end of the line. This changes RRS *Race Signals*.

13. Penalty System

- 13.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 13.2. In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: "However, if Mark WO is set, a boat shall not take a penalty for an incident that occurred in the zone around Mark W or on the leg between Mark W and Mark WO until after she has rounded Mark WO and her hull has cleared the zone around Mark WO".

14. Time Limits

- 14.1. For courses 1 and 2, boats still racing who fail to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE. This changes RRS 35 and A4 and A5.
- 14.2. For courses 3, 4 and 5, boats still racing who fail to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE. This changes RRS 35 and A4 and A5.
- 14.3. Boats scored TLE shall be given points equal to the number of finishers in that race plus one.

15. Hearing Requests

- 15.1. The hearing request time limit is 60 minutes after the RC signal vessel docks in her berth. The hearing request time limit will be posted on the ONB (online). As a non-binding courtesy, the time limit may also be posted on the Unofficial Notice Board on the North wall of the Race Office.
- 15.2. Hearing Requests shall be submitted online by clicking "File a Hearing Request" under the "Hearings" section of the ClubSpot site below the ONB. <https://scyc.org/regatta/vuTMUSdJY9>.
- 15.3. The protest committee will hear requests as soon as possible and in the order it determines.
- 15.4. The hearing schedule will be posted on the ONB within 30 minutes after the hearing request time limit.
- 15.5. Notices will be posted on the ONB within 30 minutes after the Time Limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. As a non-binding courtesy, these notices may also be sent via email and/or SMS notifications.
- 15.6. Hearings will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room on the lower level of The Club, unless otherwise directed by the Protest Committee.

16. Scoring Inquiries

- 16.1. To request correction of an alleged error in a posted race or series result, a boat shall submit a Scoring Inquiry on Clubspot and submit it for the RC's further handling per RRS 90.3(c).
- 16.2. Scoring Inquiry Forms are available on the Clubspot site by clicking, "File a Hearing Request" under the "Hearings" section of the website below the ONB. <https://scyc.org/regatta/vuTMUSdJY9>.
- 16.3. After the RC provides its determination(s) regarding a scoring inquiry, a Request for Redress may then be submitted in accordance with RRS 61.2 to contest the RC's determinations made from that inquiry following the same submission process outlined in SI 15.2.
- 16.4. A request for redress based on the RC's determinations of a scoring inquiry meets the request time limit if:
 - (a) The original scoring inquiry was submitted within the posted time limit specified per RRS 61.2 or,
 - (b) The request for redress is delivered at the first reasonable opportunity after being notified of the RC's determination(s).
- 16.5. For races held on the last day of racing, scoring inquiries must be filed within the hearing time limit or 30 minutes after the results are posted, whichever is later.

17. Scoring

- 17.1. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18. Safety Regulations

- 18.1. [NP][DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC at the first opportunity. This notification shall not be considered complete until the RC replies to confirm the retirement. Notification may be VHF, verbal to an official boat or reporting to the Race Office ashore as soon as possible after coming ashore.
- 18.2. [DP][NP] RRS 37 is changed as follows: "When the race committee displays flag V with one sound, all boats and support vessels shall, if possible, monitor the race committee communication channel for search and rescue instructions.
- 18.3. [NP] If the PC decides that a boat, individual crew member or support person has broken RRS 37, that decision shall qualify as material grounds to consider gross misconduct per RRS 69.
- 18.4. RRS 40.1 applies; all competitors shall wear a Personal Flotation Device while racing except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing.
- 18.5. [NP] The Designated Meeting point for Emergency Services is the Main Launch Ramp below the Harbor Master's Office on the **EAST** side of the harbor adjacent to the Fuel Dock unless otherwise directed by RC or Emergency Personnel.

19. Crew Substitutions

- 19.1. Substitution of crew member(s) is not allowed without prior written approval of the Fleet Representative.
- 19.2. [NP] Arrangements for Weigh-Ins of substitution crew shall be made in advance with the Fleet Representative.

20. Measurement Checks and Inspection

- 20.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race, and SIs.
- 20.2. Mandatory spot inspections will occur following the conclusion of racing Friday and Saturday for all boats who finish in the top three places in any individual race of that respective day.
- 20.3. Notice of boats to be inspected will be posted on the ONB upon the return of the signal vessel to her berth along with the time of her arrival.
 - (a) [DP] Skippers of these boats shall report to the SCYC hoist within 30 minutes of the published time of the signal vessel docking and make themselves known to the head of the TC for measurement instructions.

21. Berthing

- 21.1. [DP] [NP] All boats shall be berthed only in designated areas as posted to the ONB. Boats failing to comply who tie up outside these areas may be billed directly by CF number by the Santa Cruz Port District for berthing.
- 21.2. [DP] [NP] Some slips may be designated to specific boats and shall only be occupied by those named boats.
- 21.3. [DP] [NP] To facilitate rafting up, all boats shall have three dedicated dock lines of at least 10' each with a minimum diameter of 1/4" and two fenders aboard at all times while racing. These shall not be any of the boats' racing sheets.

22. Haul-Out Restrictions

- 22.1. [DP] [NP] Boats are required to remain in the water for the duration of the event and shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the RC and/or the Fleet Representative.

23. Prizes

- 23.1. Awards will be presented for 1st through 10th for the series.
- 23.2. An award will be presented to the top female skipper.
- 23.3. A "Roadmasters Learner's Permit" award will be presented to the top skipper under 30 years old.
- 23.4. A "Roadmasters Retirement Home Hall Pass" award will be presented to the top skipper over 65 years old.
- 23.5. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA and/or RC.

24. **Risk Statement**

- 24.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

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Attachment A - Course Sheet



Course No.	Course
1	S - W - WO - G1/G2 - W - WO - F
2	S - W - WO - G1/G2 - W - WO - G1/G2 - W - WO - F
3	S - NB - F
4	S - CS - F
5	S - W - WO - CS - F (inshore near harbor)