

2026 Soling Class Pacific Coast Championship Regatta Mission Bay Yacht Club



16th – 18th October 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The following RRS are changed by these instructions: 35, 44.1, 60.2(a)1, and Appendix A2
- 1.3. As permitted by Rule 86.1(c), Rule 42.3 (c) is altered to : Except on a beat to windward, when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the leeward side of a wave) or planing is possible, the crew may pull the sheet controlling any sail in order to initiate surfing or planing , but not more than twice for each wave or gust of wind. In addition, pumping of the spinnaker guy is permitted at all times without restriction. In this part of the Rule "pumping of the spinnaker guy" means repeatedly trimming and releasing the guy by any means. Moving the body as necessary to pump the guy is permitted and shall not be considered to be ooching (see Rule 42.2 (c)), nor shall any rolling of the boat caused by such necessary movements be considered rocking (see Rule 42.2 (b)). This changes Rule 42.3.
- 1.4. Special Rules
 - a) After the warning signal for a race the registered helmsperson shall not leave the helm except in an emergency or with the prior written permission of the Race Committee or International Jury.
 - b) A boat shall not discharge trash into the water.
- 1.5. This is a category “C” event.

2. ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. This regatta is open to any yacht that meets the criteria of the International Soling Association for the Soling PCC regatta.
- 2.2. Eligible skippers must enter by completing pre-registration or register the morning of Friday October 16th, 2026 during the designated registration period.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the outside south wall of the clubhouse.
- 3.2. Notices of changes to the schedule shall be posted by 8:00pm the day prior to taking affect.

3.3. Notices or changes to sailing instructions; Sailing Instructions will be posted before 10:30am on the day they take effect. Changes to the schedule will be posted before 8:00 PM the day prior to them taking effect.

3.4. The race committee reserves the right to make on the water changes to the sailing instructions per 90.2c.

4. COMPETITORS MEETING

4.1. A competitors meeting will be held at 10:00 am, on Friday October 16th, 2026 on the patio at MBYC in the vicinity of the flag pole.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole over the tower building.

5.2. Flag AP means the race is postponed and the next warning signal will not be given prior to 60 minutes after lowering this flag.

6. NUMBER AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. Ten races are scheduled with three on Friday, Four on Saturday and three on Sunday. Changes to the race schedule may be made on the water by the PRO as required by conditions.

6.2. The first warning each day is scheduled for 11:55. *Note: Tows are not available to the racing area so please schedule accordingly.*

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. The class flag to be used will be the Soling emblem flag. This will be displayed at the competitors meeting.

8. RACING AREA

8.1. The racing area will be the ocean off of Mission Beach, San Diego approximately 1 mile north of the Mission Bay Jetty. If racing inside Mission Bay is required, the PRO will determine the racing area and posted it on the notice board. It is the competitor's responsibility to identify the racing area.

9. COURSES AND MARKS

9.1. The primary marks of the course will be orange Tetrahedrons.

9.2. Replacement mark will be yellow tetrahedrons.

9.3. The courses are described in Attachment A of these instructions.

9.4. Before each race the Race Committee Signal Boat shall display a number placard indicating the designated course number for that particular race. The Course number shall be displayed prior to or immediately following the Warning Signal. The committee boat will also display the bearing to the windward mark.

10. THE START

10.1. Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.

10.2. The race committee boat will be downwind of the leeward mark

10.3. A competitor starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored as "Did Not Start".

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The windward finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and a pin displaying a blue flag as describe in Appendix A. This line will be to windward of the windward mark.
- 11.2. The downwind finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a staff displaying blue flag which will be on the starboard side and to windward of the race committee boat. Note: For downwind finishes competitors must pass the leeward mark on their port side before finishing.

12. TIME LIMIT

- 12.1. The time limit is 1 hour. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat of their fleet shall be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes Rule 35.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. The scoring will be in accordance with the low point scoring system in Appendix A of the RRS.
- 13.2. The worse score of the series will be excluded only if six or more races have been completed. This is a change to Appendix A2 of RRS.
- 13.3. Five Races must be completed to constitute a regatta.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. Per Appendix V1 of RRS, a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2 outside the zone or a boat that has broken rule 31 shall take a One-turn penalty. A boat that has broken a rule of Part 2 inside the zone shall take a Two-turn penalty.

15. PROTESTS

- 15.1. A competitor's intent to protest shall be reported to the race committee promptly upon finishing that race by announcing both the protesting and protested boats sail number. The protested boat must be notified at the time of the offense; however, no protest flag is required to be flown. This modifies RRS 60.2(a)1.

Protests shall be made in writing, on forms available at the MBYC office, and filed within 1 hour of the Race Committee Signal boat returning to the dock.

16. SAFETY

- 16.1. All boats are required to check-in aft of the committee signal boat on starboard tack before racing when the signal flag "L" is displayed.
- 16.2. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify a race committee boat before leaving the course or the MBYC office upon reaching the dock.

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Attachment A Courses

