



2026 Twilight Series



Organizing Authority:
Encinal Yacht Club, Alameda, CA

Spring: April 3, April 17, May 1, May 15, May 29

Summer: July 10, July 24, Aug 7, Aug 21, Sept 4

Sailing Instructions (SIs)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as they are changed by these SI's.
- 1.2 The class rules of each invited class will apply.
- 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"

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1700 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 official notice board located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/Y1pkao9TdK> and may also be posted on the official notice board located near the Encinal Yacht Club bar.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 78A.
- 3.3 [NP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at The Encinal Yacht Club Flagpole in the courtyard.
- 4.2 When the AP flag is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5 **CLASS FLAGS**

- 5.1 Classes will be defined on the ONB in SI 3.1.

6 **RACING AREA**

- 6.1 The race area will be in the Alameda/Oakland Estuary between Jack London Square and Coast Guard Island.

7 **COURSES**

- 7.1 The document *SI Addendum 1 – Courses* shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8 **MARKS**

- 8.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 and 5 are temporary buoys. Mark 4 is the day mark G-1, west of Coast Guard Island.
- 8.2 The start/finish mark (X) will be a temporary buoy, which marks the end of the line opposite the end of the Encinal Guest Dock.
- 8.3 All Marks are rounding marks.

9 **CHECK IN**

- 9.1 All yachts shall check in with the Race Committee before the warning for the first class, by either VHF radio, or by sailing within sight of the Race Committee. Yachts failing to check in may be scored DNS.

10 **THE START**

- 10.1 Races will be started using the following signals, with the warning signal made **3 minutes** before the starting signal. This changes RRS 26.

<i>Minutes before Starting Signal</i>	<i>Visual Signal</i>	<i>Sound Signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
3	Class flag	One	Warning signal
2	P, I, Z, Z with I, U, or black flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

- 10.2 The starting line will be between an orange panel (or flag) on the Encinal Guest Dock and the Starting Mark (X).
- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

- 10.4 A boat that does not start within 6 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 10.5 Class starts may be combined at the Race Committee's discretion by announcement over VHF radio and flying multiple Class Flags at warning(s) signal(s). This changes Rule 26.
- 10.6 Course Signal: The race committee will signal the course to be sailed with the warning signal for that class. Numerical placards or flags on the Encinal Guest Dock will designate courses. The Race Committee may broadcast the course for each class on VHF radio.

11 **RECALLS**

- 11.1 Individual Recalls: The R/C may attempt to hail 'OCS' boats on VHF. The failure of the R/C to hail a boat or the boat's inability to hear a hail shall not relieve her of her responsibility and shall not be grounds for redress.
- 11.2 General Recalls: Change rule 29.2 to read: When recalled, all boats of the recalled fleet will restart at the next starting sequence using the same course as previously signaled. The First Substitute will be dropped one minute before a new Warning Signal is made for the restart. All following fleets will start thereafter in their normal order. If there is a second General Recall for a fleet, that fleet will start after the last scheduled fleet of starters.

12 **THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The Finish Line will be between a range panel (or flag) on the Encinal Guest Dock and the Finishing Mark (X).

13 **PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 US Sailing Prescription V1 is in effect.

14 **TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1 The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Race Time Limit	2045 hours
Finishing Window	30 minutes

- 14.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat in that class sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

15 **HEARING REQUESTS**

- 15.1 The protest shall be delivered to the Race Committee or to the Encinal Office by 2230 hrs the day of the race. Protest forms are available from the EYC R/C and on the EYC website. Protests will be heard the first Sunday following the race, at Encinal Yacht Club. The Race Committee may move the date and time of the protest hearing. Parties involved in the protest will be notified.
- 15.2 Hearing request forms are available from the Encinal Yacht Club Office.
- 15.3 RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) do not apply.

16 **SCORING**

- 16.1 Five races are scheduled, of which 4 races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 A boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.3 Rule A5.3 applies.
- 16.4 A boat not finishing or retiring after finishing shall be scored points equal to the number of starters +1.
- 16.5 A boat receiving a DSQ or DNE from a protest committee shall be scored points equal to the number of starters +2.
- 16.6 A 9 second credit shall be applied to boats rated with a spinnaker that sail without one for the entire season.

17 **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1 [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18 **PRIZES**

- 18.1 Daily prizes will be given to the first two places in each Class with fewer than five starters, and to the first three places for each Class with five or more starters.

19 **RISK STATEMENT**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, EYC and any official sponsors will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. Attention is also drawn to RRS 46 and USSER 1.2, Responsibility.