

2023 SEA OTTER REGATTA

October 7-8, 2023

Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing, the ISSA Procedural Rules and the PCISA District Rules.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices will be posted on the official regatta notice board located at Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4. ROTATION and FLEET ASSIGNMENT

- 4.1 Boats will be rotated between sets of races. A rotation schedule will be provided via Techscore.
- 4.2 Teams will be assigned to Gold and Silver Fleets by PCISA.
- 4.3 Both Gold and Silver fleets will rotate boats on Del Monte Beach just north of the Yacht Club.
- 4.4 Both Gold and Silver Fleets will have separate rotations.

5. BOATS & SAILS

- 5.1 Each team is responsible for supplying one class legal CFJ. Boats will be inspected by a designated regatta representative before launching or racing. Teams supplying boats that do not pass inspection will be responsible for supplying a replacement boat or make repairs as needed until the boat passes inspection.
- 5.2 Each high school team will be issued a set of PCISA sails. Teams will be responsible for their original issued set of sails and for returning those sails at the end of racing on Sunday. Final race results will not be posted until all sets of sails have been returned.

6. COMPETITOR'S MEETING

- 6.1 A Mandatory Competitor's meeting will be held on Saturday, October 7th at 1000 and Sunday, October 8th at 1000.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be approximately 500 yards north of Monterey Commercial Wharf #2.

8. MARKS

- 8.1 Marks W, O, R and L will be yellow or orange tetrahedron inflatable marks. The offset mark will be a small round buoy. The race committee has the option of using fixed MPYC or Monterey Bay Sanctuary marks as part of the start/finish line.

9. START/FINISH

- 9.1 The starting sequence will be a standard 3-minute starting sequence as described in the RRS Appendix U.
- 9.2 The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the pin end of the start line will be an inflatable mark. An inflatable RIB may be attached to the Pin and become part of the mark when so attached. The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and an inflatable or ball mark off the starboard side of the RC boat.
- 9.3 An inflatable mark may be attached to the stern of the RC boat. This mark is considered part of the boat and rule 31 applies.
- 9.4 The Start line is not restricted unless so signaled. The finish line is restricted during all races from the start until a boat finishes.
- 9.5 No race will be started after 3:30p.m. on Sunday, October 8th. There is no time limit on Saturday, October 7th.

10. THE COURSE

- 10.1 The course designation and descriptive diagram are presented in Addendum A.
- 10.2 All courses will be "port hand" courses (marks rounded to port), except for the leeward gate (you can choose to round in either direction as illustrated in the diagram below).
- 10.2 The illustration below shows the approximate angle between legs, the order in which marks are to be rounded or passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 10.3 The number of the course to be sailed will be hailed or displayed from the Race Committee boat.

11. INDIVIDUAL RECALL

- 11.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS Appendix U. The Race Committee may attempt to hail a yacht's sail number; however, it is the responsibility of each yacht to make a proper start. Failure to be hailed or hear a hail is insufficient cause for granting redress.

12. GENERAL RECALLS

- 12.1 General recalls will be signaled and executed in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8 (Multiple whistles and no visual signal; Rule 30.1 of the RRS (the 1-minute rule) will automatically go into effect after any general recall (Code flag I need not be displayed).

13. RETIREMENT

- 13.1 A yacht that retires from a race shall notify a Race Committee boat before leaving the race area. If that is impossible, then immediately after arriving ashore, the competitor shall notify a regatta representative.

14. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- 14.1 The "two turns" penalty described in RRS Rule 44.1 & 44.2 will apply.

15. PROTESTS

- 15.1 Protests must be filed in writing within 30 minutes after the last boat reaches the beach for each rotation.
- 15.2 On the water judges may be present.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA PR 9. A full rotation is scheduled, of which 3 races per division shall be completed to constitute a series. Each yacht's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races.
- 16.2 Any yacht failing to sail the correct course shall be scored NSC without a hearing.
- 16.3 Any yacht that violates 10.4 by sailing through the Finish line during racing shall be scored DNF without a hearing.

17. BREAKDOWNS

- 17.1 Breakdowns will be in accordance with ISSA PR 9 and ISSA PR Appendix 3.

18. COACHING

- 18.1 All coaching shall be done from either:
- a. The dock at the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club; or
 - b. The Del Monte Beach adjacent to MPYC and Monterey Commercial Wharf #2.
- 18.2 All spectator boats on the water will remain on the port side of the course and a least 50 yards from the race course at all times unless otherwise directed by the race committee.
- 18.3 Any spectators and coaches on the water shall have no contact with any competitor except when rendering assistance under RRS Rule 1, or as instructed by the Race Committee. Any competitor in violation shall be scored DSQ for the race during which coaching occurs. This shall not be subject to protest or redress from a competitor.

19. PARTICIPATION

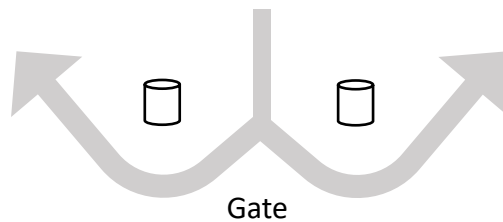
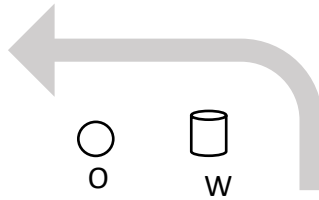
- 19.1 With the exception of RRS Rule 4, each school shall compete in all scheduled races. Any school breaking this rule, without permission of the Race Committee, is subject to severe disciplinary actions by the PCISA.
- 19.2 Unless competing, no competitor shall be on the water.

20. TROPHIES

- 20.1 Trophies will be awarded to teams placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in both Gold and Silver fleets.

Addendum A

Course #	Course
1	Start – Wp – Op – Gate – Finish
2	Start – Wp – Op – Gate – Wp – Op - Finish
3	Start – Wp – Op – Gate – Wp – Op – Gate – Finish
4	Start – Wp – Op – Gate – Wp – Op – Gate – Wp – Op - Finish



Course #	Course
5	Start – Wp – Op – Rp – Lp - Finish
6	Start – Wp – Op – Rp – Lp – Wp – Op - Finish
7	Start – Wp – Op – Rp – Lp – Wp – Op – Rp – Lp - Finish

