

GAUCHO HIGH SCHOOL REGATTA



Santa Barbara, California

March 7-8, 2026



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority: The Pacific Coast Interscholastic Sailing Association (PCISA)
The Host(s): The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC) and The UCSB Sailing Team (UCSB)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, and the ISSA Procedural Rules as modified by the PCISA, the rules of the CFJ Class (except as altered by the Sailing Instructions, or the ISSA Procedural Rules), the Notice of Race, and by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 US Sailing Prescriptions to rules 63.2 shall not apply.
- 1.3 All boats must use PCISA issued sails and be entered in a round robin rotation.
- 1.4 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 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices and changes may be announced verbally at the rotation area or competitor meetings, or to all competitors on the water, and may be posted on the online notice board on techscore <https://scores.hssailing.org>.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1015 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from an RC boat near the rotation area. During an onshore postponement, boats shall not leave the beach without permission from the race committee.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 7	Time	Location
Report Time	0915	SB Harbor Launch Area
Boat Inspection	0915-0945	SB Harbor Launch Area
MANDATORY Competitor Meeting	1000	SB Harbor Launch Area
Racing Begins	1100	Adjacent to Harbor Entrance
Sunday, March 8	Time	Location
Report Time	0900	SB Harbor Launch Area
MANDATORY Competitor Meeting	0915	SB Harbor Launch Area
Racing Begins	1030	Adjacent to Harbor Entrance
No start after	1530	
Awards	After Racing	SB Harbor Launch Area

6 RIGGING/DERIGGING

Sails should be rolled and placed under the thwart of each boat at night on Saturday and returned to the PCISA on Sunday.

7 SAILING AREAS

The sailing area will be the Santa Barbara Channel within one half mile of the harbor entrance. Further description will be given at the competitor meeting.

8 COURSES

Courses will be chosen from the attached course chart and will be hailed before the beginning of each start sequence and may be posted on red and white placards.

9 MARKS

Turning marks will be as described in 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.

10 START

10.1 The starting sequence shall be as described in Appendix U, with the warning given 3 minutes before the start. Sounds may be whistles or horns.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark as shown in 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.

11 RECALLS

11.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules. The race committee will attempt to hail a boat's sail number; however, it is the responsibility of each boat to start properly. Failure to be hailed or hear a hail is insufficient cause for granting redress. Code Flag 'X' shall be used to signal any premature starters.

11.2 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules (multiple whistles and no visual signal, and the '1 minute rule' shall be in effect after any general recall.)

12 FINISH

The finishing line will be between the course side of the finishing mark and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat as shown in 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.

13 TIME LIMITS

There will be no time limit. However, the RC may choose to finish boats on the course if their position in the race has been established in order to expedite the next start or rotation. Boats that continue to race after such a hail may miss the next start.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protests and requests for redress must be filed within 30 minutes of the last boat reaching the rotation area for each rotation. Protest forms are available online at <https://forms.gle/dYxQPAnk4uwK9ex9>. All boats must notify the RC of their intent to protest immediately following the finish of the race in which the incident occurred.

14.2 Protests hearings and locations will be posted on the online notice board on techscore or may be accessed directly here - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1a6CjDDyhd8L3KO9ldxq0AuEbQbLDA4vEkfOaDm8-nK4/edit?usp=sharing>. If time permits, protests may be heard during rotational breaks.

15 ROTATIONS

Rotation schedule will be online at <https://scores.hssailing.org>. Rotations area will be announced at the competitor meeting. All boats will be entered in a round robin.

16 SCORING

Scoring shall be completed as described in the ISSA Procedural Rules. Scores will be online at scores.hssailing.org.

17 RECORD OF PARTICIPATION (RP)

Record of Participation must be completed online at ts.hssailing.org by 2000 on the last day of the regatta.

18 SAFETY & RETIREMENT

18.1 Santa Barbara Channel is an open-ocean venue. Each sailor must provide adequate safety and cold-water gear. PFDs must be worn at all times while on the water except for brief times to remove or add clothing. Unprepared teams may be sent to the beach at the discretion of the race committee. There will be no redress given for such action. This changes RRS 61.

18.2 The Race Committee may send any boat to shore if they appear to be struggling to handle the conditions. There will be no redress given for such action. This changes RRS 61.

18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. This can be done on land if necessary at the UCSB BBQ tent or by texting (310) 850-5213.

19 SUPPORT BOATS

The host will provide on the water support. Coaching shall be done from the rotation area, or a similar onshore location.

20 PRIZES

Prizes will be given out to the top three Gold teams and the top three Silver teams.

21 ADULT IN CHARGE

Each sailor must be chaperoned at all times during this event by a designate Adult in Charge. That adult shall be responsible for the conduct of the sailors on their team(s) and shall take responsibility for decisions regarding safety. All such adults are required to attend the parent/coach meeting immediately following the skippers' meeting on Saturday. This Adult in Charge must also fully comply with ISSA Procedural Rule 1.3

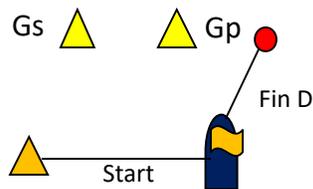
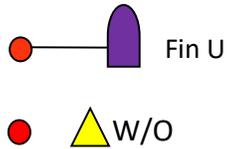
<https://hssailing.org/documents/2025-2028-ISSA-Procedure-Rules.pdf>).

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & RISK STATEMENT

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.** The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Attachment A - Course Chart

Courses 3, 4, and 5



Course 3: St – W/O – Gt – Fin U

Course 4: St – W/O – Gt – W/O – Gt – Fin D

Course 5: St – W/O – Gt – W/O – Gt – Fin U

Notes:

- 'W/O' denotes a weather mark followed by an offset mark, both rounded to port.
- 'Gs' and 'Gp' denotes a gate, where 'Gs' is rounded to starboard and 'Gp' is rounded to port.
- The 'Fin U' line may use the offset mark as the finish pin if no weather mark is set.
- The windward mark and the gate marks may be yellow tetrahedrons.
- The windward offset mark will be an orange ball.
- The starting and finishing pins will be orange balls or orange tetrahedrons.