

Sailing Instructions - 2012 Avila Cup Ocean Series
Including Regattas (single or consecutive days of racing) and Series (races composed of multiple regattas)
SLYC is the organizing authority
5-3-2012

RULES

All races will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*.

ENTRIES

Competitors may enter by delivering a completed entry form and paying the \$10.00 entry fee to the Race Committee before 10 AM on the day of the race.

HANDICAPS

The Southern California PHRF ratings will be used, including area adjustments and type of course adjustments. RIC will be used unless otherwise noted.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Club website: SLYC.org. Any changes to these written sailing instructions shall be posted on the Club website and distributed by the race committee no later than the end of the skipper’s meeting or verbally by hailing each boat and receiving acknowledgement prior to her warning signal.

SKIPPER’S MEETING

A mandatory skipper’s meeting will be held at 9:30 AM the day of the race in the club house. The Sailing Instructions and Course Chart will be made available at the meeting.

COURSES AND MARKS

Courses are uniquely identified by numbers. A description of each course and a general location and description of all marks is part of the course description (Course Chart). The race committee will display a rectangular white placard with a black course number no later than the warning signal of the race to be started. When an “R” placard follows the course number, the course shall be sailed in the reverse direction (all marks in the reverse order passed on the opposite side as listed). When a roman numeral is displayed with a course number, multiple laps are designated. When multiple laps are designated, boats must pass through the start-line in order to start the first lap, pass through the **finish-line** (utilizing the caution buoy as a rounding mark) on succeeding laps, and pass through the **finish-line** to finish. In the event of missing marks, boats shall return to the starting line as soon as possible for a restart. Races shall be started using the I Flag: yellow field, black circle, (Rule 30.1) as the preparatory signal. Any boat on the course side of the starting line or its extension during the last minute before her starting signal shall thereafter sail from the course side across an extension to the pre-start side before starting.

CLASS DESIGNATIONS

Class flag for the Avila Cup series will be a U Code Flag: quartered, first and fourth red, second and third white.

SERIES

Series consists of 7 race days, identified in the Notice of Race, with up to 4 races each day.

START SEQUENCE AND ORDER OF STARTS

An ‘Attention’ signal (multiple horn blasts) will be sounded one minute before the start sequence, e.g., 10:59 hours. The warning signal (class flag raise and horn signal) for the first race of each day will occur at 11:00 hours. The first race will begin at 11:05 hours. If multiple starts are held, the order of starts and the class warning flag description will be identified at the skippers meeting. There will be five (5) minutes between the start of each class.

The start finish line is restricted except when starting and finishing a race or if required to be passed through when doing multiple laps.

The start sequence for each race will begin immediately after the finish of the last boat in the race.

TIME LIMIT

The time limit for individual races will be two (2) hours for the first boat to finish. Any boat finishing later than 45 minutes after the first boat will be scored as *Did Not Finish* (DNF). (This amends Rule 35.)

START & FINISH LINES

The **start-line** extends from the flags at the end of the Avila Pier to a ‘**moveable**’ buoy off the end of the pier.

The **finish-line** extends from flags at the end of the Avila Pier to a “**CAUTION**” buoy off the end of the pier.

SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the Racing Rules will apply, except as amended herein (*includes using the best 12 races of the series*). Appendix A9 will be used when scoring both regattas and series when multiple races are completed.

RACE SIGNALS

Any of the race signals as shown on the back cover of the Racing Rules may be used when applicable.

PROTESTS

Protests and requests for redress must be filed with the Racing Committee (RC) in writing on the form provided by the RC within one hour of the finish of the last boat in the last race of the day. The RC must be hailed immediately concerning your intent to file a protest upon finishing the race in which the incident occurred. The Racing Committee will appoint a protest committee. The protest committee will hear protests in the approximate order of receipt as soon as practical.

COMMUNICATION

Communication will be via Flags, sound signals, and hailing over the water as needed.

DRESS CODE

Wearing a personal floatation device during the races is mandatory.