

NOTICE OF RACE

8th Annual JANE SWETT REGATTA

Saturday, April 13, 2024

First warning – 10:55 am; First start – 11:00 am

1. Rules

- 1.1 This race shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing including US Sailing prescriptions, this Notice of Race, and individual Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The PHRF MIR rule is not in effect for this race.
- 1.3 International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea or government right-of-way rules shall replace Section 2 of RRS between the hours of sunset to sunrise, Pacific Standard Time. Attention is called to RRS Rule 48 concerning fog signals and lights.
- 1.4 All fleets racing in this regatta will work in conjunction with SGYC, and SGYC will act as the race committee under Part 7 of the RRS.
- 1.5 RRS rule 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: “However, discarding biodegradable bands when setting a sail is permitted.” Racers remain responsible for compliance with all applicable state and federal laws. Federal law defines marine debris as “any persistent solid material that is manufactured or processed and directly or indirectly, intentionally or unintentionally, disposed of or abandoned into the marine environment” (33 USC 1956).
- 1.6 U.S. Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply. RRS 28.1, 28.2, 44.1, A4, A5, and A11 are modified.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 This race is open to any sailboat in the Silver Gate Yacht Club, San Diego Catalina Association, any SDAYC member yacht clubs or affiliates, PHRF San Diego or PHRF SoCal.
- 2.2 Skippers must complete the “SGHF / SDCatA Skipper Boat Survey” used to establish a handicap rating. The survey should be completed / renewed at the beginning of each calendar year and whenever a change has been made to a boat that is relevant to the information collected in the survey. (Contact sailing@sgyc.org for a blank survey form or see link on page 2 of this document.)

3. Entry and Fees

- 3.1 Eligible boats intending to race must register with the Race Committee by email at sailing@sgyc.org **no later than 1700 on the Thursday prior to the race**. Please make sure to supply your boat name and the class(es) entered.
- 3.2 **Boats that race but fail to register per 3.1 above will NOT be scored.**
- 3.3 There are no entry fees for this race.

4. Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Official Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the SGYC web site (see below) no later than 1700 on the Friday before the race. Provisional Sailing Instructions may be emailed or posted to the web site before that time.

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5. Changes to Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

- 5.1 Silver Gate Yacht Club reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race and/or the Sailing Instructions for this regatta.
- 5.2 Amendments to this Notice of Race will be posted to the web site no later than 1700 on the Friday before the race.

6. Racing Area and Courses

- 6.1 The race course used for this regatta includes north San Diego bay, proceeding outbound to the north Coronado Island, and returning to San Diego bay.
- 6.2 The start/finish line will be in San Diego Bay in the vicinity of buoy 9.

7. Starting Times

- 7.1 The first warning signal is scheduled for 10:55 AM. The R/C may choose to cancel or combine starts as necessary.
- 7.2 The warning signal for each fleet will be 5 minutes prior to the respective start time.

8. Classes

- 8.1 The following classes will be racing:
 - SGYC Handicap Fleet (SGHF)
 - San Diego Catalina Association Fleet (SDCatA)

9. Safety

- 9.1 International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea or government right-of-way rules shall replace Section 2 of RRS between sunset and sunrise. Attention is called to RRS 48 concerning fog signals and lights.
- 9.2 It is the sole responsibility of the skipper of each yacht to decide whether or not to start and/or continue to race.
- 9.3 The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the "person in charge," as per RRS 46, who shall ensure that the boat is seaworthy and sailed by an experienced crew with sufficient ability and experience to face bad weather. The person in charge shall be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails, and all gear. The person in charge shall ensure that all safety equipment is at all times properly maintained and safely stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is used.
- 9.4 The US Sailing's Safety at Sea Committee describes the gear requirements to be used on sailboats when racing. See US Sailing Coastal Safety Gear Requirements for required gear. (Links provided on last page.)
- 9.5 Note that SGYC does not inspect vessels, but reserves the right to reject an entry or to not allow a boat to race. It is expected that boats meet the Coastal requirements as per US Sailing document referenced above.
- 9.6 Each participating yacht shall carry at least 1.5 times the minimum fuel it requires to return, at maximum rated engine speed, from the furthest point on the course to the nearest emergency services.

10. U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS

- 10.1 Customs clearance at the Shelter Island dock is not required by yachts of American registry that are properly entered in the race, do not terminate the voyage in Mexican waters, or do not make contact

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with another vessel while in Mexican waters. Such vessels are not considered by U.S. Customs to have left the United States.

10.2 Yachts not complying with 10.1 above must comply with U.S. Customs procedures for arrival from a foreign port on their own.

10.3 The UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), Section 3 addresses “innocent passage”.
http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention_agreements/texts/unclos/closcont.htm

10.4 Yachts not complying with the definition of “innocent passage” in UNCLOS Article 19 while sailing in Mexican waters must comply with Mexican procedures and regulations on their own.

11. Awards Presentation and Trophies

11.1 Class results will be posted to SGYC website by Monday afternoon following the race.

11.2 The overall regatta winner will be recognized with trophy to be delivered at a later date (due to time required for engraving.)

11.3 Trophies and Silver Gate Galley Certificates will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places for the SGYC Handicap Fleet (SGHF.) These will be distributed to skippers directly or in the bar following the May race.

11.4 Other fleets may award trophies/prizes for their respective members.

12. Disclaimer of Liability

12.1 Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 – Decision to Race. Organizing Authority (Silver Gate Yacht Club) 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.

12.2 By competing in this regatta, the competitor acknowledges these risks and assumes responsibility for their participation in races or for any outside assistance received before, during or after competition. They agree to comply with all rules and regulations of US Sailing and other rules under which this regatta is sailed and agree to abide by the decisions of the race committee.

SGYC Web Site: [Racing Fleet – Silver Gate Yacht Club \(sgyc.org\)](http://www.sgyc.org)

Skipper Boat Survey: [SGHF_SDCatA_Skipper_Boat_Survey.pdf \(sgyc.org\)](#)

Current Recent US Sailing Coastal Safety Equipment Requirements (SER), Effective Date: March 1, 2023, version 2023.0 valid through December 31, 2024:

- Monohull: [Monohull-SER-2023.0-Coastal.pdf \(ussailing.org\)](#)

For additional information, please contact: sailing@sgyc.org