



Sailing Instructions

8th Annual JANE SWETT REGATTA

Saturday, April 13, 2024

First warning – 10:55 am

1. Rules

- 1.1. The Race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including US Sailing Prescriptions, except US Sailing Prescriptions to Rules 60 and 63.2 will not apply.
- 1.2. USCG “Navigation Rules, International-Inland” (www.navcen.uscg.gov/) apply when a vessel that is sailing under the Racing Rules of Sailing meets a vessel that is not.
- 1.3. Racing boats encountering non-racing craft shall conform to 1.2 above, USCG Navigation Rules, International-Inland. Be advised that no vessel has the “right-of-way” over a large ship in the deep-water channel. USCG Navigational Rule 9 will be strictly enforced. All competitors are asked to observe USCG Navigational Rule 9, which in part reads **“A vessel shall not cross a narrow channel or fairway if such crossing impedes the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within such channel or fairway.”** Further, USCG Navigational Rule 34, in part reads “...When vessels in sight of one another... doubt whether sufficient action is being taken by the other to avoid collision, the vessel in doubt shall immediately indicate such doubt by giving at least five short and rapid blasts on the (horn).” RRS 60.2, 63.1 and A5 are modified to add that the R/C may disqualify a yacht infringing this instruction without a hearing when observed by or reported to the Race Committee.
- 1.4. Per RRS 42.3(h), competitors may use an engine or other propulsion method to avoid situations in 1.3 provided they gain no significant advantage in the race.
- 1.5. 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.
- 1.6. **Owner’s responsibility for safety:** Notwithstanding any above safety requirements, the safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole inescapable responsibility of the owner, who must do his or her best to ensure that the yacht is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. He or she must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is used.
- 1.7. **NAVAL and CRUISE SHIP PROTECTION ZONE:** The Naval AND Cruise Ship Protection Zone is a 500 yard regulated area of water surrounding all US Naval and Cruise Ship Vessels. All vessels within 500 yards of such vessel shall operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain safe course and speed and shall proceed as directed by any official patrol. **NO VESSEL IS ALLOWED WITHIN 100 YARDS OF US NAVAL VESSEL or CRUISE SHIP traffic.** These zones are permanently in effect.
- 1.8. Sailing Instructions 1.3, 7.5, 7.10, 13.1, 14.1, and 16.1 modify the RRS.
- 1.9. Amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be posted to the web site no later than 1700 on the Friday before the race. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions may also be given orally by the race committee, prior to the first warning, on VHF channel 68.

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. Skippers must have submitted an entry form, and an annual survey.

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3. Entries & Check-In

- 3.1. Check-in will commence when the “L” flag is hoisted.
- 3.2. Eligible yachts may check in with the Race Committee boat prior to the first warning signal. ***Yachts checking in shall pass the RC boat SLOWLY to starboard and hail with her sail number and class or classes entered.*** Radio check-in (VHF 68) is acceptable prior to the first warning signal (10:55) and must include sail number and class or classes entered. After the lowering of the “L” flag, check-in will continue at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 3.3. **IF A R/C IS NOT ON STATION** by 10:30am, you must check-in via radio on **VHF 68** and be acknowledged by the R/C. Check-in time in this situation will be between 10:30am and 10:55am.
- 3.4. ***Failure to properly check in will result in being scored DNS without a hearing.***

4. Safety

- 4.1. **After checking in with the R/C, a boat that retires MUST notify the R/C as soon as the decision to retire is made.** This is regardless of whether or not the boat is *enroute* to, or in the vicinity of, the starting area or the racecourse.
- 4.2. Contacting the R/C after returning to the dock does not satisfy this requirement.
- 4.3. **Notify the R/C by calling 909-518-4576**

5. Classes and Class Pennants

- 5.1. There will be 2 classes for this race. Pennants will be displayed from the yacht’s backstay. Boats without a backstay shall display their pennants in a prominent manner on the stern. Members of SGYC who are also members of SDCatA MUST display two pennants.

Silver Gate Family Fleet	Class “S”	BLUE pennant
San Diego Catalina Fleet	Class “C”	YELLOW pennant

6. Schedule of Races

- 6.1. One race is scheduled.
- 6.2. The scheduled time for the first warning signal is 10:55 AM.

7. The Start and Racing Area

- 7.1. The start line will be in San Diego Bay in the vicinity of buoy 9.
- 7.2. The race will be conducted offshore in the area between San Diego Channel Buoy #9 & North Coronado Island and will include Mexican waters.
- 7.3. Yachts whose class warning signals have not been posted shall keep clear of the starting area and vessels attempting to start.
- 7.4. All races are started in accordance with RRS 26. To signal the “Sequence Start”, one minute prior to the first warning the R/C may sound 5 long horn blasts as a courtesy. The hoisting of the appropriate class pennant(s) and a warning sound will signal “Sequence Start Time”. NOTE: The R/C may cancel or combine starts. It is the responsibility of a yacht to start at its signaled start time.
- 7.5. **A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A5.**
- 7.6. The start will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the R/C boat and the SD Buoy (Green) designated by the R/C.
- 7.7. If the Race Committee boat is damaged as a result of a boat breaking a rule, that boat shall pay for the repairs.
- 7.8. The Silver Gate Family Fleet and San Diego Catalina Fleet will start together and begin racing at the first warning.

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8. Courses

8.1. After starting, round North Coronado Island to PORT and finish at San Diego Channel Buoy 9 (Green). (See 12.1 below) **DISTANCE: 30.50nm.**

9. Start Sequence

9.1. The *expected* starting sequence is described below.

9.2. Class starts may be combined or deleted as necessary.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>CLASSES</u>	<u>FORM</u>	<u>SOUND</u>
10:54	Attention	ALL	No form	5 HORN BLASTS
10:55	Warning	"S" & "C"	Blue/Yellow/ #2 Flags UP	HORN
10:56	Preparatory	"S" & "C"	"P" FLAG UP	HORN
10:59			"P" Flag Down	LONG HORN
11:00	START	"S" & "C"	Blue/Yellow/ #2 Flags DOWN	HORN

10. Postponement

10.1. In the case of a postponement, the warning signal will be *one (1) minute after* the Answering Pennant (AP) flag comes down.

11. Recalls

11.1. Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1 (display of 'X' flag and one (1) sound). **The Race Committee shall not hail premature starters.** It is the responsibility of yachts to start properly.

11.2. In the event that a General Recall is signaled (display of 'First Substitute' pennant and Two (2) sounds), the recalled class will be restarted in accordance with RRS 29.2. Starts for succeeding classes shall follow the new start for the recalled class.

12. The Finish

12.1. SGYC Family Fleet and San Diego Catalina Association boats using spinnakers or asymmetrical spinnakers **MUST NOTIFY** the race committee of that fact immediately after finishing the race.

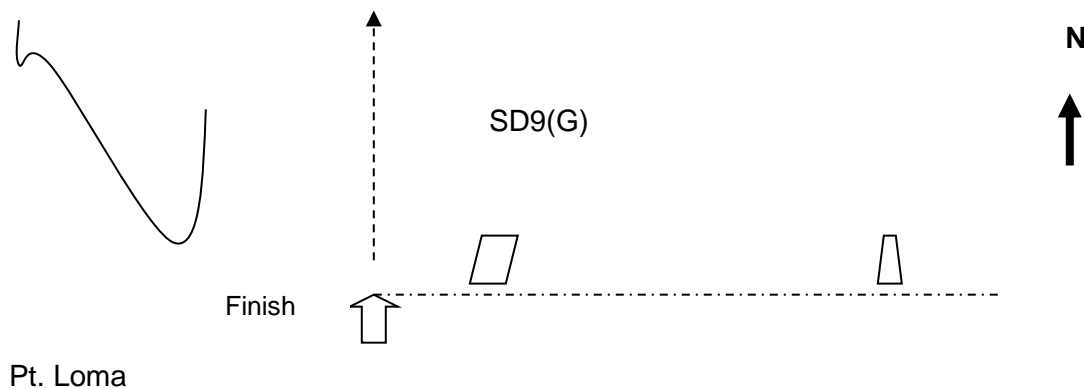
12.2. FINISH LINE DESCRIPTION – All classes shall finish the race by leaving San Diego Channel Buoy 9 (Green) to STARBOARD. The finish line is the westward continuation of a line from SD-10 to SD-9 as indicated in the drawing below (*not to scale*). Yachts finishing when the RC boat is not on station shall take their own finish time when they observe buoys SD-9 and SD-10 in line on their starboard bow.

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FINISHING WHEN RC BOAT IS NOT ON STATION AT FINISH - Each skipper is solely responsible for taking an accurate time upon finishing. Skippers must report their own GPS finish time to the SGYC Race Officer by calling or texting **909-518-4576**. Skippers are requested to confirm their finish time by turning in a completed finish time slip (see end of these Sailing Instructions) to Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing. Yachts will be scored DNF if no report of their finish time is received by 10am on Sunday following the race.

SGYC Family Fleet and San Diego Catalina Association boats using spinnakers or asymmetrical spinnakers **MUST report that fact with their finish time** and check the **YES** box on the Finish Time Form.

When reporting finish times, skippers must report the time in hours, minutes and seconds. Failure to include seconds will result in the finish time rounded up to the next even minute.



13. Time Limit

13.1. Boats failing to finish by **20:00** will be scored DNF without a hearing. This modifies RRS 35. If no boats in a class finish within the time limit, the race will be abandoned.

14. Penalties

- 14.1. A boat that may have broken a rule while racing may exonerate herself from the infraction by executing one 360-degree turn (including 1 tack & 1 jibe) as soon as possible after the infraction. This modifies RRS 44.1.
- 14.2. The 360-degree turn must be performed prior to rounding the next mark approached from the point of infraction.

15. Protests

Note: SGYC race organizers would prefer to enjoy Sunday rather than hear protests. The start line will be long. Avoid collisions and obey the sailing rules. This is a shake down race. No one wants to miss the Newport to Ensenada Race due to collisions. SGYC wants this event to be a competitive, fun race. Race hard, sail fair, and leave it on the water. Stay clear of protest situations. If you can't, read below.

- 15.1. Protests must be submitted using the standard US Sailing form. The protest must be presented to a member of the R/C at Silver Gate Yacht Club no later than one hour after the R/C boat docks.
- 15.2. Protests shall be initiated in compliance with Rule 61, except as amended by these sailing instructions.
- 15.3. Protest flags shall be displayed from the backstay. On yachts that have no backstays, the protest flag will be displayed in a prominent position on the stern.
- 15.4. Protesting yachts shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing the race of their intent to file a protest and **MUST** receive RC acknowledgement. This can be done by calling **909-518-4576**.

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- 15.5. Protests must be submitted on US Sailing forms and lodged at the SGYC office no later than 9:30 am on Sunday following the race.
- 15.6. Protests will be heard at 11:00am on Sunday following the race.

16. Radio Communications

- 16.1. The Race Committee will use VHF Ch. 68 for giving course instructions, for all communication with competitors on the water, and as an aid to provide information. This modifies RRS 41(c).
- 16.2. Except in an emergency a boat, while racing, shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile devices.

17. Scoring

- 17.1. The race will be scored using SGYC ratings for the Silver Gate Family Fleet and the San Diego Catalina Association, PHRF RLC Area G ratings for the PHRF Fleets (Spin & Non-Spin) and the appropriate ratings of other classes as recognized by the Race Committee.
- 17.2. SGHF and San Diego Catalina Association boats **NOT** using spinnakers or asymmetrical spinnakers will be rated with their spinnaker offset. The NSO used will be the **LESSOR** of the calculated NSO or the NSO as noted on the yacht's PHRF certificate.

18. Prizes and Post-race Activities

Race results will be posted to the SGYC website on Monday following the race. Prizes will be awarded at the after-race party following the May race.

19. Notice of Cancellation or Postponement of Race

The Fleet Captain or the Sail Fleet Chair may cancel or postpone a race early in the race day **BEFORE** the Race Committee Boat has left the dock. **Race cancellations will be transmitted on VHF 68.** Racers may call (619) 222-1214 or **909-518-4576** to verify a race cancellation or postponement. A visual notice will be placed in the SGYC lobby announcing the decision.

20. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in this race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 – Decision to Race – “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.” Silver Gate Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, or after the regatta.

SGYC Web Site: <http://sgyc.org/activities-and-fleets/racing-fleet/>

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JANE SWETT REGATTA FINISH TIME FORM

Yacht Name: _____ Sail Number: _____

FINISH TIME (GPS): _____ (HH:MM:SS)

CLASS(es):

SGYC FAMILY SDCatA

SGYC Family & SDCatA: Was a spinnaker/gennaker used? YES NO

PHRF SPIN PHRF NON-SPIN

Skipper's Signature: _____

USE EXACT FINISH TIMES.

Failure to record seconds will round finish to the next even minute.

If possible, please provide the following:

Yacht finishing before you: _____ Approximate Time: _____

Yacht finishing after you: _____ Approximate Time: _____

Finish times must be reported to the Race Committee promptly! Call-in finish times to 909-518-4576.

Please confirm finish time by emailing this form to sailing@sgyc.org or texting this form to 909-518-4576.

FINISH TIMES NOT RECEIVED PRIOR TO 10AM ON SUNDAY WILL BE SCORED DNF.