



SILVER GATE YACHT CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SCHOONER CUP

SATURDAY, March 31, 2012

1st WARNING SIGNAL 11:55 A.M.

1. RULES

- 1.1. This race will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), 2009-2012 edition, including the prescriptions of US Sailing and by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. All competitors are asked to observe International 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.** RRS 60.2(a). 63.1 and A5 are modified to add that the Race Committee (R/C) may disqualify a boat that infringes on Rules 1.2 and 1.3. The disqualification will be without the benefit of a hearing when observed by or reported to the Race Committee.
- 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. **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.
- 1.5. **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.
- 1.6. **SKIPPER’S MEETING:** A continental breakfast meeting for all skippers will be held at 8am PDT on Saturday, March 31 in the Banquet Room at SILVER GATE YACHT CLUB in San Diego, Ca.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. Any invited schooner rigged vessel that has notified the Race Committee of its intention to race. **GOLLYWOBLERS MAY BE FLOWN. Spinnakers are not allowed.**

3. ENTRIES & CHECK-IN

- 3.1. Check-in will commence when the “L” flag is hoisted. After the lowering of the “L” flag, Check-in will continue at the discretion of the Race Committee.

3.2. Eligible yachts may enter the race by completing and turning in an entry form no later than 9am, March 31, 2012. Yachts must 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 name of yacht, sail number and group. Radio check-in (**VHF 67**) is acceptable prior to the first warning signal (11:55). After the lowering of the "L" flag, Check-in will continue at the discretion of the Race Committee.

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 *en route* to or in the vicinity of the starting area or the racecourse. Contacting the R/C after returning to the dock does not satisfy this requirement. Notifying the R/C on **VHF67** is acceptable BUT **only if acknowledged** by the R/C.

5. GROUPS

5.1. There will be 2 groups (classes) for this race:

Class "A" Schooners	Group "A"
Class "B" Schooners	Group "B"

6. STARTING & RACING AREA

6.1. The race will be conducted in North San Diego Bay. The starting line shall be between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and SD 19 buoy.

7. THE COURSE

7.1. The course number will be displayed on a white board on the PORT & STARBOARD sides of the R/C boat no later than the Warning signal for the groups starting. Courses will be selected from the list courses that are a part of these Sailing Instructions.

8. THE START

- 8.1. Races will be started using Rule 26, SYSTEM 1 with groups starting at 15-minute intervals.
- 8.2. The start will be between a staff with an orange flag displayed on the R/C boat at the **STARBOARD** end of the line, and the San Diego Channel Buoy 19 (Green) at the **PORT** end.
- 8.3. Boats waiting for their warning signal shall keep clear of the starting area!
- 8.4. A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

9. START SEQUENCE

9.1. The expected starting sequence is described below.

TIME	SIGNAL	GROUPS	FORM	SOUND
11:54	Courtesy	ALL	No form	5 HORN BLASTS
11:55	Warning	"B"	GREEN Flag UP	HORN
11:56	Preparatory	"B"	"P" FLAG UP	HORN
11:59			"P" Flag Down	LONG HORN
12:00	START	"B"	GREEN Flag DOWN	HORN or GUN
12:10	Warning	"A"	BLUE Flag UP	
12:11	Preparatory	"A"	"P" FLAG UP	HORN
12:14			"P" Flag Down	LONG HORN

12:15

START

“A”

BLUE Flag DOWN

HORN or GUN

10. POSTPONEMENT

10.1. In the case of a postponement, the WARNING SIGNAL for Class “B” will be one (1) minute after the “AP” flag (Race Postponed) comes down.

11. RECALLS

11.1. As a courtesy, the R/C boat WILL ATTEMPT to hail boats “On Course Side” (Over the line early) via **VHF 67** and/or the loud hailer as soon as possible after the start. Failure of communication equipment, failure to hear a hail or delay in hailing will not be grounds for redress. It is the responsibility of each boat to start properly.

11.2. OCS boats that fail to return to start properly will be penalized by having **5.0 minutes PLUS the amount of time they are over early** added to their corrected times. This alters RRS 29.1.

11.3. In the event that a General Recall is signaled, the recalled group will be restarted in accordance with RRS 29.2. Starts for succeeding groups shall follow the new start for the recalled group.

12. THE FINISH

12.1. The finish will be between a staff with an orange flag displayed on the R/C boat and SD buoy 19. Boats shall finish on a direct approach to the finish line regardless whether the R/C boat is to port or to starboard. After finishing, boats must not go back through the finish line that would interfere with other boats on their way to the finish line.

13. TIME LIMIT

13.1. Boats failing to finish by 16:00 will be scored DNF. If no boats in a group 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.

15. PROTESTS

15.1. Protests shall be initiated in compliance with Rule 61 except as amended by these Sailing Instructions. Competitors intending to protest another boat(s) shall immediately hail any other involved yacht(s), display a red protest flag, and are required to have a Protest Flag on display when finishing, then must inform the R/C **AFTER** finishing but before retiring from the course area. Skippers must provide the R/C with the name(s) of the protested yacht(s) and receive R/C acknowledgment. This modifies RRS 61.1(a), Protest Requirements.

15.2. Red Protest Flags shall be displayed from the backstay. On yachts without backstays, the protest flag will be displayed in a prominent position on the stern.

15.3. Protests shall be submitted in writing on a standard US Sailing Protest Form and filed with an official SGYC Representative at the post race meeting within 60 minutes of the R/C Boat docking at the finish of the race day. The Protest Committee may extend this time if there is good reason to do so.

15.4. The parties involved will be listed, in the order of filing, at the post-race meeting area and protests will be heard as soon as practicable. This posting constitutes the notice required by RRS 63.2, Time and Place of the Hearing.

16. PROTEST ARBITRATION

- 16.1. Arbitration hearings may be held prior to the protest hearing for all protests involving violations of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing. This changes RRS 60.1(b), 63.1, 63.6, and 66.
- 16.2. After a protest is filed, one representative (conforming to RRS 63.3(a)) of each boat may appear before an arbitrator. No witnesses are permitted.
- 16.3. If the arbitrator decides that the protested or protesting boat infringed a rule, the arbitrator will penalize the infringing boat by applying a maximum six (6) minute time penalty or a disqualification. Arbitrations will not be reopened and arbitration rulings and penalties are not subject to redress. If both parties do not agree to the decision and proposed penalty by the arbitrator, a regular protest hearing will be held at a time and place to be determined by the Protest Committee and the parties to the protest shall be notified.
- 16.4. When the protest is referred to the jury, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the jury hearing the protest, but may be called as a witness by the jury.

17. SCORING

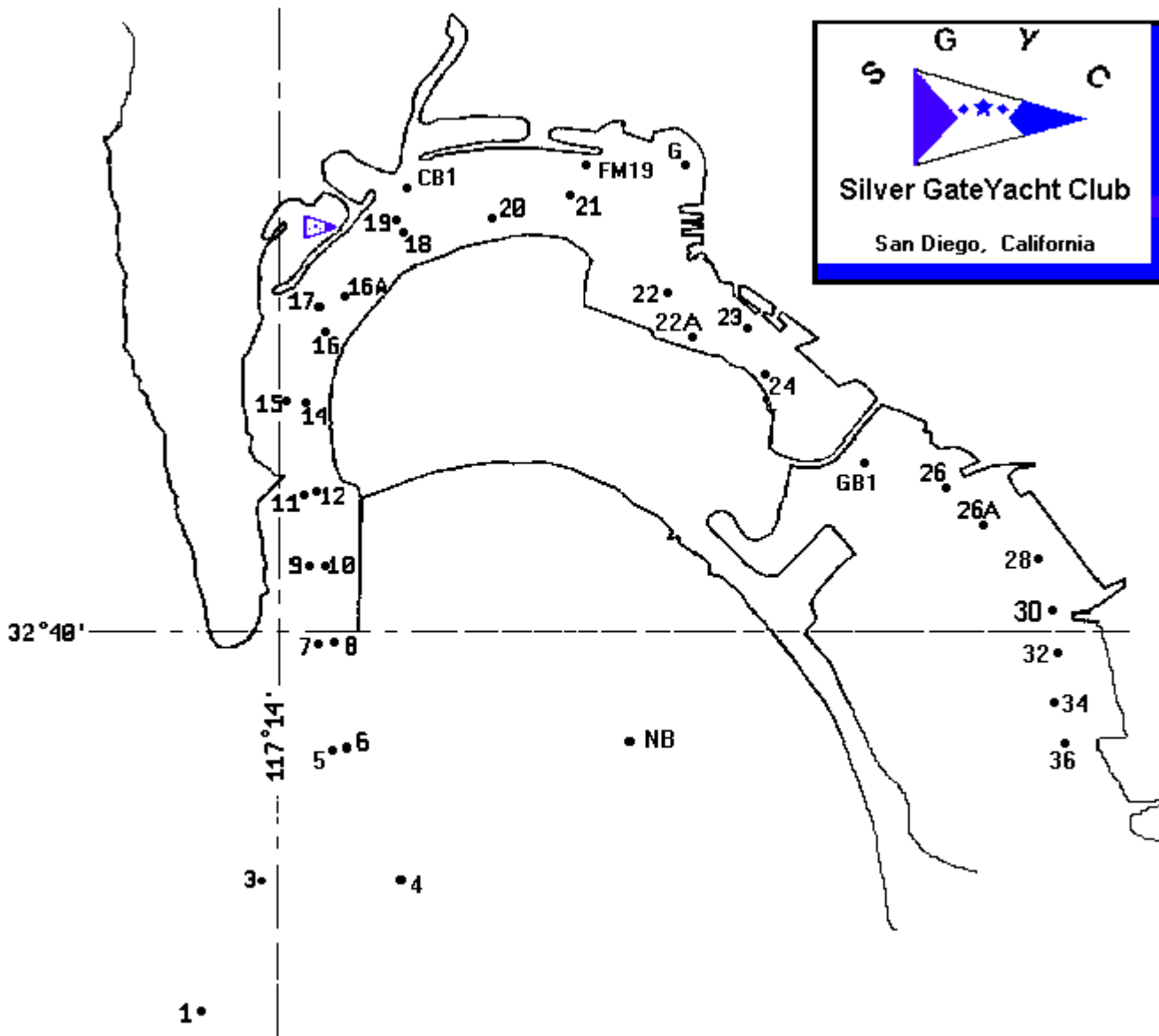
- 17.1. The race will be scored using the appropriate ratings of schooners recognized by the Race Committee.

18. POST RACE ACTIVITIES & TROPHIES

- 18.1. The RACE RESULTS will be announced and trophies awarded to participants in the banquet room at SGYC. All racers, crew and guests are welcomed to participate in the Post Race Activities.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1. *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.*



Most racing marks on the course list are San Diego Bay channel buoys approximately as shown on the bay outline above. (All racing boats should verify actual mark positions on San Diego Bay navigation charts.)

Course 3: 11.78 mi.

Start SD19 to PORT
 SD17 to PORT
 SD1 to PORT
 SD 9 to starboard
 SD15 to starboard
 SD 17 to starboard
FINISH SD19 to starboard

Course 7: 9.24 mi.

Start SD 19 to PORT
 SD 21 to starboard
 SD 23 to starboard
 SD 26 to starboard
 SD 23 to PORT
 SD 21 to PORT
FINISH SD 19 to PORT