



SDYC Yachting Cup Sailing Instructions May 2-3, 2026

1. RULES

In addition to the rules stated in the NOR:

- 1.1. Competitors encountering non-racing craft shall conform to the Inland Rules of the Road. No racing boat has rights of way over a large commercial/naval deep draft ship. ***RRS 60.2, 63 and A5 are modified to add that the Race Committee (R/C) may protest a boat infringing this instruction.***
- 1.2. NAVAL PROTECTION ZONE: The Naval Protection Zone is a 500 yard regulated area of water surrounding all US Naval Vessels of 100' or more. All boats within 500 yards of a US Naval Vessel shall operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain safe course and speed and shall proceed as directed by any official patrol. **NO BOAT IS ALLOWED WITHIN 100 YARDS OF A US NAVAL VESSEL.**

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. A competitors' brief for the Yachting Cup racers will be held at 0900 on Saturday, May 2 on the Sailwash lawn.
- 2.2. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board, located on the east wall (facing the water) of the Sailing Center.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTION

- 3.1. Any changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board not later than 1000 each day. At the same time, code flag 'L' will announce that an amendment to the sailing instructions is available. If more than one (1) amendment has been made, the Race Committee will display code flag 'L' over a numeral pennant indicating the number of the latest amendment. These flags will be accompanied by a sound signal.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SDYC flagpole.

5. SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

- 5.1. In accordance with RRS 90.2 (c), oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water. A change is in effect when the R/C Signal Boat displays code flag 'L' over 'A' with one sound signal. This means "come within hail" of the R/C Signal Boat to receive oral changes to the Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee may give oral changes to the Sailing Instructions to each boat by VHF or loud hailer and require acknowledgement.
- 5.2. Official communications for the different venues will be made on the following VHF Channels:

SD Bay – Ch 63
Ocean – Ch 69

6. CLASS FLAGS AND STARTING ORDER

Initial starting Order/Class Flags are as follows:

San Diego Bay:

J/24 (#1 pennant), Classics (#2 pennant), ORR (#3 pennant)

Ocean:

ORC #1 (#1 pennant), ORC #2 (#2 pennant), J/111 (#3 pennant) J/105(white flag/logo), Ben 36.7 (white flag/logo)

Boats not involved in a starting sequence shall keep clear of the starting area and those boats preparing to start. See RRS 23.

- 6.1. There will be a minimum of 1 min between the starting signal for a fleet and the warning signal for the next fleet.

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7. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

7.1. Saturday, May 2:

0800 – 0900 Check in - Jessop Room

0900 Competitors' Brief

1130 First Warning

Up to three races are scheduled for W/L classes, except two for Classics. One race for the ORR class.

7.2 Sunday, May 3:

1130 First Warning

Up to three races are scheduled for W/L classes except Classics. One race for the ORR class and Classics.

ASAP Awards on Sailwash Lawn

7.3 Race Committee reserves the right to have more or fewer races each day to accomplish the races scheduled.

8. STARTING AREA

8.1. **San Diego Bay Venue:** in vicinity of east end of Harbor Island

8.2. **Ocean Venue:** approximately 2.0 NM from light "Z" on Zuniga Jetty, heading 120° mag.

9. CHECK IN

9.1. Prior to the warning for the first race each day, each yacht shall check in with, and be recognized by, the Race Committee boat in the starting area and displaying the code flag 'L', by passing close aboard, on starboard tack and hailing her sail number. When a yacht has been recognized, the R/C will hail the yacht's sail number. Yachts failing to check-in properly may not be scored. **CHECK-IN VIA RADIO NOT ALLOWED.**

10. THE COURSE

10.1. The course will be selected from the attached Course Chart. This illustration shows the courses, the order in which the marks are to be rounded and passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10.2. The RC's choice of wind band or course or failure to announce selected wind band is not grounds for redress.

10.3. Course signals from the R/C boat at the starboard end of the starting line for each class are as follows: The number of the course to be sailed will be signaled using single digits (X).

The approximate distance from the start line to the corresponding weather mark will be signaled using x.x (nm) digit format.

The approximate magnetic bearing to the weather mark will be signaled using three consecutive digits (xxx).

10.4. In the event Mark 2 is replaced by a leeward gate, boats shall pass through the two gate marks from the direction of the previous mark before proceeding on to the next leg of the course.

11. MARKS

11.1. **San Diego Bay** marks will be as follows:

W Mark 1 = 5' yellow tetrahedron

Change W Mark = 5' orange tetrahedron

W Mark 1a = green tetrahedron

L Mark 2 = 5' yellow tetrahedron(s) (see 10.4)

Mark S = white cylinder

Mark F = 5' pink tetrahedron

Ocean marks will be as follows:

Mark 1 = red cone

Mark 1a = 8' orange tetrahedron

Change W Mark 1 = 8' yellow tetrahedron

Change W Mark 1a = 8' orange tetrahedron w/ black band

L Mark 2 = red cone(s) (see 10.4)

Mark S = white cylinder

Mark F = 5' green tetrahedron

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12. THE START

- 12.1. The starting line will be between a staff with an orange flag displayed on the R/C Signal Boat at the starboard end of the starting line and Mark "S" on the port end.
- 12.2. If there is a significant wind shift during the start sequence, a *new* windward mark may be set for classes not yet started. This change will be signaled by displaying code flag 'C' over each of the affected classes' class flags during their start sequence. The change mark will be as described in SI 11. When, in subsequent changes of course, a change mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

13. RECALLS

- 13.1. As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to hail boats "On Course Side" (OCS) as soon as possible after the start. Boats will be hailed on the corresponding VHF radio channel. (See SI 5.2.) Failure of electronic equipment or to hear a hail, order of hail, or delay in hailing will not be grounds for redress.

14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 14.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a *new* mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 14.2. The race committee may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees or the length up to 10% of the previous length, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark. This changes rule 33.

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1. For all buoy course classes, the finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a R/C boat and a nearby mark as described in the course chart.
- 15.2. For the ORR/Sunday Classic class, a boat has finished when they pass SD Channel buoy #17 as described in course chart, and within four of her hull lengths.
- 15.3. ORR/Sunday Classic class competitors should record their finish with a photo of their navigation display showing both finish position AND time on the screen. Email this to jared@sdyc.org with cc: to sailing@sdyc.org

16. TIME LIMIT

- 16.1. On Saturday, no race will be started after 1600. Boats not finished by 1730 will be scored DNF. This changes Rules 35, A4 & A5.
- 16.2. On Sunday, no race will be started after 1500. Boats not finished by 1630 will be scored DNF. This changes Rules 35, A4 & A5.

17. PENALTIES

- 17.1. For all boats **Appendix V1 will apply.**

18. HEARING REQUESTS

- 18.1. Appendix T – ARBITRATION is in effect
- 18.2. *RRS 60.2(a) is modified to add the additional requirement:* A boat intending to protest shall report her intentions and the boat(s) being protested to the R/C upon finishing or retiring and obtain R/C acknowledgment.
- 18.3. Requests for Hearing forms may be provided at the Official Regatta Notice Board. Hearing requests and scoring inquiries may be filed at the Dockside Room, if staffed, in the Sailing Center within one (1) hour of the docking time of the R/C finishing boat after the final race of the day. Alternately, requests may be emailed to Protests@sdyc.org within the same timeframe, using the electronic Hearing Request form via the US Sailing Rules app or a clear photo of a paper form. The docking time will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.

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- 18.4. Hearings will be heard by an Arbitrator, and if necessary, a protest committee in person, and in the approximate order of receipt. The approximate order and time of hearings will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board identifying protesting and protested boats. It is the responsibility of each boat to check the schedule and attend the hearing in a timely manner with all parties and witnesses in order. The Arbitrator or Protest Committee is not responsible for searching for parties or their witnesses.
- 18.5. Hearings not settled by Arbitration will be heard by a protest committee and will be scheduled in agreement with parties to the hearing

19. HAULOUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1. All boats shall remain in the water for the duration of the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

20. SCORING AND AWARDS

- 20.1. Six races are scheduled for all buoy race classes except Classics, who will have three races. The RLC ORR class will have two races scheduled. One complete race will constitute a series. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. No race score will be excluded.
- 20.2. Wind bands for ORC Classes will be announced shortly after the last boat in each class finishes. Wind bands will be based on the average wind speed over the prior 60 minutes, as reported by BnG instruments on RC vessels at both ends of the course.
- 20.3. Wind bands for ORR RLC will be announced prior to the start of the race and determined from wind data reported or forecast at Zuniga Jetty and Point Loma. Additional data may be requested from competitors at the conclusion of the race, and the RC reserves the right to modify the wind band if there is a significant discrepancy between the announced configuration and actual data collected during the race.
- 20.4. The Organizing Authority will determine the Overall Winner of the Yachting Cup.
- 20.5. Scoring Results will be located online at www.yachtingcup.com/results and on the official notice board.
- 20.6. Awards will be presented on the Sailwash Lawn on Sunday at approx. 1700 or as soon as possible thereafter.

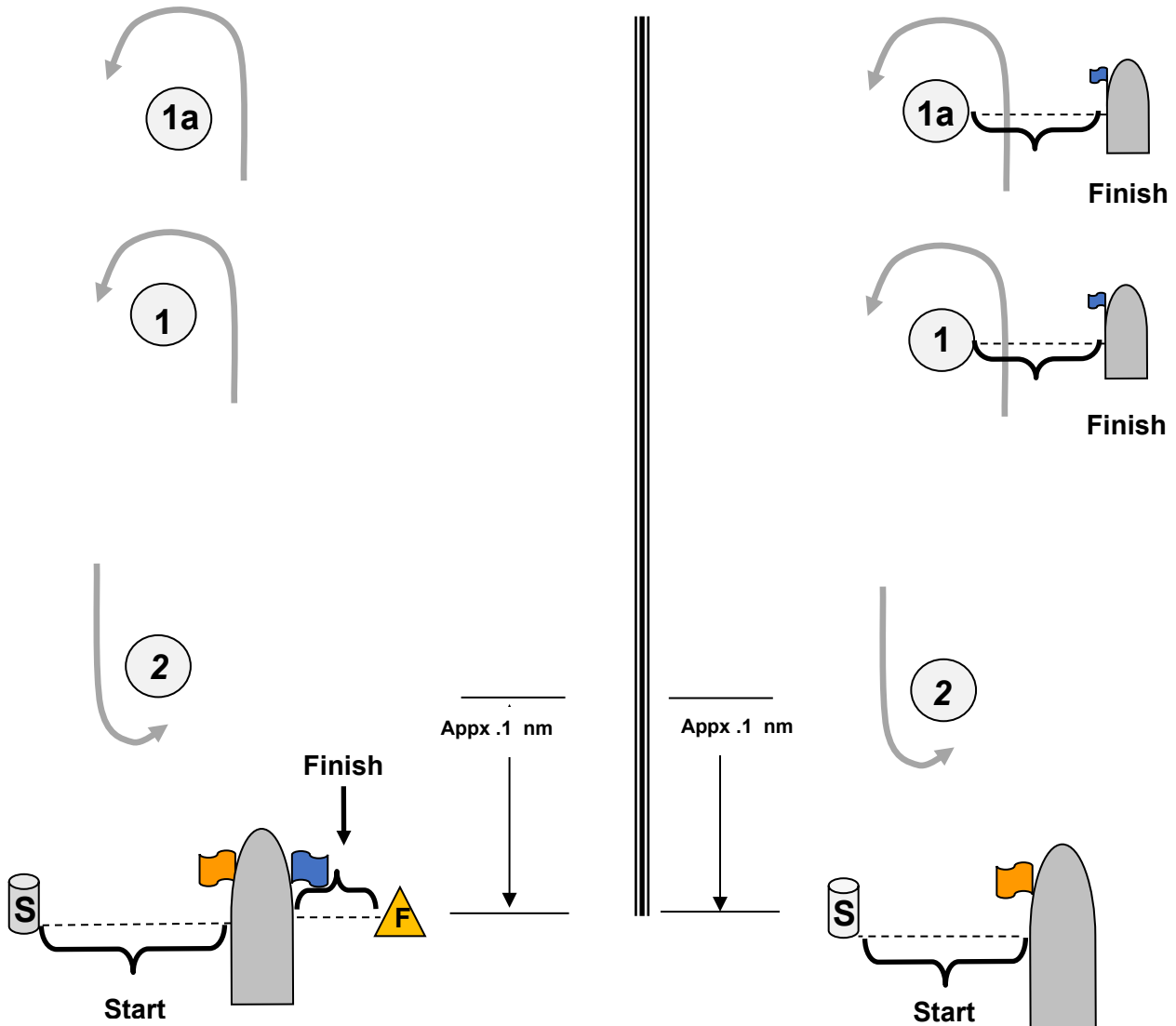
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Buoy Race Course Chart

All rounding marks are to port

<i>Course</i>	<i>Marks</i>		<i>Course</i>	<i>Marks</i>
4	S, 1, 2, 1, Finish		3	S, 1, 2, Finish @ 1
6	S, 1a, 2, 1a, Finish		5	S, 1a, 2, Finish @ 1a

Reference Sailing Instruction **10.4 (Gates)** and **11 (Mark Configurations)** for course variables.



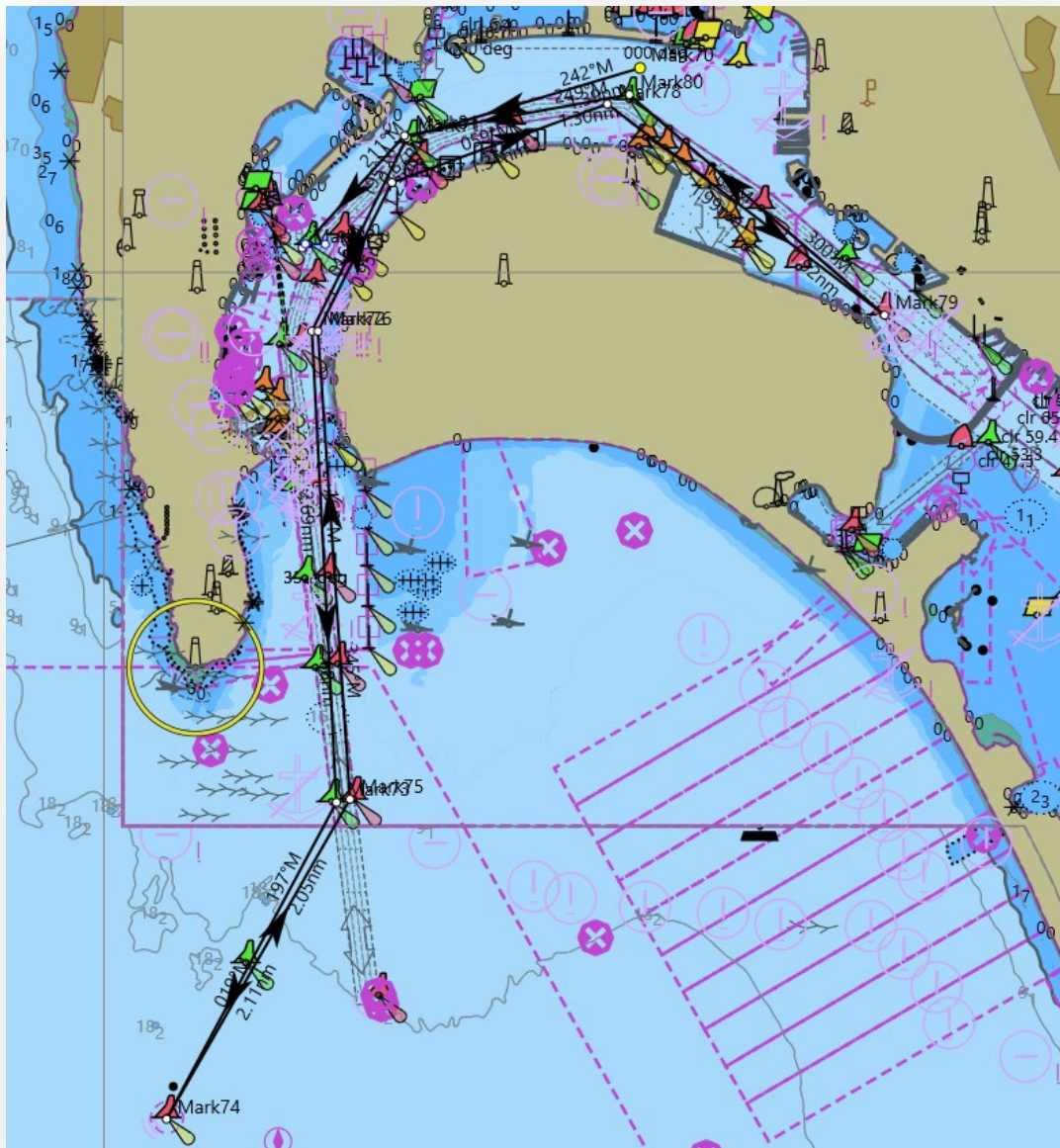
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ORR RLC

Sunday

Course “1” – 20.3 n.m.

- Start in vicinity of the east end of Harbor Island
- Buoy “19” Green to port
- Buoy “SD” to port
- Buoy “24” to port
- Finish @ Buoy “17” Green to port bearing 080mag.
 - Finish must be recorded with a screen shot of navigation screen showing current local time and position, or photo of SD 17 with a proof of boat (crew member) and time stamp available on photo.



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Classics RLC

Sunday

Course “2” – 12.3 n.m.

- Start in vicinity of the east end of Harbor Island
- Buoy “19” Green to port
- Buoy “SD” to port
- Finish @ Buoy “17” Green to port bearing 080mag.
 - Finish must be recorded with a screen shot of navigation screen showing current local time and position, or photo of SD 17 with a proof of boat (crew member) and time stamp available on photo.

