

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR MERIT 25'S

RULES

The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. 1.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1100 on the day race day
2. 1.2. The Race committee may change the sailing instructions at the start area by announcing on VHF 69.
3. FLEET
Merit 25 fleet will race independently of the SYC fleets. The Merit's will have their own start and a separate course from the SYC fleets.

3. COURSES AND MARKS

1. 3.1. The course will be posted on the Notice Board no later than 1100 on the day of each race
2. 3.2. Marks are described in SI Addendum 1.

4. STARTING

1. 4.1. There will not be a warning signal for each race.
2. Skippers are required to sail under mainsail only in the starting area 5 minutes prior to the start time of each race
3. 4.2. The start line will be provided with the course description.
4. 4.3. Races will be started using sound signals; the absence of a visual signal shall be disregarded. This changes RRS 26.
5. 4.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other fleets.

5. FINISHING

1. 5.1. The finish line will be provided with the course description.
2. 5.2. The race committee may announce a shortened course over VHF. This changes RRS 31,32,33 and 34.
3. 5.3. As soon as reasonably possible after a boat finishes, retires, or does not finish within the time limit, she shall report her boat name and sail number, and as applicable, her finishing or retiring time and position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee via email at finish@sequoiayc.com.

5.4. Boats withdrawing from the race or not finishing by the time limit shall contact the race committee by email to finish@sequoiayc.com. If not able to report while underway, contact must be made immediately after coming ashore.

6. TIME LIMITS

1. 6.1. The Race Time Limit for the first boat from the PHRF and Open 5.70 fleets is 1600.
2. 6.2. The Race Time Limit for the Merit fleet is 1600. Boats finishing after 1600 will be scored as a DNF

7. SCORING

Rule A5.3 applies.

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9. ARBITRATION

8.1. Appendix T applies.

9. POST-RACE PENALTIES This changes RRS V2(b).

1. 9.1. A boat may take a scoring penalty of 1 place anytime up until 0900 the day following the start of the race by notifying a member of the Protest Committee via email at finish@sequoiayc.com.
2. 9.2. A boat may take a 3-place penalty up to 48 hours after a boat has been notified by the Protest Committee.

10. PROTESTS

1. 10.1. The display of a red flag is not required. This changes RRS 60.2(a)(1).
2. 10.2. Protests shall be submitted no later than two hours after the last boat finishes to the

Protest Committee via email at rich@spinnakersailing.com.

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Addendum 1: Marks

1. The approximate locations of marks are as follows. A mark being out of position is not cause for redress.
2. Fixed Marks

2	Redwood Creek Channel Marker 2	N37° 33.17' W122° 11.78'
3	Redwood Creek Channel Marker 3	N37° 32.99' W122° 11.60'
4	Redwood Creek Channel Marker 4	N37° 32.83' W122° 11.71'
7	Redwood Creek Channel Marker 7	N37° 31.99' W122° 11.53'
8	Redwood Creek Channel Marker 8	N37° 32.02' W122° 11.63'
12	San Francisco Bay South Channel Marker 12	N37° 33.59' W122° 12.63'
16	Redwood Creek Channel Marker 16	N37° 31.03' W122° 12.55'
20	Redwood Creek Channel Marker 20	N37° 30.59' W122° 12.80'
B	San Francisco Bay South Channel Marker 11	N37° 34.96' W122° 14.88' W
Dolphin	Dolphin at SW end of Wharf #4	N37° 30.55' W122° 12.71'
Low Dock	Point on Low Dock used for pursuit starts	N37° 30.95' W122° 12.39'

3. SYC Floating Marks

A	SYC white collar buoy marked 'A'	N37° 31.94 W122° 10.31'
E	SYC yellow collar buoy marked 'E'	N37° 34.81' W122° 13.07'
O	SYC yellow collar buoy marked 'O'	N37° 33.61' W122° 11.16'
P	SYC yellow collar buoy marked 'P'	N37° 33.51' W122° 11.27'
S	SYC yellow collar buoy marked 'S'	N37° 33.81' W122° 13.13'
T	SYC yellow collar buoy marked 'T'	37° 32.41'N 122° 10.92'W
X	SYC yellow collar buoy marked 'X'	N37° 34.23' W122° 12.13'
Y	SYC yellow collar buoy marked 'Y'	N37° 32.22' W122° 09.87'

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Addendum 2: Racing Area

SPINNAKER FLEET WINTER RACING RULES... Addendum to SYC Sailing Instructions

SPINNAKER USE

Spinnakers will be permitted for qualified Skippers and crew.

Spinnaker fee \$50.00 - provided by Spinnaker
Spinnaker can only be provided by Spinnaker Sailing

Must have at least 3 crew who have Spinnaker experience – completed a spinnaker class or equivalent experience

Restricted use to 12 Knots True

ADJUSTED TIME FOR SPINNAKER USE.

Merit 25 PHRF rating = 168 –

Non spinnaker PHRF RATING =188

Boats flying Spinnaker must add 20 seconds per mile to their finish time.

Example: if the race is 4.21 nm then take $4.1 \times 20\text{sec} = 82 \text{ sec's} / 60 = 1 \text{ minutes and } 22 \text{ seconds}$

If you finish time was 3:31.15 and you add 1:22 seconds to it then your adjusted time would be 3:32:37

MAINSAILS ARE TO BE REEFED WHEN WIND CONDITIONS ARE ABOVE 13 KNOTS TRUE WIND!

PFD'S REQUIRED FOR ALL CREW