

Thirsty Thursday Races: SIs & OYC's COVID-19 Guidelines

Dear Oceanside Yacht Club Members and Guests:

We hope you are safe and healthy. If dinghy sailing is on your agenda, we hope you are eager to start racing! The Board of Directors has spent time reviewing public guidance as we prepared these safety guidelines.

Because Thirsty Thursday small-sailboat racing is done by single individuals and two-person family units, we feel races can go on as planned with a few modifications. Our twelve race series begins on May 28th.

As you review the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions (on our race calendar by May 22nd, <https://oceansideyc.net/racing/>), complete the registration form and waiver and take time to review these guidelines.

Ultimately, it is up to each boater to decide whether to race or not. If you are contagious for COVID-19 or at high risk, you may prefer to not race. Volunteers, members and guests will be requested to use face coverings and maintain social distances at all times. This plan contains additional expectations.

OYC will monitor its activities and adjust its safety practices when deemed appropriate.

We look forward to seeing junior and senior RS Tera, Sabot, FJ and Lido skippers on the water!

Regards,

Your Oceanside Yacht Club Board of Directors

Regulations, hygiene, social distancing

- It is incumbent upon every person to adhere to federal, state and local laws, which includes those from Oceanside and Oceanside Harbor.
- Because social gatherings are not currently permitted, the club will not hold any social events or gatherings, such as skippers' meetings, post-race trophy presentations, or protest hearings. Trophies can be picked up at the next race.
- Spectators may circulate around the harbor but will not have access to the yacht club, which remains closed.
- OYC expects volunteers, participants and guests to practice healthy hygiene such as hand washing, wearing a cloth face covering and social distancing.

Racing

- Registration will be in the regatta room. Show up early as more time will be needed to register and launch boats. The registrar and a maximum of two family units may be in the room at the same time. Race registration fees may be paid by check, cash, credit card, or as a charge to a member's account.
- Plastic laminated race course charts can be obtained during registration.
- Facial coverings and neck gaiters (buffs) may be worn while on shore or a dock. When on the water, face coverings should be removed to minimize difficult breathing should the face covering get wet.
- To promote social distancing, the race committee may set longer start and finish lines and hold virtual protest hearings during the week following each race.
- A crew member (FJs and Lidos) should be from the same family unit as the skipper.
- When boat launching, only two skippers (family units) are permitted at a time onto I-dock. From at least 6-foot away, I-gate will be monitored to meter I-dock boat launching.
- When docking, only two boats at a time are allowed on the dock. Other boats queue up on the water.
- Members and guests are excluded from I-dock except when launching boats at the base of I-dock. Only race committee members are permitted at the end-tie of I-dock.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
2020 THIRSTY THURSDAY RACE SERIES
 May 28 – Aug 27, 2020 (pending OYC Board approval)
Oceanside Yacht Club

**1 RULES**

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. The organizing authority is Oceanside Yacht Club.
- 1.2** No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3** Racing rules 26, 44.1 and A4/A5 are changed as described in section 10-The Start and in section 13-Penalty System respectively.
- 1.4** These sailing instructions consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located at Oceanside Yacht Club Office.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the OYC Office.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1** Dates of racing: Thursdays May 28 – Aug 27, 2020 excluding July 2th and 16th.
- 4.2** Number of races: Twelve races are scheduled. The 12-race series is divided into three 4-race subseries.
- 4.3** The scheduled time of the warning signal for each race is 17:57.

5 CLASS FLAGS Class flags will be:

Classes	Flag
RS Tera	Red
Sabot	Green
FJ / Lido	Blue

The race committee may change these flags if it determines that juniors and seniors are to start separately. This announcement may be made on the water prior to the warning signal.

6 RACING AREAS

An attachment illustrates the racing area, which is defined by the inner- and outer-harbors of Oceanside Harbor.

7 COURSES

- 7.1** The attached course chart shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.2** No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display the course number.

8 MARKS

- 8.1** Marks are navigation buoys and may also include small-moveable-orange-inflatable buoys identified on the course chart as X and Y.
- 8.2** Starting and finishing marks will be small-moveable-orange-inflatable buoys.

9 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Highlighted in yellow on the course chart is an obstruction that is excluded from the racing area. It is a submerged jetty identified by white markers that is locally known as the rock garden.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started as follows:

Minutes before starting signal	Visual flag	Sound signal	Means
3	Class flag	One	Warning signal
2	Prep flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Prep flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

This changes RRS 26.

- 10.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag located at the end of I-dock and a small-moveable-orange-inflatable buoy.
- 10.3** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.4 A boat that does not start within 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The race committee may shorten a course by reducing the number of posted laps to a lesser number or removing a mark from the posted course.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing marks and a small-moveable-orange-inflatable buoy.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

Separately for juniors and seniors for the RS Tera and Sabot classes and for the FJ/Lido 14 class in individual races; 4-race series; and 12-race series

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

ATTACHMENTS

RACE ENTRY CARD
COURSE CHART

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY: READ BEFORE SIGNING

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in boating activities, races and related events and activities sponsored by or under the auspices of Oceanside Yacht Club of Oceanside CA, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

- The risks of illness (including communicable diseases such as MRSA, influenza, and **COVID-19**) from the activities involved in this program can be significant, and include the potential to be debilitating or life threatening and, while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce these risks, the risks of serious illness do exist; and,
- I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
- I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
- I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS Oceanside Yacht Club, its officers, officials, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event (“RELEASEES”), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURIES or ILLNESSES, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.


I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Participant Name	Signature	Date Signed
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PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, have read and explained the provisions in this waiver/release to my child/ward including the risks of the activity and his/her responsibilities for adhering to the rules and regulations. Furthermore, my child/ward understands and accepts these risks and responsibilities. I for myself, my spouse, and child/ward do consent and agree to his/her release provided above for all the Releasees and myself, my spouse, and child/ward do release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's/ward's involvement or participation in these activities as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Participant Name	Signature	Date Signed
Emergency Phone Number:		

SAIL NUMBER _____	OCEANSIDE YACHT CLUB		Date: _____ Amt \$ _____ Paid by: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Card <input type="checkbox"/> Member # _____
RACE ENTRY CARD			
PLEASE ENTER MY BOAT IN YOUR _____			RACES(S) _____
BOAT NAME _____	SKIPPER _____	PRINT _____	YACHT CLUB _____
BOAT TYPE _____	ENTRY FEE \$ _____	(IF REQUIRED)	OYC MEMBER # _____
RATING(S) _____	PHRF – RANDOM LEG _____	PHRF – BUOY _____	ORC _____
	PHRF – DOWN WIND _____	PORTSMOUTH _____	ORR _____
CLASS <input type="checkbox"/> Dinghy <input type="checkbox"/> Spinnaker <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Spinnaker <input type="checkbox"/> Novice LEVEL <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior			
By signing this Race Entry Card, you are agreeing to the terms and conditions stated on the reverse side of this card.			
OWNER/SKIPPER _____	SIGNATURE _____	EMAIL _____	
ADDRESS _____		CITY _____	STATE _____ ZIP _____
CELL PHONE _____			
ANY ENTRY CARDS THAT ARE INCOMPLETE, ILLEGIBLE, INCORRECT, OR LATE MAY BE REJECTED.			

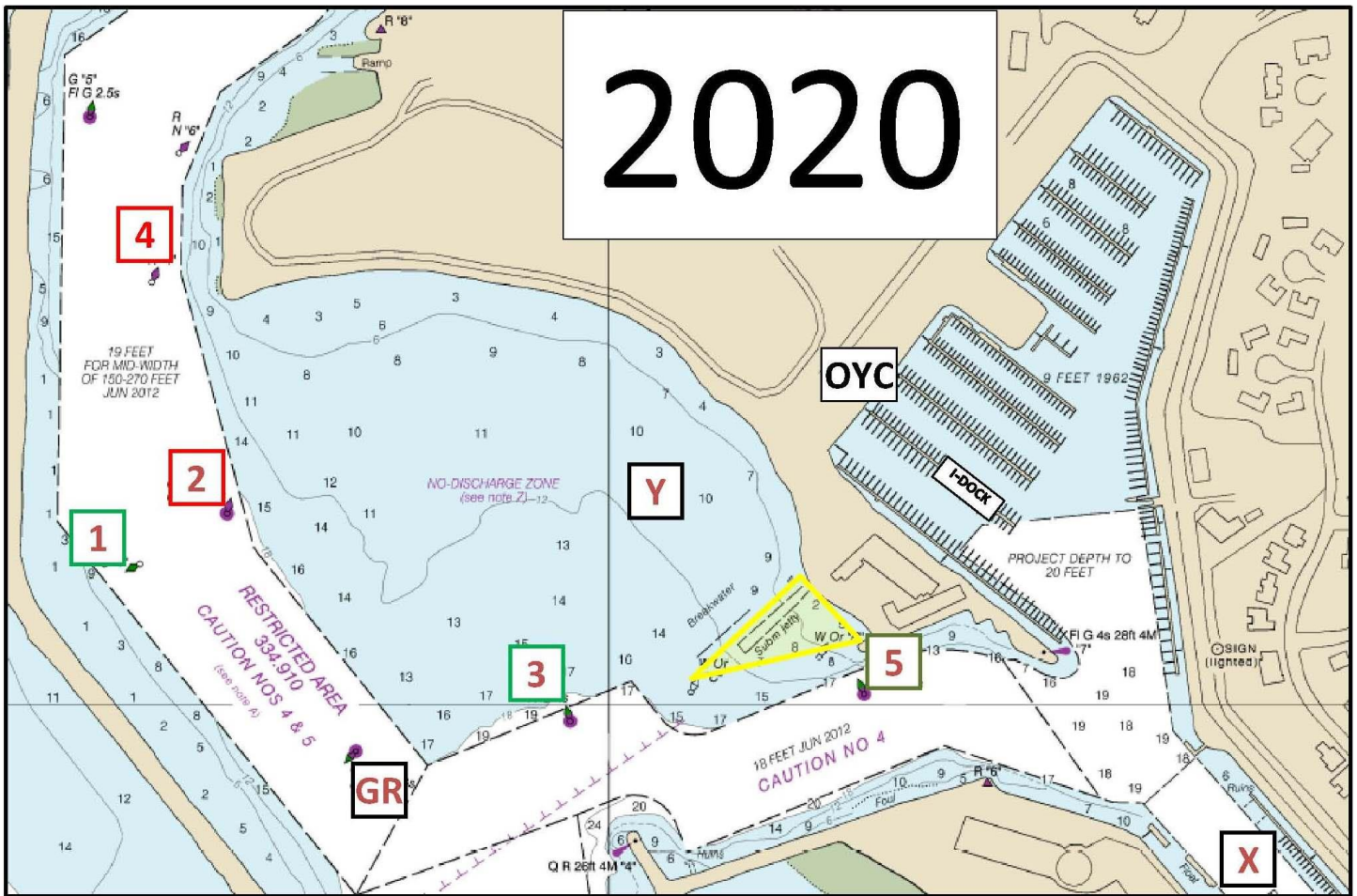
ASSUMPTION OF RISK; WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION: By entering this event, all racers agree to the following statement:

"I understand and agree that yacht racing involves the use and operation of marine equipment in extremely close proximity to other vessels, marks, buoys, and the shoreline in varied weather conditions and differing sea states, and further, that the captains and crews aboard other vessels may not be proficient in the operation of their respective vessels.

I further understand and agree that this event is organized by volunteers who are not maritime professionals and who may or may not have formal training in vessel operation or race organization, all of which involves a substantial element of risk, including the risk of property damage or of personal injury or death.

Notwithstanding these and other elements of risk and inconvenience, I wish to participate in this event because of my interest in yacht racing and the enjoyment and fulfillment that I derive from yacht racing.

Therefore, in consideration of the Race Organizers (as defined below) allowing me and my crew to compete in the event described in this Race Entry Card and/or Notice of Race (the "Event"), I, of and for myself and my Vessel, and my crew, my heirs, assigns, crew-members, partners, and agents (collectively "We"), hereby agree to accept any and all risks associated with this Event with the knowledge of the dangers and risks involved. We further agree to release Oceanside Yacht Club, including their respective owners, affiliates, officers, directors, members, employees, agents, committee persons, and race officials (collectively, the "Race Organizers"), and hold them harmless and indemnify them, from any and all disputes, actions, claims, demands, liabilities (collectively, "Incidents"), judgments, and attorney's fees which are related to or arise directly or indirectly from the activities associated with this Event (to the extent that We are involved in or participated in, or are alleged to have been involved in or participated in such Incidents), **including, without limitation those due to the negligence, fault or other act or omission of the Organizing Authority.**" **US Sailing Prescription Rule 82 shall not apply to this Event.**



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OYC INNER- AND OUTER-HARBOR COURSES

1) 1	8) 3, 4	15) 5	22) GRs, Y, GR
2) 2	9) 3s, 4, 3	16) 5, X	23) X
3) 2, 3	10) 3s, Y, 3	17) GR	24) Xs, 5s
4) 2, 3, Y	11) 4	18) GRs, 2s, 3	25) Y
5) 2, GR	12) 4, 3	19) GRs, 2, GR	26) Y, 2
6) 3	13) 4, GR	20) GRs, 4, 3	27) Y, 3
7) 3s, 2, 3	14) 4, GR, Y	21) GRs, Y, 3	28) Y, GR

II = 2 LAPS

X, Y = MOBILE MARKS

S = STARBOARD