

SRSC 2011 LABOR DAY INVITATIONAL REGATTA SAILING

INSTRUCTIONS

1. **RULES:** The U S Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 rules apply, except where these sailing instructions supersede them.
2. **ENTRIES:** To qualify for the series, a yacht must complete a written entry form. Entries will be accepted from 10:30 to 12:00 on Saturday. Pre-registered yachts must check in during this same time period. At the Race Committee discretion, late entries may be accepted until the first race Sunday, however there will be no reduction in the entrance fee.
3. **FLEET STARTS:**

Pelicans	“A” Flag (note: if a Multihull Class registers they will have the “A” Flag)
Centerboards	“B” Flag
Keel Boats	“C” Flag

Boats having a class (3 boats) within their fleet start will be scored as a class.
4. **RESPONSIBILITY:** In accordance with U S Sailing Fundamental Rule 4, it is the sole responsibility of each yacht to decide whether to start or continue a race. In accordance with Rule 27.3 before the starting signal, the race committee may for any reason postpone or abandon the race.
5. **SAFETY:** Code flag Y will be flown continuously and all participants shall wear approved PFDs. Sailors on centerboard boats should wear wetsuits or drysuits as the water is dangerously cold. A 15 ft. tow line should be available on each yacht. **All attendees are advised that the Santa Rosa Sailing Club will not provide rescue boat service.**
6. **SIGNALS:** Shapes and sounds (air horn) will be in accordance with The Racing Rules of Sailing Rules 26 & 27. Flags will be on shore and courses displayed on a yellow course board.
7. **START - FINISH LINE:** The start line and finish line will be a line between the yellow course board on the beach and the orange “F” mark. A red ball near the beach is a limiting mark and not a line mark for starting or finishing. No starting or finishing boat may be between the limiting mark and the beach.
8. **RECALLS:** In the event of two consecutive general recalls for a class start, that class will be rotated to follow the last scheduled fleet start for that race.
9. **PENALTIES:** The two-turns penalty (Rules 44.1 & 44.2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing) will apply.
10. **TIME LIMIT:** There is a two hour time limit on each race. If one yacht from its class finishes within this time limit, the race may be completed by all yachts in that class.
11. **RETIREMENT:** Competitors withdrawing from a race should advise the Race Committee (or chase boat) as soon as practicable; preferably before leaving the race area.
12. **PROTESTS:** Protests must be in writing on forms provided by the Race Committee, and must be lodged within one hour of the last class finishers (at the end of the day's racing). Time and location of a hearing will be announced within 30 minutes of the protest time limit.
13. **SCORING:** The low-point scoring system (Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix A) will apply. The regatta will consist of five races, four of which will be counted for the regatta results. In the event of one or more race cancellation(s), all races will be counted. Open classes will use the March, 2008, Portsmouth Yardstick D-PN (no wind factor) handicap numbers for corrected times.
14. **AWARDS:** A class will consist of a minimum of three yachts.