

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

BBF SUMMER SERIES

Organizing Authority: Balboa Bay Fleet

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current version of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 USCG-approved PFDs shall be worn at all times by competitors while on the water, other than brief periods while adding or removing clothing. The 'Y' flag will not be flown. This modifies RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.
- 1.3 Sabot A/B/C1 fleet boats may be subject to on-water equipment inspection upon the finish of each race. Refer to INSA class rules for a list of required equipment.
- 1.4 US Sailing Prescriptions 60, 62.3, and 63.4 will be deleted.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located at the respective associated yacht clubs within the Balboa Bay Fleet.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted by 0900 on the day it will take effect, or within 30 minutes of the termination of any competitors' meeting.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE








- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at each respective yacht club within the Balboa Bay Fleet. If a postponement is signaled ashore, "1 minute" is changed to "60 minutes" in race signal AP.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, boats shall remain on shore.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Fleet	Venue	First Warning
C3	1	13:30
C2	3	13:30
C1/B/A	2	13:30
C420/CFJ	4	14:00

- 5.2 A maximum of five (5) races shall be attempted on each venue per day of competition.
- 5.3 Each week of the series shall be scored separately as its own regatta.
- 5.4 Racing shall begin during the first week of the summer programs and conclude during the final week, totaling six (6) weeks of racing.
- 5.5 The following regattas are included within the BBF Summer Series: Sir Joseph Porter, Race Week, and Balboa Bay Fleet Championships.
- 5.6 On each race day no warning signal will be made after 15:30.

6. CLASS FLAGS

Class	Flag	Description
Sabot C3		Red shoe / White background
Sabot C2		White shoe / Black background
Sabot C1		White shoe / Red background
Sabot B		White shoe / Blue background
Sabot A		White shoe / Green background
CFJ		Blue letters / White background
C420		Blue logo / White background

7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1 Attachment A shows the approximate locations of each racing area. The Sabot C3 fleet will race in Area 1, the Sabot C2 fleet will race in Area 3, the Sabot C1, B, A fleets will race in Area 2, and the CFJ & Laser fleets will race in Area 4.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs and the order in which marks are to be passed.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the course number.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Rounding marks may be any variation of orange, red, yellow, or green inflatable spheres or tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 The starting and finishing pin will be an orange flag mounted on a flagstaff, or any variation of orange, red, yellow, or green inflatable spheres or tetrahedrons.
- 9.3 All marks shall be taken to port unless otherwise specified.

10. THE START AND FINISH

- 10.1 Races will be started by using Appendix S or by using a modified rule 26 with the warning signal made three (3) minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.1 The start/finish line will be between a staff with an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

12. TIME LIMITS

- 12.1 The time limit for each race will be sixty (60) minutes for the first boat to sail the course and finishes.
- 12.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Any protest will be conducted on the water immediately following the race during which the incident took place using "Three Minute Justice."
- 13.2 The Protestor and Protestee will each be allocated one (1) minute for presentation, and the Protest Committee will be allocated one (1) minute for deliberation.
- 13.3 The Protest Committee will consist of a jury of three unaffiliated coaches.
- 13.4 Requests for redress shall be delivered to the competitor's respective Sailing Office within 30 minutes after reaching the dock.
- 13.5 Scoring inquiries shall be delivered to the respective Sailing Office as soon as possible after preliminary results have been posted.

14. SCORING

- 14.1 A low-point scoring system shall be used per Appendix A of the RRS.
- 14.2 One (1) or more races shall constitute a regatta.
- 14.3 When five (5) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 14.4 When more than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1 When flag L is displayed from the signal boat prior to the First Warning signal, all boats are requested to check in with the Race Committee before the start of the first race by sailing past the signal boat on starboard tack and hailing their sail number, and receiving confirmation from the Race Committee.
- 15.2 A boat that retires from the racing area shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

16. DAMAGES

- 16.1 Untimely or inaccurate damage reporting may result in a penalty at the discretion of the Protest Committee, up to and including disqualifications from one or more races.

16.2 Damages to boats are the responsibility of the offending skipper. The final decision of the Protest Committee with regard to violations of the *rules* should be determinative with regard to damage responsibility. The offending skipper must pay damages to the affected party pending any appeal of a decision of the Protest Committee.

17. BREAKDOWNS

- 17.1 A boat requesting redress for a breakdown shall move away from other boats and signal a Race Committee official immediately.
- 17.2 If the breakdown occurs during a race, the boat must finish the race if possible, provided that further damage will not likely be incurred.
- 17.3 If a boat incurs a breakdown through collision or equipment failure through no fault of her own, the Protest Committee may grant redress. This changes rule 62.1.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except for emergencies. This restriction also applies to cellular telephones and other electronic devices.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1 Trophy ceremonies will be held for the Sir Joseph Porter and Balboa Bay Fleet Championship regattas only.
- 19.2 All other trophies shall be awarded by the competitors' respective yacht club.

20. DISCLAIMER

- 20.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage or injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (Balboa Bay Fleet, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this race. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.