

**Centerboard Yacht Club
2013 Wednesday Night Fall Race Series
Sailing Instructions**

Schedule: 6 races. Every Wednesday starting Sept. 4 thru Oct. 9 with first warning signal at 17:45.

Scoring System: Time on Time, Best 5 race scores.

Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Signal	Flag and sound	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	Class flag; 1 sound	5
Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z with I, or black flag; 1 sound	4
One-minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed; 1 sound	0

The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with the starting signal of the preceding class.

If the wind speed/ sea conditions reach or exceed Beaufort Scale “5” (over 15 knots) follow PFD requirements.

The races will start at either buoy “X”, “A”, “H”, or “F” dependent on weather, tidal, and commercial traffic conditions (see CYC chart and mark list on race page at centerboardyachtclub.org) .

Races will be held under the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 including US SAILING Prescriptions.

Protests will be in accordance with RRS 61 except as follows:

A Protest is merely the means of bringing an incident in which a boat may have broken a rule to a hearing after the race were it can be reviewed to clarify how the rules apply. When you think another sailor has broken a rule, display your protest flag, and tell them - right then - that you are protesting them. Be sure to say the word "Protest" and clearly identify who you are protesting, When you finish, tell the race committee who you are protesting. When you get ashore, fill out the Protest Form and hand it in or mail, fax or email within the time limit. If your protest involves a right-of-way situation (Part 2, Racing Rules of Sailing), it will go first to a quick Arbitration meeting. If the protest isn't resolved by Arbitration (and most will be), it will then go to a normal protest hearing. If it is found that a rule has been broken, that boat will have a 50% scoring penalty added to their time. No sailor will be disqualified; and all of us will learn more about the rules! Protests must be in writing and emailed to: race@centerboardyachtclub.org

Protest Time Limit: All protests shall be emailed or hand delivered to race committee no later than 21:00 the day after the incident.

The two turns penalty as defined in RRS Rule 44.2 will apply to infringements of Part 2.

The one turn penalty as defined in RRS Rule 31.2 will apply to touching a mark.

These races are held under a permit granted by the U. S. Coast Guard. Please be mindful that we share the harbor with commercial & military traffic. If a boat's failure to follow the rules of safe navigation results in a complaint from the United States Coast Guard or the Harbor Master, the violating boat will be disqualified for that race.

Supplemental rules

1	Races with no finisher by 2000 will be abandoned and will not count toward overall results. Three guns at 2000 will signal an abandoned race.	
2	The course may be shortened at the discretion of the person picking the course who will notify the committee boat to move to the appropriate mark.	
3	The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 68. Please DO NOT call the RC with questions during the start sequence. It is up to the discretion of the RC whether or not any other questions will be answered in accordance with Rule 41. Instructions delivered via VHF will be considered valid.	
4	Whisker poles attached to the mast may be used to "pole out" a headsail.	
5	There will be at least two Classes:	
	Cruising class 1. 155% headsail maximum 2. PHRF certificates not required, cruising rating will be assigned 3. No spinnakers 4. Class Flag: White background with blue letters "CR"	Racing class 1. PHRF certificates <i>preferred but not required</i>. 2. Spinnakers allowed. 3. All J boats & boats designated by race committee 4. If no PHRF Certificate, race rating will be assigned 5. Flag: White background with blue letter "A"
6	Only boats that are registered at the time a race is held will be scored. Only boats that are registered will be included in the final results. The only exception will be boats which race in the first race will be scored if they have registered by the second race.	

Racing Class (flag A) will start first.

Cruising Class (flag CR) will start 5 minutes after Racing Class start.

Each class will have it's own course.

Racing Class course will be posted on the Starboard side of the Mark Board adjacent or under the letter "A".

Cruising Class course will be posted on the Port side of the Mark Board adjacent or under "CR".

Yachts whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all yachts whose preparatory signal has been made.