

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

Small Boat Race Series 2026

Santa Margarita Yacht Club, Del Mar Basin, Camp Pendleton

1. RULES

1.1 This series is governed by the current **Racing Rules of Sailing (2025-2028)**, the prescriptions of the U.S. Sailing Association, the Notice of Race, and by these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Racers will comply with all requirements of MCCS's rental policies and procedures.

1.3 It is mandatory that racers will reef their main when the wind speed reaches 10 knots or more.

2. ENTRIES

2.1 Open to all skippers who are SMYC members, spouses, and children authorized to rent and sail Capri 16.5s and RS Tera 9.5s.

2.2 Eligible crews will complete a SMYC race entry form and a liability release form prior to beginning of the race.

2.3 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee. Boats will be rented on a first come basis.

2.4 Boat rental - At the current rates published by MCCS. There is no entry fee.

2.5 Boats will be rigged by racing crews.

2.6 ***Two or more boats will make a class for scoring.***

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any changes in sailing instructions will be posted at the SMYC clubhouse prior to 1030 on the day it will take effect. Changes to the schedule of races will be published on the SMYC website and the website calendar of events.

3.2 A competitor's meeting will be held at the SMYC clubhouse at 1030 on race days.

3.3 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SMYC flagpole.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Race 1/8	Sat	March 21st
Race 2/8	Sat	April 18th
Race 3/8	Sat	May 23rd
Race 4/8	Sat	June 27th
Race 5/8	Sat	July 25th
Race 6/8	Sat	August 15th
Race 7/8	Sat	September 19th
Race 8/8	Sat	October 24th

5. CLASS INDICATOR

5.1 Class Flags

First class to start Numeral Pennant 1.

Second class Numeral Pennant 2.

6. RACING AREA

6.1 Racing area will be in the Del Mar basin and the entry channel.

7. THE COURSES

7.1 Course charts are available from the race committee on each race day.

7.2 The race committee will signal the course using placards with course in Arabic numbers and laps in roman numerals.

8. MARKS

8.1 Marks will be ball shaped floats approximately 18" in diameter.

9. CHECK IN

9.1 Before the warning signal of the first race of the day, each boat shall sail past the race committee on starboard tack and announce her sail number.

10. THE STARTS

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with **rule 26** using a three-minute interval.

10.2 The starting line will be between the **orange flag** on the committee boat/dock and a ball shaped float.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and all boats whose warning signal has been made.

11. RECALLS

11.1 General and Individual recalls will be according to rule 29.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finish line will be between the **blue flag** on the committee boat/dock and a ball shaped float.

12.2 When more than one lap is ordered, a boat shall complete each lap by crossing the finish line from the direction of the last mark. When this requires crossing from the direction opposite of the start, the boat shall sail through the line, and round the line mark farthest from the race committee station, and then assume her proper course on the first leg of the next lap.

12.3 After starting and before finishing, ***boats shall not sail through the finish line except to complete a lap of a multi-lap race.***

13. PROTESTS

13.1 The race/protest committee will explain rule infringements not cleared by the alternative penalty.

13.2 Decisions of the jury/race committee will be final as provide in **rule 63.5.**

14. ALTERNATIVE PENALTY

14.1 & 14.2 The 720 degrees turn penalty is ***modified to one 360 degrees turn*** that shall include one tack and one jibe in the same direction when well clear of other boats as soon as possible after the incident. This changes **rules 44.1 and 44.2.**

15. SMYC SCORING

15.1 The low point scoring system will apply in determining the finish places for all races and the cumulative score for the entire Series. **Appendix A4.**

15.2 A boat that did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing, or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in that day's races. This changes **Appendix A5.1 – A5.3.**

15.3 Racers may adjust their Series score by discarding the results of 4 races.

15.4 Each boat's total Series Score will be the sum of her total scores for all races, less four discarded scores (15.3 above).

16 AWARDS and TROPHIES

16.1 The race committee shall post the daily and cumulative series results at the SMYC clubhouse ASAP. Results will be announced on race day.

16.2 Trophies for the overall Series, first, second, and third place champions will be awarded at the SMYC Holiday/Installation party.