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Morro Bay Yacht Club Junior Regatta

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Sailing Instructions

Rules: Races will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (2013-2016), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the rules of the various participating fleet association as applicable, and these Sailing Instructions.

Skippers' Meeting and Changes: There will be a Skippers' meeting at 10:30 a.m. Any changes to these instructions will be announced at the meeting and posted on the official bulletin board.

Signals: RRS Part 3 – 26 Starting Races Sound-Signal Starting sequence will be used for all race starts. Visual signals to indicate which fleets are starting will be made from the course board at the deck railing of the club.

Courses and Marks: Courses are designated on the course chart. Marks are either coast guard bay markers or flags with letter designators or orange float balls located at the approximate locations shown on the attached course chart. The course numbers will be posted five minutes before the start on the course board at the deck railing. The Optis will have a different courses and there may be two Opti divisions. The start and finish lines are not restricted.

Start Times: The start of the first race will be approximately 11:00 a.m. After finishing, competitors may return to the dock. Subsequent races will be started immediately after the last competitor finishes. Instructions for the lunch break will be provided at the Skippers' meeting.

Number of Races: The committee will attempt to provide a minimum of three races, with a maximum of 5 races. If there is at least one race completed it will constitute a regatta.

Starts & Finish: Signals for starting races will be at six minute intervals. The first warning signal will be made five minutes prior to the posted time of the first start. The starting and finishing lines will be announced at the Skippers' meeting. Boats not racing shall keep clear of the starting line.

Individual and General Recalls: Individual recalls will be made in accordance with Rule 29.1 except that the committee will use reasonable effort to hail over early boats. Failure to be hailed, timing of the hail, or failure to hear a hail is insufficient cause for redress under Rule 62. General Recalls will be made in accordance with Rule 29.2.

Time Limit: The time limit of any race is one (1) hour for the first boat to finish. Others will have an additional twenty (20) minutes to complete the race after the first finisher or be declared DNF.

Safety: In accordance with the policies of the Morro Bay Yacht Club, all competitors shall wear USCG approved PFDs. The Morro Bay Yacht Club also reserves for the safety boat the right to judge whether a competitor in the water shall be required to accept assistance.

Scoring: The Low Point system, RRS Appendix A4.1 will apply. All races will be scored: there will be no throw outs.

Protests: Protests are discouraged. Please resolve your problems on the water. The Race Committee will reluctantly and grudgingly form a Protest Committee, if all else fails. Protests must be filed within thirty (30) minutes of the final finisher of the last race.