



GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR MBYC BAY RACES:

Including Regattas and Series racing. These instructions apply to all regattas unless specifically changed by a separate Notice of Race

RULES:

All Races will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016* Published by the International Sailing Federation, along with its U.S. Sailing prescriptions and **Class rules**. Class events include all series regattas, Day Sailer Invitational, and all Class Championships. A Class shall consist of three or more boats of the same design. All other Bay races will be designated arbitrary. If a regatta has been designated as arbitrary, the current table of North American Portsmouth Numbers for centerboard classes shall be used.

NUMBER OF RACES:

All regatta days that are part of a series shall be limited to a maximum of three scoring races. Races that are not part of a series may, by majority consent at the skippers meeting, elect to sail up to five scoring races, but only with the concurrence of the race PRO. Additional non-scoring races may be started if the PRO and safety boat agree to support them.

SKIPPER'S MEETING, STARTING SEQUENCE AND ORDER OF STARTS:

A skippers meeting will be held at Approximately 10:30 before the start of each Regatta. Any changes to the race instructions will be announced at this time. The Start time of the first race will be scheduled at this meeting along with order of starts. An attention signal with 4 sounds be given 1 minute before the start sequence

TIME LIMITS AND CONSTRAINTS:

The time limit for individual races will be 2 hours for the first boat to finish.

Any boats finishing later than 30 minutes after the first boat will be scored as DNF. (This amends rule 35)

A boat shall be afloat and off moorings at one minute prior to the start signal. (This amends rule 45)

SCORING and TROPHIES:

The low point Scoring System appendix A of the racing rules will apply with these changes. There will be no throw outs in regatta or series scoring. When a competitor in a series serves as a PRO in a single regatta in that series, he or she is entitled to substitute the average of his or her scores for all races completed in that series for any race(s) missed while serving as PRO, except that the number of substitutions may not exceed the number of races actually sailed and scored. (This amends Section A2) If a regatta is part of a series, all individual race scores will be used when scoring the series, except that the B-fleet will not receive a series score. Trophies award are: First and second place trophies for 3 or 4 boats competing. First, second, and third place trophies are awarded for 5 or more boats competing. To constitute a completed series, five races must be completed and scored.

SAFETY:

In accordance with the policies of the Morro Bay Yacht Club, all competitors shall wear USCG approved PFDs. MBYC also reserves for the safety boat the right to judge whether a competitor in the water shall be required to accept assistance. Channel 69 will be used for communications between the safety boats and the PRO.

PROTESTS:

Protests and requests for redress must be filed with the Race committee in writing on the form provided by the Race Committee within one hour of the finish of the last boat in the last race of the day. Appendix T, Section B, Post-Race Penalties applies. After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a post-race penalty for that incident. Appendix T, Section D, Arbitration applies. An arbitration meeting may be held with a representative who on each boat involved in the protest. Based on the evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the protest committee is likely to decide.

HANDICAPS:

The following Handicaps will be used in all arbitrary races:

Centerboard Classes	NAPY Code	D-PN	Wind HC For Handicap Range			
			0-1	2 to 3	4	5 to 9
Coronado 15	COR15	91.9	92.7	92.6	91.5	90.4
Day Sailer (O'Day 17)	DS	98.5	101.3	98.5	96.9	96.3
FJ (Int.)	FJ	97.9	100.9	99.3	98.2	95.8
Lido 14	LD14	98.9	99.7	99.1	98.5	98.2
Laser (Int.)	LASE	91.1	93.7	92.3	91	88.2
Laser 4.7 (Int.)	LAS4.7	95.4	96.1	95.2	94.9	
Laser Radial/Laser M	LASEM	96.7	99.4	97.3	93.6	

Source: http://offshore.ussailing.org/Portsmouth_Yardstick/Current_Tables/Centerboard_Classes.htm

When different lasers race as a mixed class

Laser	1078
Laser 4.7	1175
Laser Radial	1101

Source: ILCA Class rules