Sailing Instructions

NorCal #5 Saturday January 31, 2026

NorCal #6 Sunday February 1, 2026

Hosted by Sausalito Yacht Club, at Clipper Yacht Harbor

310 Harbor Drive, Sausalito

1 RULES

1.1   The regattas will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the current ISSA and PCISA Procedural Rules, the Notice of Series for the 2025-2026 Norcal Series, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions.

1.2   Each team must provide their own class legal CFJ, including sails and all rigging. Boats will not be rotated. Clubs and schools shall coordinate sail numbers to avoid duplicates.

1.3   All Silver Fleet boats shall fly an identifying ribbon at the top of their mainsail (provided at check-in).

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1   Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the gray check in tent in the rigging area.

3 CHANGES MADE TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1   Any change to the SIs will be posted by 1130 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SCHEDULE

Nor Cal #5 - Saturday January 31		Nor Cal #6 - Sunday February 1	
9:30	Registration/Rigging	9:30	Registration/Rigging
10:30	Competitors' Meeting & Coach meeting	10:30	Competitors' Meeting & Coach meeting
11:30	First Warning	11:30	First Warning
16:30	No Warnings After	16:30	No Warnings After
17:00	Awards (or ASAP after racing)	17:00	Awards (or ASAP after racing)

5 NUMBER of RACES

5.1   A minimum of one race shall constitute a completed regatta.

6 RACING AREA

6.1   The course will be located between Clipper Yacht Harbor and Angel Island, depending on conditions.

7 COURSES

7.1   Diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The number of the course to be sailed will be hailed or displayed from the Race Committee boat before each race.

8 MARKS AND START / FINISH LINES

8.1   Marks of the course will be orange buoys, with a small orange offset at the windward mark and are subject to change.

8.2   The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee (RC) start boat at the starboard end of the line and an orange flag on the "pin" boat at the port end of the line.

8.3   The finishing line will be between a blue flag on the RC finish boat and a small orange buoy to the starboard of the RC boat.

9 THE START & RECALLS

9.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS Rule Appendix U.

9.2 Individual recalls will be made in accordance with RRS Appendix U4.

9.3 The RC may attempt to hail a yacht's sail number; however, it is the responsibility of each yacht to make a proper start. Failure to be hailed or hear a hail is insufficient cause for redress, in accordance with RRS Appendix U5.

9.4 A General Recall will be signaled by multiple sound signals. In accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules, after a General Recall, the "Round-the-Ends Rule" provisions of RRS 30.1 shall apply. Flag I need not be displayed (this changes RRS 30.1).

9.5 The starting order will be Gold Fleet first, Silver Fleet next. When fleets are waiting to start, please wait in a designated area that will be announced at the Competitor's Meeting.

10 TIME LIMITS

10.1 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish) without a hearing. This changes rules 35.

10.2 The race committee reserves the right to finish a boat in place to prevent a delay in racing.

11 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES, PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

11.1 Competitors may clear themselves by taking a one-turn penalty after fouling another competitor.

11.2 Protests will be handled in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules Section 16

11.3 Protest forms are available at the check-in table in the rigging area. Completed protest forms shall be returned to the same location within the protest time limit.

11.4 The time limit for submitting protest forms is 20 minutes after the RC start boat arrives back at the dock at the end of racing each day.

11.5 The schedule of protest hearings will be posted on the official notice board and involved parties must remain within hailing distance. Hearings will be held adjacent to the launch ramp.

11.6 Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

11.7 Failure to hear a course, postponement, hearing or recall signal shall not be grounds for redress.

11.8 Sailboats launched from the dirt lot shall be scored DSQ for the entire day, without redress or hearing.

12 SCORING

12.1 Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

13.1 All competitors must wear a USCG-approved PFD.

13.2 A competitor who retires from racing shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

13.3 Any boat interfering with commercial traffic will be disqualified from the race. The race committee also reserves the right to abandon any race due to vessel traffic. Boats must clear the racing area if instructed by the race committee or a support boat.

14 COACHING AND SUPPORT BOATS

14.1 After the preparatory signal for a race, coaching will not be permitted until a competitor has finished that race.

14.2 Coach and support boats should all carry working VHF radios. RC intends to monitor Ch. 72.
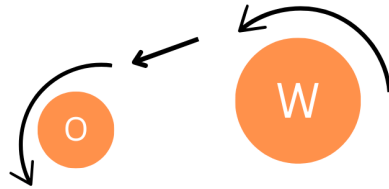
15 PRIZES

15.1 Awards will be given to the top three teams in each fleet (Gold and Silver) for each regatta.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 Competitors participate in the regattas entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The team coach/parent/adult is the final authority for each team. The OA or host venue will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
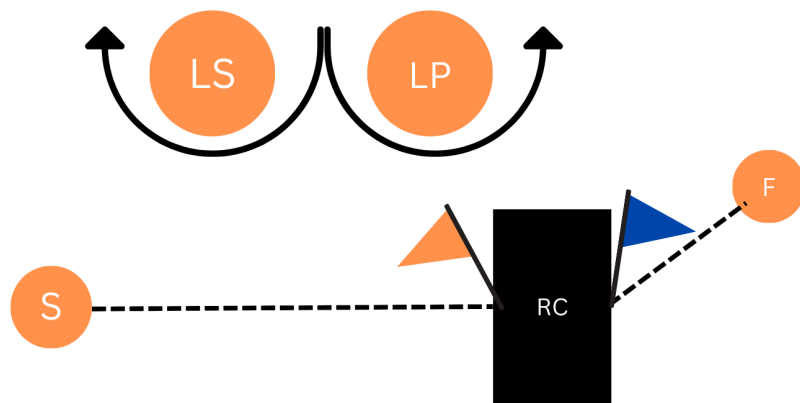
Attachment A

Except for the leeward gate, denoted in the diagram as LS and LP, all marks shall be left to port.

Courses

1 = S - W - O - L - F

2 = S - W - O - L - W - O - L - F

*Courses and marks may not be to scale.

*Mark shapes and colors are subject to change.