



BOXING DAY PURSUIT RACE

DECEMBER 31ST, 2011

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority will be the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, Long Beach, CA.

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. Other rules that seem applicable or appropriate and even inapplicable or inappropriate will be as decided by the Race Officer on the day.
- 1.3. The timing sequence of rule 26 will be changed because it is a Pursuit Race.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Shameless self-promotion is encouraged and entirely the responsibility of the competitor.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. This regatta is open to sailors with sailboats (see NOR 2.2), who are members' "in good standing" of an SCYA affiliated yacht club, to members of US SAILING Association-affiliated yacht clubs if they reside outside the SCYA area, and to foreign sailors who are members of their respective National Governing Authorities.
- 3.2. All boats, especially those that float, with a Portsmouth yardstick; Cape Cod Frosty's, Sabot's, Lido's, Laser's, C-15's, Snipe's, CAL 20's, Etchells, F-31 Trimarans, CAL 40's, back yard specials, etc. For boats not having a Portsmouth yardstick one will be invented.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1. A notice board will be placed near the Race Entry Room, but nothing of any significance will be posted as the majority of sailors will walk straight past it as usual.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1. These will be arbitrary, unpremeditated and incomprehensible to all concerned. They will probably not be divulged to competitors.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1. No signals will be made ashore for the same reason explained in 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS above.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1. A pursuit (inverted/reverse start) race is scheduled in Alamitos Bay. Naples Sabot's warning signal will be at 1255ish, Formula 18 Cat's at 1400ish and everyone else somewhere in-betweenish. The finish will be at 1530ish.

8. ENTRIES AND FEES

- 8.1. **PAID** entries are required to establish a class. There is only one Class. Sub-classes of boats with similar characteristics will be established. Sub-classes may include; Boats with Heads, Boats with Beds, etc. Entry fees are as follows:

	Early Entry <i>Before Dec 20th</i>	Standard Entry
Centerboard Fleet	\$15	\$15
Multihull Fleet	\$15	\$15
Keelboat Fleet	\$15	\$15
All other competitors	\$15	\$15
 Discounts from Fees Above		
US Sailing Members	\$2	
Juniors under 18	\$3	

- 8.2. Eligible boats may enter online or in person. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA MAIL, FAX, SMOKE



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SIGNALS OR SEMAPHORE. Online entries will be accepted until 1812 on the Friday immediately preceding the regatta; thereafter entries may only be made in person. In-person entries will be accepted until 1530 for Bay Classes.

8.3. Enter online by clicking on this [link](http://www.abyc.org); further details may be found at the ABYC website, <http://www.abyc.org>.

9. COMPETITORS' MEETINGS

9.1. Competitors' meetings will be held on the ABYC patio at 1200. Lunch will be available.

10. CLASS FLAGS

10.1. In these politically correct times classes have been abolished, so as not to appear discriminatory. The Race Officer will grab the nearest rag and throw it up. (see 3 above, again).

11. RACING AREAS

11.1. Where possible, these will be in the water.

12. OFFICIAL BOATS

12.1. Whatever can be made to float and work on the day.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

13.1. Ditto OFFICIAL BOATS above.

13.2. All support boats, including coach and spectator boats, are encouraged.

14. SCORING

14.1. The Race Officer will award or deduct points based on the degree of cooperation shown, number of silly questions directed at him, general congeniality of the skipper and number of crew persuaded to participate, and gifts received. Boats which get this combination wrong will not win any prizes.

14.2. The first shall be first and the last shall be last, etc.

14.3. One (1) race constitutes a series. Pretty obvious huh!

15. TROPHIES / PRIZES

15.1. The availability of prizes is entirely dependent upon the generosity of Club Members.

15.2. If you win you will be famous, and if that is not enough a very large insignificant well used trophy will be presented to the winner. The following perpetual trophies will be awarded:

Overall

Boxing Day Sampson Post

16. ARBITRATION and PROTESTS

16.1. The Race Officer will impose on-the-spot fines on any boat displaying any sailing skill at all. These will be paid at the bar upon return to the Club.

16.2. All protests involving rules of Part 2 or Rule 31 will first be subjected to arbitration. The arbitration procedure will NOT be a positive experience. We advise against protests.

16.3. Protests, it's Christmas what happened to the Christmas spirit! We advise against protests.

17. LAUNCHING

17.1. Two hoists, one of 3,000 lbs capacity, another of 5,000 lbs for those who ate too many holiday treats, and a dinghy ramp are available. Every boat using a hoist must have it's own INTERNAL sling.

18. PARKING AND BOAT STORAGE

18.1. Due to space limitations, vehicle parking on ABYC grounds is restricted. Off-street parking is available across the street in municipal lots. Participants should obtain vehicle parking passes from the ABYC office.

18.2. The Regatta fee includes launching, recovery, and storage for visiting competing boats from the day prior to the event until the day following the event. If the event ends on a Sunday, this period is extended to the next day the club is open, as ABYC is closed on Monday and Tuesday.

18.3. Visiting competing boats may request extended storage IN ADVANCE by contacting the ABYC office. The cost is \$10.00 per day paid in advance.

18.4. Any boat or trailer found on ABYC property without prior written authorization from ABYC is subject to



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impound and associated fees.

19. HOSPITALITY

- 19.1. The hospitality of ABYC is extended to all participants.
- 19.2. The Galley will be open before, during and after racing. No deliveries to boats.
- 19.3. The club bar will be open after racing, where you will probably find the Race Committee.--

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1. The Race Officer shall not be blamed for anything.
- 20.2. We encourage personal responsibility. If you break it you fix it! If you drink out of the hose in the yard and get sick, it's not our fault. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authorities 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.

21. INSURANCE

- 21.1. The Commodore may collect money in exchange for worthless cover notes prior to the event, depending on how good business has been in the previous month.

22. SAFETY

- 22.1. ABYC recommends that all competitors wear personal flotation devices (previously known as lifejackets until some attorney had them renamed) while on the water. The Y flag (the red and yellow stripy flag) (personal flotation required) will be flown at all regattas from October 15 through April 14, and it may be flown at other regattas.
- 22.2. Boats are left to work out for themselves what additional precautions are sensible, what actions minimize the likelihood of damage or destruction, and what level of liquid refreshment is deemed adequate for the number of passengers embarked.