BOXING DAY PURSUIT RACE

DECEMBER 31ST, 2016

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.

2. ADVERTSING

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

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. This regatta is open to sailors with sailboats (see NOR 3.2), who are members' "in good standing" of yacht clubs 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, Optimists, CFJ's, C420, 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.

3.3. Eligible boats may enter online or in person. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA MAIL, FAX, SMOKE SIGNALS OR SEMAPHORE. Online entries will be accepted until 1812 on the day immediately preceding the regatta; thereafter entries may only be made in person. In-person entries will be accepted until 1530.

3.4. Enter online by clicking on this link; further details may be found at the ABYC website, http://www.abyc.org.

4. FEES

4.1. **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 is $15 if paid before December 25th, $16 if paid after.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. 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.

6. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

6.1. 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.

7. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

8. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

8.1. No signals will be made ashore for the same reason explained in NOR 4.1 Eligible boats may enter online or in person. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA MAIL, FAX, SMOKE SIGNALS OR SEMAPHORE. Online entries will be accepted until 1812 on the day immediately preceding the regatta; thereafter entries may only be made in person. In-person entries will be accepted until 1530.

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9. COMPETITORS' MEETINGS

9.1. If the race officer has nothing more interesting to do, it will be held on the ABYC patio at 1200ish.

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 3.3 above, again).

11. RACING AREAS

11.1. Where possible, these will be on 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. 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 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 can obtain vehicle parking passes from the ABYC office.

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 RRS 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.

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.