

SRSC 2017 LABOR DAY INVITATIONAL REGATTA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES: The U S Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 rules apply, except where noted below.
2. ENTRIES: To qualify for the series, a yacht must complete a written entry form. Entries will be accepted from 10:30 to 12:00 on Saturday. Pre-registered yachts must check in during this same time period. At the Race Committee discretion, late entries may be accepted until the first race Sunday, however there will be no reduction in the entrance fee.
3. FLEET STARTS:

Pelicans	“A” Flag (note: if a Multihull Class registers they will have the “A” Flag)
Centerboards	“B” Flag
Keel Boats	“C” Flag

Boats having a class (3 boats) within their fleet start will be scored as a class.
4. RESPONSIBILITY: In accordance with U S Sailing Fundamental Rule 4, it is the sole responsibility of each yacht to decide whether to start or continue a race. In accordance with Rule 27.3 before the starting signal, the race committee may for any reason postpone or abandon the race.
5. SAFETY: Code flag Y will be flown continuously and all participants shall wear approved PFDs. Sailors on centerboard boats should wear wetsuits or drysuits as the water is dangerously cold. A 15 ft. tow line should be available on each yacht. **All attendees are advised that the Santa Rosa Sailing Club will not provide rescue boat service.**
6. SIGNALS: Shapes and sounds (air horn) will be in accordance with The Racing Rules of Sailing Rules 26 & 27. Flags will be on shore and courses displayed on a yellow course board.
7. START-FINISH LINE: The start-finish line will be a line between the yellow course board on the beach and the orange “F” mark. No starting or finishing boat may be between the red ball limiting mark and the beach. In accordance with Rule 24.1, a boat awaiting her preparatory signal or who has already crossed the finishing line shall not interfere with a boat that is racing. Please be aware that the starting and finishing areas can get crowded. Please wait for the preparatory signal for your class before entering the starting area, and please do not sail to the course side of the finish line after finishing until all boats have finished.
8. RECALLS: In the event of two consecutive general recalls for a class start, that class will be rotated to follow the last scheduled fleet start for that race.
9. PENALTIES: The two-turns penalty (Rules 44.1 & 44.2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing) will apply.
10. TIME LIMIT: There is a 90-minute time limit on each race. If one yacht from its class finishes within this time limit, the race may be completed by all yachts in that class.
11. RETIREMENT: Competitors withdrawing from a race should advise the Race Committee as soon as practicable, before leaving the race area. Radio communications for the Regatta will be on Channel 68. If your boat is not VHF equipped, please hail the closest boat and ask for the message to be relayed.
12. PROTESTS: Protests must be lodged with the Race Committee within one hour of the last class finishers of the day. Hearing time and location will be announced less than 30 minutes later. This changes Rule 61.2.
13. SCORING: The low-point scoring system (Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix A) will apply. The regatta will consist of five races, four of which will be counted for the regatta results. In the event of one or more race cancellation(s), all races will be counted. Open classes will use the current Portsmouth Yardstick D-PN (no wind factor) handicap numbers for corrected times.
14. AWARDS: A class will consist of a minimum of three yachts.