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Saturday December 13th, 2025

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RACE COORDINATION

Race Chairs: Morgan Spriggs

Race Committee: Start – Morgan Spriggs

Race Committee: Finish – Janet Callow Shelter Island Beach @ Boat Ramp

ELIGIBILITY

All vessels must be owned or operated by Ancient Mariner Sailing Society (AMSS) members or invited yachts that fully complete, and sign, the Entry Form and submit proper Entry Fee. All handicaps are arbitrary in keeping with Ancient Mariners Sailing Society (AMSS) tradition. Invited guests are urged to enter by Wednesday December 10th, 2025 to greatly assist the RC.

FORMAT & CLASSES

Format Class

Traditional Format (Beach Start) Racing Class - AMSS Flag & Flag Qualifying Vessels

Alternate Format (Non Beach Start) Sailing Class - AMSS Flag & Flag Qualifying Vessels Classic Class – AMSS Qualifying Classic Design Vessels

ENTRY FEE

The Entry Fee is a minimum of **one (1) fifth (NOT PINT)** of quality Rum. Entry Fee will be collected by RC boat prior to start.

SKIPPER'S MEETING

All Owners, or **Approved Designate**, racing under the Traditional Format are to be present on the beach. ***Yacht's entering the Racing Class may request to designate a crewmember other than the Owner to represent that yacht at the start if the Owner is physically unable to row or swim ashore. Proposed designee must be approved by the Race Committee.*** For yachts racing under the Alternate Format there is no Skippers Meeting.

START AREA

Start area will be within 200 yards of the Beach just Southeast of the Navy Housing and just North of Fiddler's Cove in South Bay abeam of the **Race Committee**. Yachts must be fully anchored, with sails down, no engine running by **12:00 noon. ALL DINGHIES MUST BE BEACHED NO MORE THAN 50 YARDS FROM THE RC.**

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RULES

Racing rules for this regatta will be governed by the 2025-2028 International Yacht Racing Rules (IYRR) and the prescriptions of US SAILING.

CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes in these instructions, if any, will be noted at the Skippers Meeting. **Any changes to the Sailing Instructions made on the beach, for the Racing Class, shall supersede these written instructions.**

STARTING LINE (Traditional Format)

The Starting Line for yachts racing under the Traditional Format is a line drawn on the beach. All Owners or **Approved Designate** must **start** by crossing line. **Only when the Owner or designate has made contact with their yacht can the crew begin to hoist sail and sail off anchor (no motors).**

STARTING LINE (Alternate Format)

The Starting Line for yachts racing under the Alternate Format will be considered to be their anchored position provided they are within the limits of the Starting Area with all sails down.

START TIME & SIGNALS

Every effort will be made to start the race on the below noted times. Please plan accordingly. RC will start race from Shore and will run the Starting Sequence for both starts per below.

Class Time Signal Sound

Sailing Class & Classic Class **1 Min Prior to Warning** Attention short horn blasts **1200 approx.**

Warning 1 long horn blast

1205 approx. Start 1 long horn blast

Racing Class **1210 approx.** Start 1 long horn blast Yacht's that start early will be penalized 10

minutes plus the amount of time they start early.

RECALLS

There will be no recalls.

COURSE

The Course shall be:

Start Starting Line (see description)

Mark #1 Buoy 26 to Port

Finish Finish Line (see description)

FINISH LINE (Traditional Format/ Racing Class)

The Finish Line for yachts racing under the Traditional Format is on the sandy beach adjacent to the South end of the Shelter Island launching ramp, across the street from Silvergate YC. To finish each yacht must have an adult member of the crew row or swim ashore, run up the beach, drink the tot of Rum. They must bring their own Cup.

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FINISH LINE (Alternate Format - Sailing Class & Classic Class)

The Finish Line for yacht's racing under the Alternate Format will be off the beach adjacent to the South end of the Shelter Island launching ramp and **within 100 yards** of the beach on a line bearing 120/300 magnetic. RC will take finish time.

FINISH TIME

RC will submit all finish times to Danielle for scoring.

COURSE HANDICAP DISTANCE

The course distance for scoring purposes is 7.8nm.

ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

The 720 degree penalty turn specified in Rule 44.1 is replaced with a 360 degree turn.

PROTESTS

In keeping with the spirit of the AMSS, it is hoped sportsmanship and seamanship prevail over the alternative to protest. Yacht's intending to protest shall immediately hail the protested yacht and raise a protest flag at that time. The R/C must be **verbally** notified (and a protest flag displayed) of protest at the finish of race. Protests shall be submitted in accordance with rule 68. All protests shall be submitted to Race Committee before sunset or one hour after Race Committee arrives off station. Protests will be heard at a time convenient to the Race Chairman.

COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

Racing yachts encountering non-racing vessels shall conform to the inland rules of the road. No vessel shall have right-of-way over large ships in the channel. All commercial, Navy, Coast Guard or Police **have** **right-of-way**. All contestants must give way. Any violation witnessed by R/C or reported by ship's master or U.S.C.G. will result in disqualification.

TIME LIMIT

Time limit for each yacht is 4 ½ hours after her Start Time.

TRASH

Trash shall not be discharged into the Bay. Violators will be flogged through the fleet and/or charged up to 30 minutes to their finish time. **Each Skipper is responsible for properly disposing of their empty Entry Fee rum bottle.**

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SAFETY

Any yacht that retires from the race must notify the Race Committee. If retiring vessels cannot relay intentions to the Race Committee boat via visual or radio (VHF channel 68), when reaching port, call the Race Chairperson). Vessels are to monitor VHF channel 68. All vessels must comply with U.S.C.G. marine safety regulations and have submitted a valid (signed) Entry-Release Form.

POST RACE GATHERING

A post race gathering will be staged at Koehler Kraft's Christmas Party starting at 6pm, followed by a buffet dinner. Racers are invited to moor on Main dock. Koehler Kraft is located at 2302 Shelter Island Dr, San Diego, CA 92106.

RESULTS & AWARDS

Results will be announced via e-mail ASAP following the race. The Awards will be presented at the 2025 AGM December 17th SDYC approx. 6pm.