



— Yesteryear Regatta —

52nd Annual

One of the West Coast's Premier Classic Boat Regattas

Sailing Instructions

Saturday May 9, 2026

Race Management by SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB (SWYC)

Social at OUTBOARD BOATING CLUB

Organizing Authority is ANCIENT MARINERS SAILING SOCIETY (AMSS)

Race Chair Greg Stewart

**** PRE-ENTRY REGISTRATION REQUIRED ****

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions (SI's).
- 1.2 Yachts encountering non-racing vessels shall conform to the inland rules of the road. All yachts shall remain clear of, and give way to, deep draft vessels operating or at anchor or mooring in the designated channels and turning basins within the race-course area. The RC may protest or disqualify a yacht infringing this instruction.
- 1.3 **NAVAL PROTECTION ZONE:** The Naval Protection Zone is a 500 yard regulated area of water surrounding all US Naval Vessels. All yachts within 500 yards of a US Naval Vessel shall operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain safe course and speed and shall proceed as directed by any official patrol. **NO VESSEL IS ALLOWED WITHIN 100 YARDS OF AN US NAVAL VESSEL.** These zones are permanently in effect.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1 Eligible yachts may enter by completing the 2026 AMSS Yesteryear Regatta Entry and Release Form.
- 2.2 Eligible yachts shall complete their entry before 0930 Saturday, May 9, 2026, and attend the Mandatory Skippers' Meeting at 0930 Saturday on the SWYC Deck. Yachts must check in with the Race Committee Boat (RC Boat) at the Starting Line at least 30 minutes prior to their starting time, while staying clear of the starting line. Be sure to receive Race Committee (RC) acknowledgment. There will be no radio check-in.
- 2.3 There will be three (3) Classes & (1) Exposition Class as follows:
 - Classic "A"
 - Classic "B"
 - Schooners
 - Exposition

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3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice located at the SWYC Race Board and will be broadcast by the RC on Channel 72 prior to the first WARNING signal.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the Sailing Instructions, including a change in the schedule of the race, will be posted before 0930 May 9, 2026 on the SWYC Race Board and will be broadcast by the RC on Channel 72 prior to the first WARNING signal.

5. SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

Code flags “L” over “C” means a change to the “SIs” will be broadcast from the RC Boat five minutes prior to the first WARNING SIGNAL.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The first WARNING SIGNAL will be at 1150 unless modified by the RC and broadcast on Channel 72.

7. CLASS PENNANTS

A colored Pennant representing the Class each yacht is entered will be distributed at Skippers meeting.

- Classic “A” Blue Pennant
- Classic “B” Yellow Pennant
- Schooners Orange Pennant
- Exposition Green Pennant

8. COURSE

There will be (1) race course as shown on the attached “Long Course Diagram”. Course will not be shortened. This changes rule 32.

8.1 Long Course for all classes. (Handicap Distance 12.25 nm.) See Page 7.

Start/Finish line
MARK A to Port
BUOY 15 to Port
BUOY 5 to Port
BUOY 6 to Port
MARK B to Port
Start/Finish Line

9. MARKS

Start / Finish Line – At East end of Harbor Island off **Island Prime / C Level Restaurant**
MARK A – Yellow tetrahedron inflatable buoy off **Tom Ham’s Lighthouse Restaurant**
BUOY 15 – SD Channel Buoy 15 (Green)
BUOY 5 - SD Channel Buoy 5 (Green)
BUOY 6 - SD Channel Buoy 6 (Red)
MARK B - Yellow tetrahedron inflatable buoy off **Star of India**

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10. THE START

10.1 The Race will be a Pursuit format Race.

10.2 Yachts shall start between an Orange flag displayed on the RC boat at the Starboard end and the course side of a Yellow tetrahedron inflatable buoy at the Port end. (Leave RC boat to Starboard.)

10.3 Rule 26 is changed so that races will be started as follows:

| Signal | Time | Signal |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| WARNING (1 st Start) | 1150 (10 minutes prior) | Yellow shape displayed w/ 1 sound |
| | 1154 (6 minutes prior) | Yellow shape removed |
| PREPARATORY (1 st Start) | 1155 (5 minutes prior) | Blue shape displayed w/ 1 sound |
| | 1159 (1 minute prior) | Blue shape removed |
| START (1 st Start1) | 1200 (Start) | Red shape displayed w/ 1 sound |

For all other Starts, see START ORDER SHEET, in Race Packet, for individual yacht start times.

11. RECALLS

11.1 The RC Boat shall signal individual recalls (yachts over early) with one (1) horn signal and hoisting the code flag X-ray. The RC will endeavor to hail yachts starting prematurely but failure to hail, or failure to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1). Each skipper shall be responsible for assessing whether they should return and restart properly.

11.2 Yacht's that do not start correctly will be assessed a penalty per S.I. 14.1.

12. FINISH

12.1 The Finish Line shall be at the same location as the Starting Line. Yachts shall finish between an blue flag displayed on the RC boat and a Yellow tetrahedron buoy at the Port end, leaving the RC boat to Starboard. If possible, the RC will stay in the same location as the start.

13. PROTESTS

13.1 In keeping with the Corinthian yachting tradition of the AMSS, protests are **highly** discouraged.

13.2 In all cases, protests shall be communicated to the RC by radio immediately after finishing and filed in writing using the appropriate Forms and submitted to the Race Chair at SWYC by 1700 hrs.

13.3 Protests will be heard on a day, time and place convenient to the Protest Chairman. (Not the same day as the event and the results of some classes may not be final on the day of the event.) The Race Chair will notify the skippers involved ASAP the day, time and place of the Protest hearing. All participants in the protest must be present for the Protest hearing.

14. PENALTIES

14.1 PREMATURE STARTS: A ten-minute penalty shall be added to the elapsed time of yachts that start prematurely and do not restart properly.

14.2 Yachts over early **in excess of two (2) minutes** before their start time that do not restart shall be disqualified. This modifies 60.2, 63.1 and A5.

15. HANDICAPS

Handicaps are assigned by the AMSS Handicap Committee and assume a Spinnaker.

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16. SCORING

Since the Race is a Pursuit Format, the order of Finish will be the order of finish.

17. RETIREMENT

A yacht that retires from the race must notify the RC on VHF Channel 72 before leaving the course. The RC may protest or disqualify a yacht infringing this instruction.

18. COMMUNICATIONS

The RC will monitor Channel 72.

19. AWARDS

Take-home awards will be given based on entries at the post-race gathering at the Outboard Boating Club.

Winners of the following AMSS Perpetual Trophies will be recognized for yachts that meet AMSS Flag Vessel yacht requirements:

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| <i>Dingus Perpetual Trophy</i> | First Overall on Corrected Time |
| <i>Reliance Perpetual Trophy</i> | Fastest Elapsed Time |
| <i>Herreshoff Perpetual Trophy</i> | First Herreshoff to finish on Corrected Time |
| <i>International Rule Perpetual Trophy</i> | First International Rule yacht on Corrected Time |
| <i>Sparkman & Stephens Perpetual Trophy</i> | First S&S yacht on Corrected Time |
| <i>Pacific Class Perpetual Trophy</i> | First PC to finish |
| <i>Kettenburg Perpetual Trophy</i> | First non-PC Kettenburg Yacht on Corrected Time |
| <i>Turtle Trophy</i> | Last boat to finish on Elapsed Time |

20. SOCIAL

See next page for complete Schedule of Events for Pre & Post Race activities.

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Schedule of Events

Thursday May 7th

AMSS 52nd AMSS General Meeting
Yesteryear Preview
RAGTIME presentation

7:15pm SWYC

Friday May 8th

Dockside Gathering
Dockside Boats are encouraged to offer snacks on transom.

5pm SWYC

Saturday May 9th

Registration

8:30am-9:30am SWYC Deck

Mandatory Skippers Meeting

Sailing Instructions
Start Times

9:30am SWYC Deck
e-mailed & handed out
e-mailed & handed out

Race Details

Check-in
Warning Signal

RC Boat "per above"
11:50am

Post Race Social & Awards

BOYB & Food to BBQ
Awards

Outboard Boating Club

Following Race approx. 4:30pm
Approx. 5:30pm.



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Long Course Diagram

provided by - Seebreeze Books and Charts

Course Distance 12.25nm

