

Sailing Instructions (SI)



2024 Avila Cup Series & Port San Luis Small Boat Cup Series

- RULES** - All races will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
- ENTRIES** - Competitors may enter by delivering a completed entry form and paying the \$20.00 entry fee to the Race Committee before 9:30 AM on the day of the race.
- HANDICAPS** - The Southern California PHRF ratings will be used, including area adjustments and type of course adjustments.
- NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Notices to competitors will be posted on the Club website: SLYC.org. Any changes to these written sailing instructions shall be posted on the Club website and distributed by the race committee no later than the end of the skipper’s meeting or verbally by hailing each boat and receiving acknowledgement prior to her warning signal.
- SKIPPER’S MEETING** - A mandatory skipper’s meeting will be held at 9:30 AM the day of the race near the sport launch. The Sailing Instructions and Course Chart will be made available at the meeting.
- COURSES AND MARKS** - Courses are uniquely identified by numbers. A description of each course and a general location and description of all marks is part of the course description (Course Chart). The race committee will display a rectangular white placard with a black course number no later than the raising of the Preparatory Flag of the race to be started. When an “R” placard follows the course number, the course shall be sailed in the reverse direction (all marks in the reverse order passed on the opposite side as listed). When a roman numeral is displayed with a course number, multiple laps are designated. When multiple laps are designated, boats must pass through the start/finish line in order to start the first lap, pass through the start/finish line (utilizing the orange buoy as a rounding mark) on succeeding laps, and across the start/finish line to finish. In the event of missing marks, boats shall return to the starting line as soon as possible for a restart. Races shall be started using the I Flag: yellow field, black circle, (Rule 30.1) as the preparatory signal. Any boat on the course side of the starting line or its extension during the last minute before her starting signal shall thereafter sail from the course side across an extension to the pre-start side before starting. CLASS
- DESIGNATIONS** - Class flag for the Avila Cup series will be a U Code Flag: quartered, first and fourth red, second and third white.
- SERIES** - Series consists of 5 to 8 race days, identified in the Notice of Race, with up to 5 races each day depending on time or conditions.
- START SEQUENCE AND ORDER OF STARTS** -The PR0 will determine first start time based on sailing conditions. If first race scheduled at 11:00 the following example details a start sequence. An ‘Attention’ signal (multiple horn blasts) will be sounded one minute before the start sequence, e.g., 10:54 hours. The warning signal (class flag raise and horn signal) for the first race of each day will occur at e.g, 10:55 hours. The first race will begin at 11:00 hours. If multiple starts are held, the order of starts and the class warning flag description will be identified at the skippers meeting. There will be five (5) minutes between the start of each class. Note: if all registered vessels are in the starting area early the races may be started early once warning has been given to all racers. The start & finish lines are restricted except when starting or finishing a race or if the finish line is required to be passed through when doing multiple laps. The start sequence for each race will begin immediately after the finish of the last boat in the race.
- TIME LIMIT** - The time limit for individual races will be Two and one half-hours (2 ½) hours for the first boat to finish. Any boat finishing later than 45 minutes after the first boat will be scored as Did Not Finish (DNF). (This amends Rule 35.)
- START / FINISH** - The start/finish-line extends from the flags at the end of the Cal Poly Pier to an ‘orange buoy off the end of the pier or a Committee boat to orange buoy or a designated course mark .(A boat finishes when any part of her hull, or crew or equipment in normal position, crosses the finish line from the course side, in the direction of the course from the last mark.
- SCORING** - The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the Racing Rules will apply, except as amended herein (includes using the best 12 races of the series). Appendix A9 will be used when scoring both regattas and series when multiple races are completed.
- RACE SIGNALS** - Any of the race signals, as shown on the back cover of the Racing Rules, may be used when applicable.
- PROTESTS** - Protests and requests for redress must be filed with the Racing Committee (RC) in writing on the form provided by the RC before the post-race meeting after the finish of the last boat in the last race of the day. The RC must be hailed immediately concerning your intent to file a protest upon finishing the race in which the incident occurred. The Racing Committee will appoint a protest committee. The protest committee will hear protests in the approximate order of receipt as soon as practical.
- COMMUNICATION** - Communication will be via Flags, sound signals, and hailing over the water as needed. Race committee and chase boat will monitor channel 69.
- DRESS CODE** - Wearing a personal floatation device during the races is mandatory.