

Vanguard 15 Fleet 53 & TI Laser Fleet • Svendsen's Thursday Night Series 2012

Treasure Island Sailing Center - San Francisco, California

Amended 03/16/2012

Notice of Race

The Organizing Authority is the Treasure Island Sailing Center.

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 RS 40.1 will be changed as follows: All competitors are required to wear US Coast Guard approved life-jackets while on the water except for short times to adjust or change clothing. The "Y" will not be displayed.

1.3 All boats are required to have an attached bow line (painter) of 20+ feet while sailing.

1.4 Alcohol consumption is prohibited from the racing area and courses. If alcohol is consumed prior to or on the water disqualification from the evening races will occur. For repeat occurrences TISC reserves the right to suspend individuals from future races.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The regatta is open to all competitors of the Vanguard 15, Laser, and Laser Radial classes. Competitors may enter by completing a Registration Form for each boat, a TISC Medical & Liability Form for each sailor, and paying entry fees. Vanguard 15s must designate which division in which they will compete. Collegiate skippers, and former winners of the Junior Varsity fleet, shall register their boat for the Varsity division. Non-collegiate skippers may choose either Varsity or Junior Varsity

2.2 Required entry fee must be paid and made out to TISC. Vanguard 15 payment shall be paid to the Vanguard 15 Race Chairs or Vanguard 15 Treasurer. Laser and Laser Radial payments shall be paid to the Laser Race chair.

(a) Entry fee for the season is \$135 due at the start of the season and no later than May 1, 2012.

(b) Entry fee for a single evening will be \$15 due before the event.

(c) Non-tenants must pay an additional \$5 launch fee each Thursday night launched.

(d) Fleet dues for Vanguard 15 are \$20 payable to Vanguard 15 Fleet 53 due at the start of the season.

(e) Skippers under 18 years of age on April 5, 2012 are eligible for a 50% discount on entry fees.

2.3 Boats that race five (5) or more nights shall be assigned Social Chair duties by the Race Chairs.

2.4 US Sailing members may deduct \$5.00 from their series entry fee. USSA members must present a copy of their membership with their entry.

3 SCHEDULE

3.1 Registration will be open from 5:45-6:00pm each night of racing. Twenty-four (24) Thursday nights are scheduled for the series from the first Thursday in April to the second Thursday in September (i.e., April 5 –September 13, 2012). Five (5) or more races will be attempted each night for each class.

3.2 The warning signal for the laser class is 6:15pm and for the vanguard 15 class 6:30pm. No race shall be started after sunset as listed in local tide book.

3.3 Weekly Svendsen's Thursday Night Series races are over when the Race Committee returns to the docks and the boats are safely stored.

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4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS and NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Any Notices to Competitors or changes to the Sailing Instructions may be posted on the fleet websites (www.vanguard15.org and www.tilaserfleet.org) on the page entitled "Messages" before 1500 on the day it shall take effect and shall be posted on the official notice board on the east side of the V-15 shack before 1730 on the day it shall take effect. Verbal changes to the NOR or SIs may be made on the water before the warning signal of the race in which they will take effect.

5 RACING AREA & COURSES

The intended racing area is Clipper Cove, Treasure Island. Windward-leeward, windward-leeward-triangle or trapezoid courses will be used. Gates and an offset mark may be used. The 3-minute Sound-Signal Starting System (Appendix S) will be used. Visual signals may also be used. The sound/verbal signals shall prevail.

6 SCORING & AWARDS

Boats that have not registered, paid, or signed in will not be allowed to race.

- (a) All **boats** must **sign in** with the Race Chairs **each night** sailed.

Nightly Scoring

- (a) The Low Point Scoring System will apply.
 - A boat's series score is the sum of all her race scores.
 - A series score is your final score (sum of all individual race scores) for one night.
- (b) Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- (c) No scores shall be excluded (all races count). This changes rule A2.
- (d) A boat that did not finish (DNF) shall be scored a last place finish *for that race*. More than one boat may be scored a last place finish. This changes rule A4.2.
- (e) A boat that did not start (DNS), was disqualified (DSQ), retired after finishing (RAF) or was on-the-course-side/over-early (OCS) shall be scored a last place finish *for that race* plus 1 point. This changes rule A4.2.
- (f) If calculations of the series score result in boats tied, each boat's race scores shall be listed in order of best to worst. At the first point where there is a difference, the tie shall be broken in favor of the boat with the best score. If no difference occurs, the boats shall be scored as a tie. This changes rule A8.2.
- (g) The Race Chairs are responsible for calculating and announcing the evening's series scores. The Race Chairs, at their discretion, may assign this task to another individual.

The Svendsen's Thursday Night Series Scoring

- (h) The High Point System will apply.
- (i) A boat's overall finish for each evening will count as "one race" for the overall Svendsen's Thursday Night Series standings.
 - A boat's nightly Series Score will earn a High Point Score equal to the total number of boats that started at least one race on that night. (For example, if 20 boats began at least one race, then the 1st place boat would earn 20 points, the 2nd place boat would earn 19 points, etc.)
- (j) Bonus Points will be awarded for nightly participation.
 - Five (5) points shall be added to each High Point Score if a registered boat is sailed by at least one registered team member.
- (k) If a boat is sailed by competitors from different registered boats, the evening's High Point Score and Bonus Points will be awarded to the registered boat who's sail number was used for racing that night.
- (l) Only a boat's 12 highest High Point Scores will be used to calculate the overall Svendsen's Thursday Night Series standings.
 - Note: The websites will show the cumulative Svendsen's Thursday Night Series standings in the lower right corner of the homepage.
- (m) The Race Chairs are responsible for posting High Point Scores to the fleet's website (www.vanguard15.org and www.tilaserfleet.org) in a timely manner. The Race Chairs, at their discretion, may assign this task to another individual.

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7 PRIZES

Varsity Division. Prizes will be awarded based on overall standings to the boats in first, second and third place. Two prizes per boat will be awarded for the Vanguard 15s.

Junior Varsity Division (Vanguard 15 only). Prizes will be awarded based on overall standings to the boat in first place if the division has ≤ 5 boats. Two prizes per boat will be awarded.

(a) If the division has 6-7 boats, prizes will be awarded to first and second place.

(b) If the division has 8 or more boats, then prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place.

Participation Awards will be defined and awarded by the Race Chairs and Fleet Captain to any competitor.

All prizes will be awarded at the annual meeting held after the Holiday Classic in November.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

8.1 Competitors that commit a foul during a race shall exonerate themselves by taking a **One-Turn Penalty** (1 turn in same direction with 1 tack & 1 gybe) when three or more boat lengths from any mark. This changes rule 44.1 and 44.2.

8.2 If a foul is committed **within the three-boat length circle of any mark**, including the starting pin and race committee boat, a **Two-Turn Penalty** (2 turns in same direction with 2 tacks & 2 gybes) is required to exonerate a boat. This changes rule 44.1.

9 Kinetics

9.1 Roll Tacking: During and immediately after tacking or gybing, a boat's crew may move their bodies to roll the boat, provided that the boat's mast does not move aggressively away from the vertical more than once (Changes RRS 42.3(b)).

9.2 Ooching (applies to Vanguard 15 only): RRS 42.2(c) is changed to read: "Except on a beat to windward, when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the leeward side of a wave) or planing is possible, ooching (sudden forward body movement, stopped abruptly) is permitted in order to initiate surfing or planing.

Boat Storage and Responsibilities (not part of the rules)

Boat Storage

- All boats must be properly stored in their assigned storage space (rack or dolly/trailer) at the end of each night.
- Return all dollies to the proper storage area.
- Sails and blades stored in the sail loft should be left in an orderly fashion.
- All visitors shall remove their boats from the TISC facility at the end of the evening, overnight storage is not allowed.

Competitor Responsibilities

- Competitors shall assist the Race Committee in the launch and storage of the RC and chase boats, marks, and other equipment.
- Competitors shall assist the Safety Chairs in the closing down of the facility, including the locking down of the cranes, closing of the fences, storage of the bridals, coiling of the hoses, picking up of trash, etc.
- Bottle caps need to be thrown into the garbage, not onto the ground.
- Trash bins shall be placed outside the main gate and the main gate locked at the end of the night.
- The Safety Chair may need to abandon racing and use the chase boat to help boat(s) in distress. An average of the races the Safety Chair completed will be assigned for the races missed due to helping the boat(s) in distress.

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Volunteer Hours

- Our use of the Treasure Island Sailing Center is contingent upon maintaining our status as "TISC volunteers." In addition to providing a support boat, race officers, and storage facilities, TISC provides liability insurance to competitors while on the water. To maintain this relationship and keep our rates low, all competitors racing in the series are responsible for fulfilling the following volunteer service requirements over the course of the season:
 - **Tenants:** Vanguard - 18 hours, Laser - 12 hours
 - **Non-tenants:** Vanguard - 12 hours, Laser - 6 hours
- Competitors who pay the "drop-in" entry fee more than 3 nights over the course of the season shall also be required to fulfill these hours.
- Competitors are responsible for tracking and reporting their volunteers hours directly to TISC.
- Competitors agree to reimburse TISC at the rate of \$20/hour for all unfulfilled hours at the end of the season.

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