

# Vanguard 15 Fleet 53 & TI Laser Fleet • Svendsen's Thursday Night Series 2013

Treasure Island Sailing Center - San Francisco, California

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## 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 prior to sailing via the Vanguard15.org website. Vanguard 15 payment shall be paid online or to the Vanguard 15 Race Chairs or Vanguard 15 Treasurer. Laser and Laser Radial payments shall be paid online or to the Laser Race chair.

(a) Entry fee for the season is \$150 due at the start of the season and no later than May 1, 2013 to be paid online, or by check made out to TISC.

(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 \$16 for the season and can be paid online or via check to Vanguard 15 Fleet 53 due at the start of the season.

(e) Skippers under 18 years of age on March 31, 2011 are eligible for a 50% discount on entry fees. To qualify, contact TISC at [TISCPrograms@tisailing.org](mailto:TISCPrograms@tisailing.org).

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. To qualify for the discount, contact TISC at [TISCPrograms@tisailing.org](mailto:TISCPrograms@tisailing.org).

### 3 SCHEDULE

3.1 Registration will be open from 5:45-6:00pm each night of racing. Twenty-five (25) Thursday nights are scheduled for the series from the first Thursday in April to the first Thursday in September (i.e., April 4 –September 26, 2013). 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.

## 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](http://www.vanguard15.org) and [www.tilaserfleet.org](http://www.tilaserfleet.org)) on the page entitled "Messages" before 1500 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. At the RC's discretion, a "crew-race" may be announced and signalled with a "yin yang" flag. During crew-races, JV skippers are not required to switch with their crew. Boats choosing not to sail a crew-race will receive DNS for that race.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> place boat would earn 20 points, the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.vanguard15.org) and [www.tilaserfleet.org](http://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.

### 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

Each competitor is responsible for his or her decision to participate in a race or to continue racing.

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.

#### Safety

The Safety Chair / Race Committee has the final decision on whether conditions are safe for racing. 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. Sailors helping boats in distress will be assigned their average points for the night for races missed. Sailors staffing a chase boat in lieu of sailing will get average points for races missed. Sailors are advised to be aware of currents and to not leave the cove.

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### Volunteer/Work Hours

The success of the Svendsen's Thursday Night Series relies on the partnership agreed upon between the TI Laser Fleet, the Vanguard 15 West Coast Fleet 53 and the Treasure Island Sailing Center (TISC). Our agreement covers the use of the facility, the providing of a support boat, race officers and storage facilities, and the utilization of TISC's Regatta Liability Insurance. To maintain this relationship and to help offset the costs to the fleets, we have agreed to volunteer at a few of TISC's Community Events. By registering to race, the registrant (and their crew for V15s) agrees to volunteer with the TI Laser Fleet and Fleet 53 at two TISC Events over the course of the season. Fleet officers will work with TISC to coordinate the work events. The below dates have been agreed upon that we will be sending representatives to volunteer.

- Dock Installation: Sun April 7, 9am - 12:30pm
- Opening Day Tent Set-up / Take-down: Thurs, April 25 4 - 5:30pm & Thurs May 1 4 - 5:30p (both required)
- Opening Day on the Bay: Sat. April 27, 10:45am - 1:45pm
- Opening Day on the Bay: Sat. April 27, 1:30pm - 4:30pm
- National Safe Boating Day: Sat, May 18, 10:45am - 1:45pm
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- Dock Removal: Sun Nov 3: 9am - 12:30pm

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.

These hours are in addition to any volunteer hours required for TISC tenants.

## REGATTA CONTACTS

TISC Programs: [TISCPrograms@tisailing.org](mailto:TISCPrograms@tisailing.org)

Vanguard 15: Al Sargent: [al.sargent@gmail.com](mailto:al.sargent@gmail.com)

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TI Laser Fleet website: [www.tilaserfleet.org](http://www.tilaserfleet.org)