

High Sierra Alternate Regatta-II Sailing Instructions

1. RULES: *High Sierra Alternate Regatta RACES WILL BE GOVERNED BY US SAILING's THE RACING RULES OF SAILING 2013-2016*, except as otherwise provided in these instructions.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS: Skippers Meeting at the GCYC clubhouse at 10:00 a.m., Saturday morning, July 11th. Official notices and any changes to the schedule of races will be posted on the regatta bulletin board by 8:00 p.m. on the night before it will take effect.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: The Race Committee may revise these instructions in writing and post on the bulletin board at least 1 hour before the first Warning.

4. YACHT CHECK-IN: Yachts intending to race in the regatta are required to sail within hail of the race committee and declare their intention to race each day. If possible, a yacht retiring should also inform the Race Committee.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND STARTING TIME: Races will begin at 11:00 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. Fleet designation (1, 2, 3, etc) and starting order will be announced at the skippers meeting on Saturday.

6. RESTRICTED AREAS: In accordance with US SAILING Rule 22, after finishing, yachts shall keep clear of the finish line and yachts racing. Obstruction of finishing yachts shall be cause for protest. Swim areas as designated by Scotts Flat Lake must be avoided. Red or white buoys marking rocks and shoals are to be regarded as obstructions.

7. NUMBER OF RACES PER DAY: Scheduled 3-5 races on Saturday, July 11th and 2-3 races on Sunday, July 12th with the number of races each day at the RC's discretion. There will be one throw out allowed if at least five races are completed. The Race Committee may abandon or cancel races due to wind, weather or other hazardous situations.

8. RACING AREA: Illustration A shows the location of racing areas. The buoy-marked swim areas are considered obstructions and are to be avoided.

9. THE COURSES: The diagrams in Illustration B show the courses (A, B, C & D). No later than the Warning signal (3 minutes before the start), the Race Committee will display the course. Double letters signify TWICE around the posted course (AA, BB, CC, & DD). Do not cross the finish line until finishing the complete course and rounding marks.

10. MARKS: Marks are orange inflatable round buoys and the windward and leeward marks will be placed directly upwind of the starting pin and may be adjusted according to wind direction. The wing (gybe) mark will form a right angle to both the windward and leeward marks.

11. TIME LIMIT: Class fleets are allowed 60 minutes for the first yacht to finish (US Sailing Rule 35) making the race valid for all other yachts in that race. Subsequent yachts have 30 minutes to finish (maximum of 90 minutes per race). When no yacht finishes within the prescribed time limit, the race shall be abandoned. **This changes Appendix A4.1.**

12. THE START: Races will be started by using **Appendix S - Sound-Signal Starting System** with pre-warning beeps given 15 seconds before the Warning signal for each start.

APPENDIX S – SOUND-SIGNAL STARTING SYSTEM

S1 Course and postponement signals will be made orally.

S2 Audible signals shall govern, even when supplemental visual signals are also used.

S3 The starting sequence shall consist of the following sound signals made at the indicated times:

Signal	Sound	Time before start
Warning	3 long	3 minutes
Preparatory	2 long	2 minutes
	1 long, 3 short	1 minute, 30 seconds
	1 long	1 minute
	3 short	30 seconds
	2 short	20 seconds
	1 short	10 seconds
	1 short	5 seconds
	1 short	4 seconds
	1 short	3 seconds
	1 short	2 seconds
1 short	1 second	
Starting	1 long	0 (start)

Subsequent Fleet Warnings will vary when they begin, depending on the speed the prior fleet clears the start area.

S4 Signals shall be timed from their commencement.

S5 A series of short signals may be made before the sequence begins in order to attract attention (approximately 15 seconds before Warning)

S6 Individual recalls shall be signaled by the hail of the sail number of each over-early boat. Flag X will be displayed.

S7 Failure of a competitor to hear an adequate course, postponement, starting sequence or recall signal shall not be grounds for redress.

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The Start line is defined as an imaginary line between the **orange** pole on the Race Committee boat and the **orange** flag on the starting pin buoy to **PORT** of the Race Committee boat. The **START** and **FINISH** lines are **RESTRICTED** during a race, resulting in +3 points to total score. Do not unwind if you foul either the Start or Finish line.

13. THE FINISH: The Finish line is defined as an imaginary line between the **yellow** pole on the Race Committee boat and the **yellow** flag on the buoy to **STARBOARD** and **upwind** of the Race Committee boat. The **START** and **FINISH** lines are **RESTRICTED** during a race, resulting in +3 points to total score. Do not unwind if you foul either the Start or Finish line.

14. PROTESTS: Rule 61 shall apply. Protest flags and hails to the protested yacht(s) within a reasonable time are expected (dinghy classes need not carrying protest flags). A written protest must be filed on protest forms and submitted to the RC within 30 minutes of the docking of the RC boat. A Protest Committee will be assigned by the RC and the sailing authority. Protests will be posted on the regatta bulletin board at the GCYC clubhouse and heard within 30 minutes of the filing deadline.

15. APPEALS: For the purpose of scoring and awarding prizes, the decision of the Protest Committee will be used in the presentation of trophies at the awards ceremony. Appeals shall conform to Rule 70.

16. SCORING: The Low Point Scoring System in accordance with US Sailing Appendix A4.1 will apply. The score for each yacht will be the total sum of her race scores (minus one throw out) with the lowest overall score winning each class championship. Open Keel will use PHRF (SoCal ratings) with time-on-time adjustments. Open Centerboard and Open Multihull will use Portsmouth (wind corrected) and class yachts will be scored boat-for-boat.

17. TIES: Race ties will be broken using rule A7. Series ties will be broken using rule A8.1. Rules A1, A3, A5, A6, A10 and A11 also apply.

18. SPECIAL ALLOWANCES: Yachts rendering assistance in the spirit of US SAILING Rule 1.1. A yacht that renders assistance (i.e. tows another yacht to shore) before a start may return to the starting line and start after the official start time. The yacht should record their actual start time and that time will be used to calculate the elapsed time. A yacht that renders assistance during a race shall be given points equal to the average of her points in all the races completed on that race day. The yacht need not finish the race during which she rendered assistance. It is the discretion of the Race Committee to decide whether to allow the assisting yacht this privilege.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Competitors participate in the “Go For The Gold” High Sierra Alternate Regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. GCYC, as the organizing authority, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the races.