



2018 Vic Smith Tuesday Night Trials

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SERIES 1 of 6 - 5 races - April 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 8

Sailing Instructions

AFTER RACE FESTIVITIES AT PACIFIC MARINERS YACHT CLUB

1. RULES

- 1.1 This series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Start sequence rules are changes (see section 9 below)
- 1.3 Rule 32.2 is modified as follows: If the race committee elects to shorten the course it will announce the shortened course over VHF and will provide no other visual or audible signal.
- 1.4 Rule 35 and 63.1 are changed (see 13.1 below)
- 1.4 Spinnakers may not be used inside the harbor.
- 1.5 Running lights are required after sunset and boats not displaying required lights will be disqualified (scored DSQ) this changes rule 63.1.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors if any will be posted on the website at <http://mdrvmf.org> the night before each race. If notices are posted any later than the night before they will also be hailed over VHF in the 15 minutes before the first start.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change Sailing instructions will be posted to the website at <http://mdrvmf.org> - updates and changes may be posted up to 8pm the night before any race. Racers are responsible to check for updated instructions. Any changes made after 8pm the night before will be hailed over VHF in the 15 minutes before the first start.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 No signals will be made ashore. Cancellations and abandonments will be hailed over VHF.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The 5 races in this series will be held on April 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 8.
- 5.2 The order of starts will be **Performance at 5:58pm, Class B at 6:01pm, Class A at 6:04pm**
- 5.3 The races will start according to the GPS time listed unless the race committee hails over VHF to make changes to the starting times.

6. COURSES

- 6.1 The course for all classes is start, round the weather mark, and finish. Round all marks to port unless otherwise stated.
- 6.2 The line made between the "no sail" bouys on either side of the main channel once it heads West will be considered a continuing obstruction and no part of the boat will cross this line. Sailing past this line requires 1 penalty turn (see 12.2). This rule is not in effect while rounding a mark if a course change has made one of these a mark in the course.
- 6.3 The center channel bouys other than the "no sail" bouys described in 6.2 and the B quarantine buoy which is part of the start and finish line are not part of the course.

7. MARKS

- 7.1 The **start and finish line** for all classes will be an imaginary line from the yellow B Quarantine Buoy to the two posts on the end of the northwest most dock in G basin. Start with the B Buoy on your starboard side. Finish with the B Buoy on your port side.
- 7.2 The weather mark for the **A and B classes** will be a virtual rounding mark at 33° 57.54' N 118° 28.09' W - if there happens to be an actual mark near that location you can round it, if there is no mark round the GPS location.
- 7.3 The weather mark for the **Performance class** will be a virtual rounding mark at 33° 57.18' N 118° 29.21' W - if there happens to be an actual mark near that location you can round it, if there is no mark round the GPS location.

8. CHECK-IN

- 8.1 Each boat will check in over VHF prior to the start sequence. Once RC announces it is online on VHF hail "[insert boat name] checking in sailing [insert class] class". Do not check-in during start sequence, if late check-in after starts end.

9. START

- 9.1 Rule 26 is modified so that the start of all classes will be conducted using the Appendix U audible signal racing system. Rule 62.1 is changed in appendix U.

9.2 The start will be made with appendix U audible signal racing system with the following sounds:

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Sound</u>	<u>Time Before Start</u>
Attention	Series of 3 Short Sounds	10 seconds before warning
Warning	1 long	3 minutes
Preparatory	1 short	2 minutes
	1 short	1 minute
Starting	1 long	0

The sound signal will be made over VHF and may be in the open air as well. Lack of an audio signal will not change the starting time, and the proper GPS time of the start will be the ultimate gauge of a proper start.

9.3 Appendix U is amended as follows:

- U6. The starting signal for the preceding class will be the warning signal for the next class and there will only be an attention signal for the first class.
- U7. A boat that is OCS (on course side of start line) at the start time must return to the pre start side of the start line.
- U8. The race committee may hail a boat as OCS but if the RC is not able to hail boats OCS they are responsible to police their own starts and make sure to start fairly. The fair start is subject to protest.

10. SHORTENED COURSES

10.1 Shortened courses (when hailed on VHF by RC as per 1.3):

- 1) Weather mark is changed to the **last** (most southwest) no sail buoy on the south side.
- 2) Weather mark is changed to the **first** (most southeast) no sail buoy on the south side.
- 3) Finish line is moved to the extension of the detached breakwall as you return from the windward mark.
- 4) Other course as explained by RC over VHF.

11. FINISH

- 11.1 Finish times are recorded by the RC over VHF. The RC may or may not be present at the finish line and will usually be on one of the competing boats taking times over VHF.
- 11.2 When you are approximately 30 seconds from finish hail over VHF stating “[insert boat name] Approaching”
- 11.3 When you have finished hail “[insert boat name] Mark”
- 11.4 Each radio operator will take into consideration that only one radio may transmit at a time and allow a boat that is finishing to hail their mark before transmitting. If two boats are finishing at nearly the same time, explain your relative position to the other boat when you get a chance - wait for their mark to be made and then mark yourself, e.g. “RowBoat Mark - we were 2 seconds behind Cruise Ship”.
- 11.5 Each competitor should also record their own finish time in case there is a problem with VHF transmission.
- 11.6 The scorer will use all available information to decide on the most likely finish time and relative positions of the boats and will have final say on the official finish time of each boat. If a digital GPS track of the race for a boat is available (for example from <http://raceqs.com>) this information can be used to calculate finish times.

12. PENALTIES

- 12.1 Rule 44 penalties are in effect (1 turn for breaking rule 31 and 2 turns for breaking one or more rules of Part 2).
- 12.2 Any part of a boat crossing into the area described in section 6.2 requires a single penalty turn.

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 Any boat not finishing by 20:30 will be scored DNF. This changes rule 35 and 63.1

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms are available from the primary race officer at the venue listed for the after race meeting. Any boat wishing to file a protest must do so within one hour of finishing by informing the primary race officer of their protest in writing.

15. SCORING AS STATED IN NOR

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1 The race committee will communicate with the fleet via **VHF on Channel 71** to make adjustments to the course and communicate with the fleet. Each boat shall monitor channel 71 for information and updates.

17. PRIZES AS STATED IN NOR

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1 Competitors participate in this series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. By participating in this series, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers (organizing authority, host yacht club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, and any others acting in an official capacity for this event) from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this series to the fullest extent permitted by law.