



BOXING DAY PURSUIT RACE

DECEMBER 28TH, 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Other rules that seem applicable or appropriate and even inapplicable or inappropriate will be as decided by the Race Officer on the day.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available before the race starts.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board is located online at <https://abyc.org/regatta/a4GOscZFcy/#notice-board>, and a notice board will be placed near the Race Entry Room, but nothing of any significance will be posted as the majority of sailors will walk straight past it as usual.
- 3.2. Notices may also be posted there or somewhere else if it is more convenient for the race officer.

4. ADVERTISING

- 4.1. Shameless self-promotion is encouraged and entirely the responsibility of the competitor.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1. This regatta is open to sailors with sailboats (see NoR 5.2), who are members' "in good standing" of yacht clubs and to foreign sailors who are members of their respective National Governing Authorities.
- 5.2. All boats, especially those that float, with or without a Portsmouth yardstick; Cape Cod Frosty, Naples Sabot, Optimist, CFJ, C420, ILCA 4/6/7, Lido 14, Cal 20, Etchell, F-31 Trimarans Cal 40, back yard specials, etc. For boats not having a Portsmouth yardstick one will be invented.
- 5.3. Eligible boats may enter online at <https://abyc.org/regatta/a4GOscZFcy>. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA MAIL, FAX, SMOKE SIGNALS OR SEMAPHORE. Online entries will be accepted until the day of the regatta.
- 5.4. If an entry is cancelled by emailing regattas@abyc.org or calling +1 (562) 434-9955 by 0800 on the first day of the event, the entry fee will be refunded less credit card and other processing fees.

6. FEES

- 6.1. Entry fee is \$15 if paid before Santa visits you according to the [NORAD Santa Tracker](#), \$16 if paid after.
- 6.2. **PAID** entries are required to establish a class. There is only one Class. Sub-classes of boats with similar characteristics will be established. Sub-classes may include; Boats with Heads, Boats with Beds, etc.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1. A pursuit (inverted/reverse start) race is scheduled in Alamitos Bay. Naples Sabot's warning signal will be at 1255ish, Formula 18 Cat's at 1400ish and everyone else somewhere in-betweenish. The finish will be at 1500ish.
- 7.2. Cookies and milk will be served after racing if Santa didn't eat them all.

8. VENUE

- 8.1. We will have one.



9. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. These will be arbitrary, unpremeditated and incomprehensible to all concerned. They will probably not be divulged to competitors.

10. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 10.1. No signals will be made ashore for the same reason explained in NoR 3.1

11. COMPETITORS' MEETINGS

- 11.1. If the Race Officer has nothing more interesting to do, it will be held on the ABYC patio at 1200ish.

12. CLASS FLAGS

- 12.1. In these politically correct times classes have been abolished, so as not to appear discriminatory. The Race Officer will grab the nearest rag and throw it up. (see NoR 3.1 above, again).

13. RACING AREAS

- 13.1. Where possible, these will be on the water.

14. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 14.1. Whatever can be made to float and work on the day.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. The Race Officer will award or deduct points based on the degree of cooperation shown, number of silly questions directed at him, general congeniality of the skipper and number of crew persuaded to participate, and gifts received. Boats which get this combination wrong will not win any prizes.
- 15.2. The first shall be first and the last shall be last, etc.
- 15.3. One (1) race constitutes a series. Pretty obvious huh!

16. SAFETY

- 16.1. ABYC recommends that all competitors wear personal flotation devices, previously known as lifejackets until some attorney had them renamed.
- 16.2. Boats are left to work out for themselves what additional precautions are sensible, what actions minimize the likelihood of damage or destruction, and what level of liquid refreshment is deemed adequate for the number of passengers embarked.

17. SUPPORT BOATS

- 17.1. Ditto OFFICIAL BOATS above. All support boats, including coach and spectator boats, are encouraged.

18. TROPHIES / PRIZES

- 18.1. The availability of prizes is entirely dependent upon the generosity of Club Members.
- 18.2. **Boxing Day Gift Exchange.** Bring a surplus Christmas present (the uglier the better) and we will re-gift it as a take home trophy.
- 18.3. If you win you will be famous, and if that is not enough a very large insignificant well-used trophy will be presented to the winner. The Boxing Day Sampson Post.

19. ARBITRATION and PROTESTS

- 19.1. The Race Officer will impose on-the-spot fines on any boat displaying any sailing skill at all. These will be paid at the bar upon return to the Club.
- 19.2. All protests involving rules of Part 2 or Rule 31 will first be subjected to arbitration. The arbitration



procedure will NOT be a positive experience. We advise against protests.

19.3. Protests, it's Christmas what happened to the Christmas spirit! We advise against protests.

20. LAUNCHING

20.1. Two hoists, one of 3,000 lbs. capacity, another of 5,000 lbs. for those who ate too many holiday treats, and a dinghy ramp are available. Every boat using a hoist must have its own INTERNAL sling.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

21.1. The Race Officer shall not be blamed for anything.

21.2. We encourage personal responsibility. If you break it, fix it! If you drink from the boatyard hosepipe and get sick, it's not our fault. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authorities will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

22. DEPICTION RELEASE

22.1. The photographs we take may not be flattering, of your best side, or make you look younger, slimmer, or more macho. By participating in this event, you grant Alamitos Bay Yacht Club the right to publish these photos.

23. INSURANCE

23.1. The Commodore may collect money in exchange for worthless cover notes prior to the event, depending on how good business has been in the previous month.