

Chico Classic Regatta

Regatta Race Instructions

A. ENTRIES

- a. Each skipper must submit a completed registration form with the regatta fee prior to racing.
- b. All participants, skippers and crews, must sign the release form.
- c. Sail numbers must be legible and correspond to the entry form.
- d. Sail number cannot be changed during the regatta.

B. SAFETY

- a. Personal flotation devices must be worn the skipper and crews at all times while racing. Wet suits are strongly recommended but do not satisfy the life jacket requirement.
- b. Bright-colored clothing is strongly recommended.
- c. Attention is drawn to USSA Fundamental Rule: It shall be the sole responsibility of each yacht to decide whether or not to start or continue racing. Each skipper and crew is responsible to sail safely within their capabilities. If in doubt about being able to handle the wind, wave, or water conditions, retire from the race.
- d. The race committee reserves the right to cancel any or all races if any condition places an unsafe hazard on the racers.

C. RULES

- a. All races shall be governed by the current International Yacht Racing rules(as adopted by the USSA) except as otherwise provided by these sailing instructions and any special written and/or oral instructions by the Race Committee.
- b. The 360 degree rule shall be in effect for all races. Every effort is to be made to resolve protest situations by utilizing this role.
- c. Rule 42.1: is modified and the overlap for room at the mark is five boat lengths.
- d. Rule 23: the requirement for an anchor and chain is waived.
- e. Each yacht, crew, and equipment shall conform to individual class rules.
- f. The Start/Finish line is restricted except for boats starting or finishing. Except for these times, it is a course obstacle and violating the line will result in disqualification.

D. STARTS

- a. The starting order will be announced at the skipper's meeting.
- b. Location of the course display will be announced at the skipper's meeting.
- c. The starting sequence will be reviewed at the Skipper's meeting. The sequence will be:
 - i. **5 minutes** prior to the first start: Committee boat will sound horn and raise the Division 1 class flag.
 - ii. **4 minutes** prior to the start, the "Preparatory" flag will be raised with a horn sound.
 - iii. **1 minute** prior to the start the Preparatory flag is lowered with a horn sound.
 - iv. **At the start** the class flag is lowered with a horn sound and the Division 2 class flag is simultaneously raised, beginning their start sequence (see general recall E(b) below).

E. RECALLS and POSTPONEMENTS

- a. Individual recalls will be by one sound and attempt to hail by sail number will be made. It is the responsibility of each yacht to make a proper start.
- b. General recalls will be by multiple sound signals, with restart five minutes after the failed start. The One Minute Rule ("round the ends", USSA 52.2(c)) shall apply.
- c. Shapes for recalls, postponements, abandonments, and cancellations will be identified at the Skipper's meeting.