



Sailing Instructions

ANACAPA ARCH RACE

Hosted by the Ventura Sailing Club

1 RULES

This race will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the 2025-2028 *Racing Rules of Sailing* and by these Sailing Instructions.

2 ENTRIES

- 2.1 Eligible boats may be entered for the Race by completing a registration form at venturasailingclub.org and sending an electronic or paper copy of the signed entry form to venturasailingclub1@gmail.com or mail to Hall Stratton, 1186 Spring St. Oak View, CA 93022.
- 2.2 Entries must be received by 5 pm on April 10, 2026.
- 2.3 There is no entry fee, however if you'd like to support sailboat racing, look into becoming a US Sailing member at <http://www.ussailing.org> and/or become a Ventura Sailing Club Member at venturasailingclub.org.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 There will be no skippers meeting before the race
- 3.2 Notices to competitors will be posted as an email directly to the email address the skipper has provided on the registration form. After registration closes at 5 pm on April 10, 2026, skippers will be emailed class breaks, starting sequence, and amendments to the sailing instructions no later than 9pm.

4 CLASS DESIGNATIONS

There are 3 classes: PHRF Spinnaker and PHRF Non-Spinnaker, and ORCA.

5 RACING AREA

The starting line will be between the race committee boat to starboard and Mandalay buoy to port. Racing will take place in the Santa Barbara Channel.

6 THE COURSE

- 6.1 The course will start at the Mandalay Buoy (N34'12.0 and W119'16.4); Proceed to Anacapa Arch, approx. 186 degrees magnetic, take Anacapa Arch to Starboard (stay clear of kelp and rocks), proceed to Orange Inflatable Mark located on the south side of the Arch roughly 500' from shore. Round the Orange Inflatable Mark to Port, and finish at the entrance to Channel Islands Harbor.
- 6.2 In the event that a "shorten course" is necessary, the "Moby Dill" will be on the rhumb line between the start and Anacapa Arch, displaying the "S" flag and shall be rounded to Port. The finish will remain at Channel Islands Harbor entrance, unless otherwise announced on Channel 71.

7 THE START

- 7.1 The race will be started using RRS 26.
- 7.2 First start will be at 1100 with the warning signal at 1055. Subsequent classes will start at 5-minute intervals thereafter, with each start being the subsequent class's warning signal, i.e. 5-minute rolling starts.
- 7.3 Please check in with Race Committee on VHF Channel 71.

8 THE FINISH

- 8.1 The finish line for all classes will be between the South End of the detached breakwall at Channel Islands Harbor and the West End of the South Jetty.
- 8.2 In the event our Race Committee boat "Moby Dill" is not on station behind the breakwall to take your finish time, please record your GPS finish time and report it to John Gray 209 471 9411 or Hall Stratton 805 806 8544.
- 8.3 **ANY BOAT THAT DECIDES TO DROP OUT OF THE RACE MUST NOTIFY RACE COMMITTEE ON CHANNEL 71 OR AT PHONE # 209 471 9411 OR 805-806-8544**
- 8.4 The deadline to finish the race is 6 pm. Any finishers after 6 pm will not be scored.

9 SAFETY

- 9.1 All boats shall monitor channel 71 for announcements from RC as well as Channel 16.
- 9.2 Currents and wind at the East End of Anacapa Island can be strong and unpredictable. Use caution.

10 PROTESTS

- 10.1 Protests will be presented orally and heard by the VSC officers present at the AYC clubhouse following the race. Should a protest involve damage to a yacht or injury to a person, a written protest shall be filed with the Race Committee. Forms are available at www.sailing.racingrules.

11 POST-RACE

Anacapa Yacht Club is hosting a post-race get together with a no host bar and food available for purchase. The yacht club will be open from an hour after the first boat finishes until 9:00 pm.

12 PRIZES

Prizes for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place boats in each class, depending on class size, will be awarded at the next VSC meeting, May 12, 2026, 6pm at Victoria Pub in Ventura.

Please take pictures of your fellow boaters while on the course. These will be incorporated into the prizes as well as being fun to share. Send your pics to Drop Box Ventura Sailing Club photos:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/p3ahpp0wcetlg3yhcfsvi/AALeKTwmDKcEbFgqvbYMaO0?rlkey=srytfz6zlib1526maq3yhi1nn&e=2&st=hhqsq8vf&dl=0>