



ORMOND BEACH RACE September 12, 2026



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

These races 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 5pm on Sept 11, 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 5pm on September 11, 2026, skippers will be emailed class breaks, starting sequence, and amendments to the sailing instructions no later than 9pm.

4 CLASS DESIGNATIONS

There are 4 classes: PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, ORCA, and beachcats

5 RACING AREA

The starting line will be between the race committee boat, Akua Kai, 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 Mandalay Buoy. Proceed approximately 128° magnetic to first mark. Take Hueneme Harbor Entrance Buoy to Port, take Ormond Beach Intake Buoy to Starboard, take Platform Gina to Starboard. For all classes except beachcats, finish at the entrance to Channel Islands Harbor. The handicap distance is 15.6 nm.
- 6.2 Beachcats finish at Ventura Harbor. Total distance is 20.2 nm.

- 6.3 In the event that a “shorten course” is necessary, Akua Kai can finish the race at any mark on the course. Announcements will be made on the radio and the “S” flag flown on Akua Kai. The finish will remain at the respective harbors unless otherwise announced on channel 69.

7 MARKS

- 7.1 Mandalay Buoy: 34° 12.0' N 119° 16.5' W
7.2 Hueneme Harbor Entrance Buoy: 34° 8.3' N 119° 13.0' W
7.3 Ormond Beach Intake Buoy: 34° 7.37' N 119° 10.53' W
7.4 Platform Gina: 34° 7.0' N 119° 16.6' W

8 THE START

- 8.1 The race will be started using RRS 26.
8.2 All classes will start at 1100 with the warning signal at 1055.
8.3 Please check in with Race Committee on VHF channel 69.

9 THE FINISH

- 9.1 The finish line for PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, and ORCAs will be between the South End of the detached breakwall at Channel Islands Harbor and the West End of the South Jetty. Please record your GPS finish time and text it to 805 806 8544. You can announce your time on radio but follow up with a text for recordkeeping.
9.2 Beachcats will finish at Ventura Harbor in the main entrance channel between the 2 big mermaid statues, one on the north side of the channel and other on the south side next to the outrigger canoe club. Record your GPS time and text it to 805 806 8544.
9.3 ANY BOAT THAT DECIDES TO DROP OUT OF THE RACE MUST NOTIFY RACE COMMITTEE ON CHANNEL 69 OR AT PHONE # 805 806 8544.
9.4 The deadline to finish the race is 6 pm. Any finishers after 6 pm will not be scored.

10 SAFETY

- 10.1 Each skipper is responsible for compliance with applicable US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for Nearshore.
10.2 All boats shall monitor channel 69 for announcements from RC as well as channel 16.
10.2 Akua Kai, a 42' catamaran, with a race official aboard, will be on the course and available.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BEACH CAT CLASS

1. Beachcats shall have on board a 50' tow line
2. Beachcats shall carry a compass and GPS device.
3. Beachcats shall have a righting line on board and be capable of self-rescue from a capsize.
4. Beachcats shall carry a flashlight.
5. Beachcats shall have at least 2 signal flares on board. Smoke flares for daytime use are encouraged.
6. **ALL CREW ABOARD BEACHCATS SHALL WEAR A LIFEJACKET AT ALL TIMES AND HAVE A VHF RADIO AND WHISTLE ATTACHED TO THE LIFEJACKET. AT LEAST ONE VHF RADIO SHALL BE MONITORED THROUGHOUT THE EVENT.**

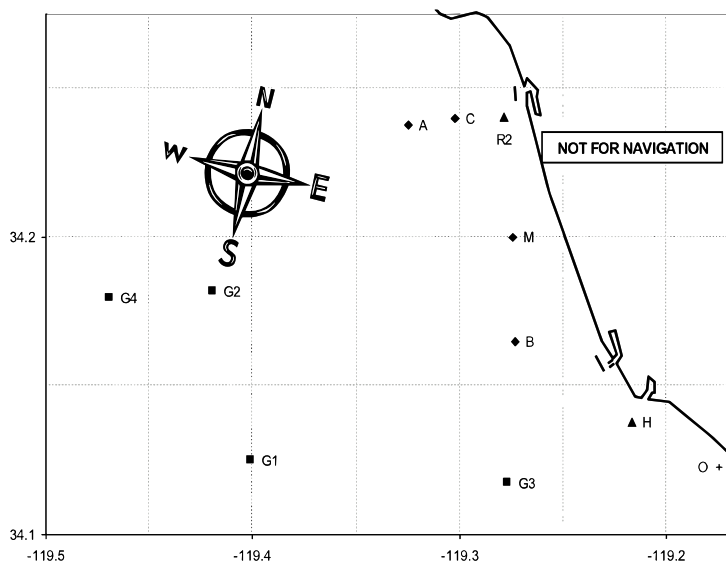
11 PROTESTS

Protests will be presented orally and heard by the VSC officers present at the Ventura Harbor Launch Ramp 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.org/racing/rules. Protests must be filed no later than two hours after the last finisher.

12 PRIZES

Prices for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place boats in each class, depending on class size, will be awarded at the next VSC meeting, October 13, 2026, at 6:30pm at Victoria Pub in Ventura

COURSE CHART



Code	Marks	Approximate Location
A	Fish Sticks spar buoy	34° 14.5' N 119° 19.8' W
B	Wes Mark spar buoy	34° 9.9' N 119° 16.4' W
C	Chips spar buoy	34° 14.4' N 119° 18.2' W
H	Hueneme buoy	34° 8.3' N 119° 13.0' W
M	Mandalay spar buoy	34° 12.0' N 119° 16.5' W
R2	Ventura whistle buoy	34° 14.4' N 119° 16.7' W
G1	Platform Gail	34° 7.5' N 119° 24.0' W
G2	Platform Gilda	34° 10.9' N 119° 25.1' W
G3	Platform Gina	34° 7.0' N 119° 16.6' W
G4	Platform Grace	34° 10.8' N 119° 28.2' W
O	Ormond intake buoy	34° 7.37' N 119° 10.53' W