



NOTICE OF RACE

17th Annual Prison Break – August 28th & 29th, 2021
Hosted by Ventura Sailing Club

As described in our mission statement, a primary goal of the Ventura Sailing Club is to introduce and encourage people to take advantage of our great resources: the Santa Barbara Channel and the Channel Islands National Park. We hope to achieve this by increasing participation in sailing by hosting racing, cruising, and social events.

The “Prison Break” combines all these elements by providing the opportunity to cruise the Santa Barbara Channel, hike and explore Santa Cruz Island, and race back to the mainland in a fun and casual group setting. This event also provides contestants the opportunity to practice some “pre-modern” seamanship skills while “breaking out” of Prisoner’s Harbor....

The plan is to do a “*LeMans Start*” from the anchorage at Prisoner’s Harbor on Santa Cruz Island. Competitors will have to wait for the horn to begin hoisting sails and weighing anchors. The race will be to the Mandalay Buoy. If there is no wind to “break out” of Prisoner’s, competitors can row, kedge-pole, or tow (any method NOT using a motor of any kind!) their boats out of the harbor until there is enough wind to make sail. Competitors will congregate in Prisoner’s Harbor on Saturday the 9th to begin the pre-race festivities.

THE ENTRY: The race is open to all racers, whether they are members of a yacht club or not. The entry fee is waived for non-Ventura Sailing Club members and for VSC members. Entries will be completed and emailed to Will Yount (see email address below). The traditional Captains meeting will in digital form only. Any changes to these sailing instructions will be issued at 6 pm local time, on channel 68.

THE COURSE: Competing boats will start from the spot on which they chose to anchor for the previous night, anywhere within Prisoner’s Harbor inshore of a line extending from the end of the pier west to the point marking the northwestern extent of the Harbor. We will race back to a finish at the Mandalay Buoy, where competitors will take their own finish times using GPS time. All classes will start at the same time. There will be no other marks.

THE RULES: The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. The Sailing Instructions will be passed out and finalized at the Captains’ Meeting.

THE CLASSES: PHRF-handicapped spinnaker, non-spinnaker, and Orca as necessary.

Any Questions?

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