

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club 2016 Top Skipper Championship October 23, 2016

1. **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY** - The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Lake Mission Viejo Yacht Club.
2. **RULES** - The Regatta Series will be governed by the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of each class, LMVA rules and by the Sailing Instructions.
3. **FLEET** - The Regatta will be held in the LMVA EXPO 14.2 sailboats.
4. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY** - The Regatta is open to LMVYC skippers by invitation from the commodore only. Skippers must sign-in prior to the Skippers Meeting.
5. **REGATTA ORGANIZATION** - The Organizing Authority may opt to split the fleet and run a qualifying series and a championship series if the number of skippers exceeds the number of available boats.
6. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS** - In the preliminary round, two groups of skippers each will sail three races. Boat assignments will be drawn by lottery at the skippers meeting. Three skippers from each group, with the lowest score for the three races in the preliminary round will then advance to the championship round of races. The championship round scores will start from 0. There will be a break after the preliminary round of six races.

Skippers Meeting	12:00
1 st Warning Signal	1:00
7. **START** - The starting procedure is detailed on the Course Chart. Start and finish lines will be between the staff bearing an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the staff bearing an orange flag at the port end. There will be one start; the Class Flag is blue.
8. **THE COURSE** - The course(s) will be those shown on the LMVYC Course Chart dated 10/23/2016. Placards on the Race Committee boat will display courses.
9. **MARKS** - Marks will be those shown on the Course Chart.
10. **SCORING** - RRS A2 is applicable, except that no score will be excluded. The Low Point System will apply, except that a skipper that did not compete, did not start, did not finish or was on course side will be scored the number of entries for the day, plus one. This changes RRS A4.2 and A9.
11. **PENALTY SYSTEM** - The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing.
12. **TIME LIMITS** - Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes RRS Rule 35. If a boat in last place is delaying the next start, the Race Committee may terminate the race and score that boat's points equal to last place.
13. **CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted after the Skippers Meeting on the day of the regatta.
14. **PROTESTS** - Sailors are expected to compete fairly and take their penalty turns when they are at fault. In event of a dispute, attempts should be made to resolve matters between the concerned parties. If that does not work, protests shall be written on the form available at the Club room and delivered to the Race Chair within one hour after the last race. Preliminary Round protests with scoring implications will be heard at the break.