



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

LMVYC 2026 FLEET CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES



1. **RULES** - The Regatta Series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the rules of each class (except as changed by the Sailing Instructions), LMVA rules and by these Sailing Instructions. On the lake keep at least fifteen feet from the shoreline, private docks and swimming or fishing areas marked by buoys.
2. **ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY** - Any sailboat registered to sail on Lake Mission Viejo is eligible to compete. Eligible boats may be entered to race by filing an entry form with the racecommittee. A single-entry form is valid for the entire series and all races. Registration of skipper, crew and boat with the Race Committee is required each race day. Entry fee is included with membership in LMVYC, all others \$15 for each regatta. There is a charter fee for club boats (Balboa 13).
3. **CLASSES** - The participating boats will be assigned to Classes as follows. Boats may be allowed to race in other classes with Race Chair permission.
 - “A” Class - Thistle, Finn, 29er, Balboa 13*, Mercury, Lido 14, Capri 14.2, CFJ, and any other comparable boats (Portsmouth rating 102 or less).
 - “B” Class - Expo 14.2, Laser B, Balboa 13B, 14.2 Keel, Twitchell 12, Expo 14.2 B, CFJ B*, Sabot* A and any other comparable boats (Portsmouth rating 103 and higher).
 - “C” Class – Any boats wishing to race in the Frends and Family Fleet. The boat must have 2 or more sailors on board. We encourage the sailors to bring new people and other members to the regatta and expose them to fun sport that we all love.

* Boats with higher or lower ratings may be allowed with Race Chair permission

4. **THE START** - Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the Attention Signal shall be given before the start of the 3-minute starting sequence. The Warning Signal for each succeeding class may be made with the Starting Signal of the preceding class.
5. **START AND FINISH LINES** - Start and Finish Lines will be between the staff bearing an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end of the starting line and the staff bearing an orange flag at the port end.

6. ORDER OF START AND CLASS FLAGS

- 1st “A” Class “A” Flag
- 2nd “B” Class “B” Flag
- 3rd “C” Class “C” Flag

7. **SCHEDULE OF RACES** – Registration 11:30. Skippers Meeting 12:00. First Attention Signal 12:59
8. **THE COURSE** - The courses will be shown on the LMVYC course chart specified for the regatta. There will be one course chart designated for A, B, and C Class. Placards on the race committee boat will display courses.
9. **MARKS** - Rounding marks will be those shown on the Course Chart.
10. **TIME LIMITS** - Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat finishes in its class may be scored “Did Not Finish”. This changes RRS 35. If a boat in last place is delaying the next start and has no chance of improving its position based on corrected time, the Race Committee may score that boat points equal to last place.
11. **SCORING** - Three races are planned for each Regatta; one race will constitute a Regatta. RRS A2 is applicable, three races will be excluded from the series total after 15 total races. The Low Point System will apply, except that a boat 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.
12. **CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted or given orally after the Skippers Meeting on the day of the race.
13. **PROTESTS** - Sailors are expected to compete fairly and take their penalty turns when they are at fault. In the event of dispute, racers should attempt to resolve matters between themselves. If that does not work, protests must be written on a Protest Form available from the Race Committee and delivered to the Race Chair within one hour after the time of the last boat to finish the last race of the day.