



Sailing Instructions

Frenchy's Rum Run

June 13, 2026

Hosted by the Ventura Sailing Club



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 Regatta Network at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/html/calendar.php?state%5B%5D=CA#> no later than June 12, 2026 at 5 pm.
- 2.2 ENTRY FEE OF \$40 FOR NON-VSC MEMBERS OR \$30 FOR VSC MEMBERS WILL BE SUBMITTED WHEN REGISTERING AT REGATTA NETWORK. THERE WILL BE A \$10 DISCOUNT FOR US SAILING MEMBERS.

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 June 12, 2026 skippers will be emailed class breaks, starting sequence, and amendments to the sailing instructions no later than 9 pm.

4 CLASS DESIGNATIONS

There are 4 classes: PHRF Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker, ORCA, and Beachcat. Additional classes may be created depending on class size.

5 RACING AREA

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

6 THE COURSE

The course will start at the Mandalay Buoy (N34'12.0 and W119'16.4), proceed around the Frenchy's Cove Mark (N34'00.52 and W119 24.63), an orange inflatable buoy taken to port, and back to Mandalay buoy to finish, taking Mandalay buoy to port. The course length is 26.4 nm for the PHRF classes and the ORCA class, and for the beachcat class the course length is 29 nm. Beachcats will finish in Ventura Harbor after rounding Mandalay buoy to port.

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.

8 THE FINISH

- 8.1 The finish line for all classes, except the beachcat class, is between the Mandalay Buoy and the Mandalay power plant. Finishers shall be within 3 boat lengths of the Mandalay Buoy when finishing, taking the buoy to port.
- 8.2 All classes, except the beachcat class, shall record their GPS finish time and report it to the PRO on channel 71 or at phone # 805-890-1275.
- 8.3 Beach cats, after rounding Mandalay Buoy to port, shall finish inside the Ventura Harbor between the two large statues that flank the harbor entrance channel prior to intersection with the main channel. Finish times will be recorded by a RC member on the beach.
- 8.4 ANY BOAT THAT DECIDES TO DROP OUT OF THE RACE MUST NOTIFY RACE COMMITTEE ON CHANNEL 71 OR AT PHONE # 805-890-1275.
- 8.5 The deadline to finish the race is 8 pm. Any finishers after 8 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 There will be a chase boat, radio designator "VSC Chase boat" monitoring the race and setting the mark at Frenchy's.
- 9.3 *Akua Kai*, a 42-ft. catamaran, with a race official aboard, will be on the course and available.
- 9.4 *So Long*, a 26-ft. monohull, with a race official aboard will also be 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. Beach cats shall carry a flashlight.
5. Beach cats shall have at least 2 signal flares on board. Smoke flares for daytime use are encouraged.
6. **ALL CREW ABOARD BEACH CATS 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.**

10 PROTESTS

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

11 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, July 14, 2026, 6 pm at Victoria Pub in Ventura.