PACIFIC COAST COLLEGIATE SAILING CONFERENCE

PACIFIC COAST FALL DINGHY CHAMPIONSHIP

November 14-15, 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority for the 2026 PCCSC Fall Pacific Coast Championship will be:
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) Procedural and Class Rules, the PCCSC Standing Rules, and by the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 In the event of a disagreement between the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions (SI's), the SI's will take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors and changes to the sailing instructions may be announced verbally at the rotation area or competitor meetings and may be posted on the notice board located online at https://scores.collegesailing.org/f26/fall-pacific-coast/notices. Results will be posted as soon as possible online at https://scores.collegesailing.org/f26/fall-pacific-coast/.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from a Race Committee (RC) boat near the rotation area. During an onshore postponement, boats shall not leave the beach without permission from the RC.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1 **Saturday, November 14**

Time	Event	Location
0930	Report time & Check-in	SB City Launch Ramp Area
0930	Charter Boats Available	
0945	Competitor Meeting	SB City Launch Ramp Area
1030	First warning signal	Near harbor entrance
1730	**PCCSC Conference Meeting**	**Santa Barbara Yacht Club (130 Harbor Way)**

*The meeting will commence as soon as possible at 5:30pm or after racing has finished.

Sunday, November 15

0930	Report Time
1030	First warning signal
1500	No Warning Signal after this time

5.2 No more than 14 races per division will be sailed.

6. ROTATIONS / BOATS

6.1 A Varsity team consists of A, B, and C double-handed divisions (six sailors minimum). Each team shall provide two class legal CFJ's and two sets of PCCSC legal sails with their assigned sail numbers on them.

6.2 Varsity course divisional rotations will take place as shown in 'Attachment B – Schedule of Starts', however it is subject to change depending on racing conditions and may be verbally changed on the water.

6.3 A JV team will consist of an A and B double-handed division. Each team shall provide one class legal CFJ and set of PCCSC legal sails with assigned JV sail numbers on them.

6.4 All teams will sail their own boat(s) for the duration of the event.

6.5 Divisional rotation area for Varsity and JV will be announced at the competitor meeting.

7. RACING AREAS

The racing area will be the Santa Barbara Channel within .5 miles of the harbor entrance. Further description will be given at the competitor meeting.

8. COURSES

Courses will be chosen from 'Attachment A – Course Chart' and will be hailed before the beginning of each start sequence. Courses may also be posted on the Race Committee Signal Boat.

9. MARKS

Turning marks will be as shown in 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.

10. THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark as shown in 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.

10.2 The starting sequence shall be as described in Procedural Rule 18 (b).

10.3 For the varsity course, the fleet to start will be announced by the race committee.

11. ON COURSE SIDE (OCS)

The RC may attempt to hail the sail number of a boat OCS, but failure to receive or hear this hail shall not be grounds for redress. The order in which boats are hailed shall not be grounds for redress. It is each boat's responsibility to start correctly.

12. CHANGE OF COURSE

Marks may be moved as necessary to maintain a course configuration or change course length, but no mark shall be moved when any boat is on the leg that it terminates. A leg of the course may not be deleted. (Changes RRS 32.2 and 33)

13. THE FINISH

13.1 For the Varsity Course, the upwind finishing line ('Fin U') will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC finish boat and the course side of the port-end finishing mark as shown in 'Attachment A – Course Chart'. The RC Finish Boat may use the offset mark as the finish pin if no windward mark is in the water.

13.2 For the Varsity Course, the downwind finishing line ('Fin D') will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark as shown in 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.

13.3 The JV finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark as shown in 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1 There will be no time limit. However, the RC may choose to finish boats 'on the course' if their position in the race has been established in order to expedite the next start or rotation.

14.2 Target times for races will be as outlined in ICSA Procedural Rule 18(c)(ii).

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms are online and linked from the event's notice board on techscore.

15.2 Protesting boats must notify the RC of their intent to protest immediately following the finish of the race in which the incident occurred. They must also notify the competitor they are protesting.

15.3 Protests and request for redress must be delivered to the regatta official no later than 30 minutes after the last boat reaches the shore, after the last race of the day.

16. SCORING

16.1 Scoring shall be completed as described in the Procedural Rules.

16.2 The Fall Pacific Coast Championship (Varsity course) regatta will be scored as 2 division (A, B), and 3 division (A, B, C) regattas.

16.3 2026 Spring & Fall Coed Dinghy Intersectional Selection: The 2 division varsity results from this regatta will be used in conjunction with the previous spring coed dinghy conference championship results to determine preference of coed fleet race intersectional regatta selection for the following spring with the Fall PCC being used as the tie breaker.

16.4 The top 9 Cross-Regional / Regional teams from the PCCSC will qualify to sail the Rosebowl Regatta. USC will receive an automatic berth to Rosebowl.

16.5 The JV regatta will be scored as a 2-division event.

16.6 Results/Scores will be posted at scores.collegesailing.org.

17. RECORD OF PARTICIPATION

Record of Participation (RP) forms must be completed online at ts.collegesailing.org by midnight after the last scheduled day of sailing.

18. SUPPORT BOATS & COACHING

The host will provide on-water support. Coaching will be done from the rotation area, or from host approved coach boat(s) provided all teams have equal opportunity to have their coaches on these boats.

19. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**