

Vanguard 15 Fleet 53 & TI Laser Fleet • Svendsen's Thursday Night Series

Treasure Island Sailing Center - San Francisco, California

2014 Svendsen's Vanguard 15 Thursday Night Series Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

The Organizing Authority is the Treasure Island Sailing Center.

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing ([RRS](#)).

1.2 RS 40.1 is changed as follows: All competitors shall wear US Coast Guard approved life-jackets while on the water except for short times to adjust or change clothing. The "Y" flag may not be displayed.

1.3 All boats shall have an attached bow line (painter) of 20+ feet while sailing.

1.4 Alcohol consumption is prohibited from the racing area and courses. If alcohol is consumed prior to or on the water disqualification from the evening races shall occur. For repeat occurrences TISC reserves the right to suspend individuals from future races.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The regatta is open to all competitors of the Vanguard 15, Laser, and Laser Radial classes. To enter, competitors shall complete a Registration Form for each boat and a TISC Medical & Liability Form for each sailor, and pay appropriate entry fees. Vanguard 15s must designate which division in which they will compete. Collegiate skippers, and former winners of the Junior Varsity fleet, shall register their boat for the Varsity division. Non-collegiate skippers may choose either Varsity or Junior Varsity.

2.2 Required entry fee must be paid prior to sailing via the Vanguard15.org website. Vanguard 15 payment shall be paid online or to the Vanguard 15 Race Chairs or Vanguard 15 Treasurer. Laser and Laser Radial payments shall be paid online or to the Laser Race chair.

- (a) Entry fee for the season is \$150 due at the start of the season and no later than May 1, 2014 to be paid online, or by check made out to TISC.
- (b) Entry fee for a single evening are \$15 due before the event.
- (c) Non-tenants must pay an additional \$5 launch fee each Thursday night launched.
- (d) Entry fee for using the TISC charter boat are \$25. This includes both the charter fee and the single evening entry fee of \$15, which includes dinner and drinks.
- (e) Fleet dues for Vanguard 15 are \$16 for the season and can be paid online at <http://vanguard15.org/dues/>, or via check to **Vanguard 15 Fleet 53** due at the start of the season.
- (f) Skippers under 18 years of age on March 31, 2011 are eligible for a 50% discount on entry fees. To qualify, contact TISC at info@tisailing.org.

2.3 Boats that race three (3) or more nights shall be assigned Social Chair duties by the Race Chairs. Social chair signups are at <http://j.mp/v15social2014>.

2.4 US Sailing members may deduct \$5.00 from their series entry fee. USSA members must present a copy of their membership with their entry. To qualify for the discount, contact TISC at info@tisailing.org.

3 SCHEDULE

3.1 Registration is open from 5:45-6:00pm each night of racing. 22 Thursday nights are scheduled for the series from the first Thursday in April to the first Thursday in September. Five (5) or more races may be attempted each night for each class.

3.2 The warning signal for the laser class is 6:15pm and for the Vanguard 15 class 6:30pm. No race shall be started after sunset as listed in local tide book.

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3.3 Weekly Svendsen's Thursday Night Series races are over when the Race Committee returns to the docks and the boats are safely stored.

4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS and NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Any Notices to Competitors or changes to the Sailing Instructions may be posted on the fleet websites (www.vanguard15.org and www.tilaserfleet.org) on the page entitled "Messages" before 1500 on the day it shall take effect. Verbal changes to the NOR or SIs may be made on the water before the warning signal of the race in which they take effect.

5 RACING AREA & COURSES

5.1 The intended racing area is Clipper Cove, Treasure Island. Windward-leeward, double windward-leeward, windward-leeward-triangle or trapezoid courses shall be used. Leeward gates and a windward offset mark may be used. The 3-minute Sound-Signal Starting System ([Appendix S](#)) shall be used. Visual signals may also be used. The sound/verbal signals shall prevail.

5.2 At the RC's discretion, a "crew-race" may be announced and signalled with a "[yin yang](#)" flag. During crew-races, Junior Varsity (JV) skippers are not required to switch with their crew. On boats where sailors regularly switch roles outside of crew races, either sailor may drive during a crew race without penalty.

5.2.1 Varsity boats choosing to sail a crew race with their usual skipper driving shall have an adjusted score as follows: Adjusted place = (finish place + (boats you beat * 30%)) rounded down to nearest integer. OSC, DNS, DNF, DSQ, & RAF would all be treated the same as they normally would. Example penalties are listed at <http://j.mp/v15crewracepenalties>.

6 SCORING & AWARDS

Boats that have not registered, paid, or signed in shall not be allowed to race. All **boats** must **sign in** with the Race Chairs **each night** sailed.

Nightly Scoring

- a. The Low Point Scoring System shall apply.
 - A boat's series score is the sum of all her race scores.
 - A series score is your final score (sum of all individual race scores) for one night.
- b. Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- b. No scores shall be excluded (all races count). This changes rule A2.
- c. A boat that did not finish (DNF) shall be scored a last place finish *for that race*. More than one boat may be scored a last place finish. This changes rule A4.2.
- d. A boat that did not start (DNS), was disqualified (DSQ), retired after finishing (RAF) or was on-the-course-side/over-early (OCS) shall be scored a last place finish *for that race* plus 1 point. This changes rule A4.2.
- e. Any boat racing with a TISC junior sailor under the age of 17 for the entire evening shall have their worst place converted to a first place finish.
- f. If calculations of the series score result in boats tied, each boat's race scores shall be listed in order of best to worst. At the first point where there is a difference, the tie shall be broken in favor of the boat with the best score. If no difference occurs, the boats shall be scored as a tie. This changes rule A8.2.
- g. The Race Chairs are responsible for calculating and announcing the evening's series scores. The Race Chairs, at their discretion, may assign this task to another individual.
- h. Boats shall only be scored using the sail number displayed during racing. Sail numbers may not be corrected or amended later. Boats that do not sign up on the website beforehand may not be scored.

The Svendsen's Thursday Night Series Scoring

- a. The High Point System shall apply.
- b. A boat's overall finish for each evening shall count as "one race" for the overall Svendsen's Thursday Night Series standings.

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- A boat's nightly Series Score shall earn a High Point Score equal to the total number of boats that started at least one race on that night. (For example, if 20 boats began at least one race, then the 1st place boat would earn 20 points, the 2nd place boat would earn 19 points, etc.)
- c. Bonus Points shall be awarded for nightly participation.
 - Five (5) points shall be added to each High Point Score if a registered boat is sailed by at least one registered team member.
- d. If a boat is sailed by competitors from different registered boats, the evening's High Point Score and Bonus Points shall be awarded to the registered boat whose sail number was used for racing that night.
- e. Only a boat's 12 highest High Point Scores shall be used to calculate the overall Svendsen's Thursday Night Series standings.
 - Note: The websites shall show the cumulative Svendsen's Thursday Night Series standings in the lower right corner of the homepage.
- f. Further details can be found at <http://vanguard15.org/articles/seasonscoring>
- g. The Race Chairs are responsible for posting High Point Scores to the fleet's website (www.vanguard15.org and www.tilaserfleet.org) in a timely manner. The Race Chairs, at their discretion, may assign this task to another individual.

7 PRIZES

Varsity Division. Prizes will be awarded based on overall standings to the boats in first, second and third place. Two prizes per boat will be awarded for the Vanguard 15s.

Junior Varsity Division (Vanguard 15 only). Prizes will be awarded based on overall standings to the boat in first place if the division has ≤ 5 boats. Two prizes per boat will be awarded.

(a) If the division has 6-7 boats, prizes will be awarded to first and second place.

(b) If the division has 8 or more boats, then prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place.

Participation Awards will be defined and awarded by the Race Chairs and Fleet Captain to any competitor.

All prizes will be awarded at the annual fleet party or meeting.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

8.1 Competitors that commit a foul during a race shall exonerate themselves by taking a **One-Turn Penalty** (1 turn in same direction with 1 tack & 1 gybe) when three or more boat lengths from any mark. This changes rule 44.1 and 44.2.

8.2 If a foul is committed **within the three-boat length circle of any mark**, including the starting pin and race committee boat, a **Two-Turn Penalty** (2 turns in same direction with 2 tacks & 2 gybes) is required to exonerate a boat. This changes rule 44.1.

8.3 Protests shall be resolved using the **Three Minute Justice** system, held after racing is done for the evening, as described below:

Background:

Three minute justice is a protest hearing system that takes the burden off of the race organizers. It is a system that has been around for years. The former head coach of the Old Dominion Sailing Team, K.C. Fullmer, was the first to introduce it to the USTRA. Currently, the system has been used at many regattas including the USTRA midwinters. The race organizers do not have to form a protest committee. The burden of forming a committee is put on the shoulders of the parties involved in the protest.

Example:

Fred Flintstone and Barney Rubble are in a collision. Fred and Barney both decided not to take a 360 degree penalty turn to exonerate themselves. Fred felt that Barney's alleged rule infringement played a part in the outcome of the race, i.e. Fred felt that his team would have won if he wasn't in a collision with Barney. Fred decides to protest. Fred reports that he is protesting to the finish boat.

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Fred needs to find a person who is not on his boat to represent him, Barney needs to also find someone who is not on his boat to represent him. Aside from this requirement, rule 63.4 (Interested Party) is waived.

Fred asks Mr. Slate and Barney asks Kazoo. Basically, Fred has 60 seconds, which shall be timed, to tell Mr. Slate and Kazoo his side of the story. Barney then has 60 seconds, which shall be timed, to tell Mr. Slate and Kazoo his side of the story. After the two sides have presented their case, Fred and Barney are excused and Mr. Slate and Kazoo have a minute to make a decision. We strongly encourage the jury to make a decision. Their decision is final, if they can not make a decision then the protest is disallowed. The jury then reports the decision to the race organizers and the case is closed.

Rationale:

Three minute justice is a fair and equitable way to run protest hearings, it is at least as good as 50/50 which is what most people believe their chances are in a standard protest hearing. Complex situations and obscure appeals do not come into play. Sailors soon realize that the decision is usually made against the person who has the burden of proof (onus).

BOAT STORAGE AND RESPONSIBILITIES (NOT PART OF THE RULES)

Boat Storage

All boats must be properly stored in their assigned storage space (rack or dolly/trailer) at the end of each night. Return all dollies to the proper storage area.

Sails and blades stored in the sail loft should be left in an orderly fashion.

All visitors shall remove their boats from the TISC facility at the end of the evening, overnight storage is not allowed.

Competitor Responsibilities

Each competitor is responsible for the his or her decision to participate in a race or to continue racing.

Competitors shall assist the Race Committee in the launch and storage of the RC and chase boats, marks, and other equipment.

Competitors shall assist the Safety Chairs in the closing down of the facility, including the locking down of the cranes, closing of the fences, storage of the bridals, coiling of the hoses, picking up of trash, etc. Bottle caps need to be thrown into the garbage, not onto the ground. Trash bins shall be placed outside the main gate and the main gate locked at the end of the night.

Safety

The Safety Chair / Race Committee has the final decision on whether conditions are safe for racing. The Safety Chair may need to abandon racing and use the chase boat to help boat(s) in distress. Sailors helping boats in distress shall be assigned their average points for the night for races missed. Sailors staffing a crash boat in lieu of sailing shall get average points for races missed. Sailors are advised to be aware of currents and to not leave the cove.

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Volunteer/Work Hours

The success of the Svendsen's Thursday Night Series relies on the partnership agreed upon between the TI Laser Fleet, the Vanguard 15 West Coast Fleet 53 and the Treasure Island Sailing Center (TISC). Our agreement covers the use of the facility, the providing of a support boat, race officers and storage facilities, and the utilization of TISC's Regatta Liability Insurance. To maintain this relationship and to help offset the costs to the fleets, we have agreed to volunteer at a few of TISC's Community Events. By registering to race, the registrant (and their crew for V15s) agrees to volunteer with the TI Laser Fleet and Fleet 53 at two TISC Events over the course of the season. Fleet officers will work with TISC to coordinate the work events. The below dates have been agreed upon that we will be sending representatives to volunteer.

- Opening Day Tent Set-up: Thurs April 24 4 - 5:30pm
- Opening Day on the Bay: Sat. April 26, 10:45am - 1:45pm
- Opening Day on the Bay: Sat. April 26, 1:30pm - 4:30pm
- Opening Day Tent Take-down: Thurs May 1, 4 - 5:30pm
- National Safe Boating Day: TBD, possibly Sat, May 17, 10:45am - 1:45pm
- National Safe Boating Day: TBD, possibly, Sat, May 17, 1:30pm - 4:30pm
- Dock Removal: TBD, possibly, Sun Nov 2: 9am - 12:30pm

Competitors who pay the "drop-in" entry fee more than 3 nights over the course of the season shall also be required to fulfill these hours.

These hours are in addition to any volunteer hours required for TISC tenants.

REGATTA CONTACTS

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