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Welcome to the 2012 Racing Season at the St. Francis Yacht Club!

We are excited to host another year of great racing. Our 2012 schedule includes 120 days of racing from March to November. In 2011, we hosted 22 different one-design fleets, plus handicap racing in multiple fleets and formats. We know this year will only build on that record. We continue to work on providing the best race management in addition to off the water support so that you and your crew members enjoy your racing.

Our Race Committee depends on volunteers – therefore we ask you, and your crews, to please give back this year by volunteering for at least a day or weekend on the Race Committee or Protest Committee either here at StFYC or at your home club. Race Committee is not only a great way to give back, but also to better understand the race course and how to be more effective when racing.

For 2012, the StFYC is certifying all of our regattas at the Gold Clean Regatta Level with Sailors for the Sea.

We ask you to join us in support of this exciting initiative by helping us to achieve the following standards at our regattas:

- Ensure we host a trash free regatta – please don't toss any garbage into the Bay, retrieve any trash you do see floating in the harbor or Bay
- Separate your trash and recyclables when putting waste in the bins after racing
- Use non-toxic cleaning products on your boat
- If you have an engine in your boat, carry an oil spill cleanup kit
- Bring and use refillable water bottles
- Visit the Sailors for the Sea website, www.sailorsforthesea.org, for more tips and tools

In support of this program, we have installed a water “filling station” where you and your crew can fill your reusable water bottles. It is conveniently located between the Dockmaster's office and the ice machine. Our college sailors have already eliminated their use of disposable water bottles. This is a simple, but effective, change that we can all do and we encourage more sailors and our Race Committee to set the example.

Fair winds,

Susan Ruhne
Executive Race Committee Chair