



2017 San Francisco Bay Challenge

August 5, 2017

Organizing Authority (OA): St Francis Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means it shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix B and Appendix F.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence
- 1.3 In case of conflict between the notice of race and the sailing instructions (SI), the SI will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.5 [DP] Competitors who are 18 years or younger shall wear a PFD at all times while on the water, other than brief periods while adding or removing clothing. The 'Y' flag will not be flown. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.
- 1.4 A competitor flying a kite in the parking lot south of Crissy Beach will be scored disqualification not excludable (DNE) without a hearing for all of that day's races. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 1.5 RRS 48 is deleted.
- 1.6 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.7 RRS F4-44.2 is changed to replace the word 'hull' with 'foil'.
- 1.8 [DP] All Competitors shall wear wetsuits with a minimum thickness of 3/2mm, which cover the knees and have short sleeves as minimum coverage.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors from the race committee will be posted on the official regatta notice board located in the hallway adjacent to the side (Regatta) entrance of StFYC.
- 2.2 The protest committee will use a separate electronic official notice board at <http://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/schedules/73/event>

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTION

Any change to the sailing instructions (SI) will be posted no later than 60 minutes prior to the first warning on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the StFYC race tent on Crissy Beach.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. This changes rule Race Signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Saturday, August 5	1300	Competitors' Meeting – St. Francis YC Race Deck
	1500	First Warning Signal
	<i>After racing</i>	Social and awards at St. Francis YC

6 RACING AREA

Races will be conducted on the San Francisco bay.

7 COURSES & MARKS

The description and courses are described in Attachment A – Official Description of Marks and Courses.

8 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The line bounded by the the following two points is designated as an obstruction and all boats are prohibited from crossing it while racing.

- (a) The "H" Beam piling and the closest point ashore (located approx. 200 yards west of the St. Francis YC).
- (b) GR Bell Buoy located off the North West end of Alcatraz Island, and the closest point to Alcatraz Island.

9 THE START

9.1 The class flags will be:

Hydrofoil Kite: white field with black class insignia

Windsurf: white field with a red & grey insignia

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the race committee signal boat and a red inflatable buoy or a race committee boat displaying an orange and yellow flag, set to port.

9.3 A boat that does not start within four (4) minutes of her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

10 THE FINISH

The finish line shall be between StFYC outer mark "A" and a yellow placard on the StFYC Race Deck. Boats shall keep StFYC inner mark "B" to the South while finishing.

11 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

11.1 The time limit for the distance race is 120 minutes.

11.2 Hydrofoil Kite: Boats failing to finish within ninety (90) minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 .2 and A5.

11.3 Windsurf class: Boats failing to finish within sixty (60) minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5.

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed electronically and shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit.

Electronic forms are available at http://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event_id=73

12.2 For each class, the protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the last boat finishes. That time will be posted. This constitutes the time limit mentions in the first sentence of RRS 61.3.

12.3 The protest committee will hear protest and requests for redress as soon as possible and in the order it determines. The hearing schedule will be posted no later than thirty (30) minutes after the close of protest time. This constitutes the notification required by RRS 63.2.

12.4 Notices of any other protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will also be posted. This constitutes the notification required by RRS 61.1(b).

12.5 The protest committee will attempt to notify competitors of hearings in which they are a party, by text message and/or email. Failure to post the notices on the regatta website or send the text message or email notification shall not be grounds for redress or reopening. This changes rule 62.1(a)

12.6 It is the sole responsibility of each boat involved to be ready and have witnesses available when the hearing is called.

12.7 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress on a protest committee decision, or a request to reopen a hearing, shall be delivered no later than sixty (60) minutes after the decision was announced, either written or orally. This changes RRS 62.2 and RRS 66.

13 SCORING

A boat's score will be her finish position.

14 [DP][NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

14.1 A competitor that retires from a race shall notify the race committee, a safety boat or the Beach Marshall as soon as possible.

14.2 Except for brief periods of time while changing kites, a competitor shall not have kites rigged and lines out on Crissy Beach.

14.3 Competitors shall comply with any directions or requests made by any Race Official, StFYC staff member, Golden Gate National Recreation Area staff member or the Beach Marshall.

15 [DP][NP] SUPPORT BOATS

- 15.1 Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.
- 15.2 All support boats shall register with the organizing authority during registration.
- 15.3 All support boats must prominently display the coach boat flag they are assigned during registration.

16 PRIZES

Prizes will be award to each class based on participation.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any kiteboard or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this regatta. By participating in this regatta, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

18 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

ATTACHMENT A - OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF MARKS AND COURSES

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MARK	DESCRIPTION
Start	The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the signal boat and a red buoy set to port.
1	Inflatable yellow buoy set as a windward mark near Presidio Shoals
2	Inflatable yellow buoy set north of the eastern most gap in the Berkeley Pier
3	Inflatable yellow buoy set at the western end of the Berkeley Pier
Finish	The finish line will be between the StFYC outer Buoy "A" and a yellow placard on the StFYC Race Deck.

COURSE	ROUNDING ORDER p = Round to Port s = Round to Starboard
1	Start -- 1(p) -- 2(p) -- Finish <i>Start - Head west to a yellow inflatable mark set north of Presidio shoal buoy, round the yellow inflatable to port - Head East to a yellow inflatable <u>buoy set north of the eastern most gap</u> in the Berkeley Pier, round the yellow inflatable to port - proceed to the Finish Line between the StFYC outer Buoy "A" and a yellow placard on the StFYC Race Deck.</i>
2	Start -- 1(p) -- 3(p) -- Finish <i>Start - Head west to a yellow inflatable mark set north of Presidio shoal buoy, round the yellow inflatable to port - Head East to a yellow inflatable <u>buoy set at the western end</u> of the Berkeley Pier, round the yellow inflatable to port - proceed to the finish line between the StFYC outer Buoy "A" and a yellow placard on the StFYC Race Deck.</i>