



International 18 Skiff Regatta

St. Francis Yacht Club

August 21 – 26, 2011

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Competitors are required to wear life-jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy while racing. The “Y” flag will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.
- 1.3 A boat may touch any or all marks of the course. This changes RRS 31.
- 1.4 Contact by spinnakers and tillers (including extensions), without damage or injury, and between 18 Skiffs, shall not be penalized by the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 1.5 If a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 while racing, her penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

2. ENTRIES

Eligible boats shall complete registration with the StFYC Race Office from 1000 to 1200 hours on Sunday, August 21, 2011.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 A Competitors’ Meeting will be held at StFYC Sunday, August 21 at 1230 hours on Crissy Field.
- 3.2 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located in the hallway adjacent to the side (Regatta) entrance of StFYC.
- 3.3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1200 hours on the day they are to take effect, except any changes to Sailing Instruction 4, Number & Schedule of Races, will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before they take effect.
- 3.4 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the StFYC Race Deck.
- 3.5 Questions regarding the Sailing Instructions may be submitted in writing to the Race Committee. Questions and written responses will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.

4. NUMBER & SCHEDULE OF RACES

Sunday, August 21

1000-1200 Registration & Check-In – StFYC Race Office
1230 Competitors’ Meeting – Crissy Field
1400 Warning Signal - Race #1 (Race #2 to immediately follow)
1800 Evening Social/Debriefing

Monday, August 22

1300 Warning Signal - Race #3 (Race #4 to immediately follow)
1800 Evening Social/Debriefing

Tuesday, August 23

1300 Warning Signal - Race #5 (Race #6 to immediately follow)
1800 Evening Social/Debriefing

Wednesday, August 24

Lay Day no racing scheduled

Thursday, August 25

- 1500 Warning Signal - Race #7
- 1730 Warning Signal - Race #8 (Ronstan Bridge to Bridge race)
- 1930 Ronstan Bridge to Bridge Party – StFYC

Friday, August 26

- 1300 Warning Signal - Race #9 (Race #10 to immediately follow)
- 1800 Trophy Ceremony – StFYC

5. RACING AREA

The intended racing area will be the San Francisco City Front.

6. COURSES & MARKS

- 6.1** The courses and marks are described in Attachment A – Official Description of Marks and Courses.
- 6.2** No later than the Warning Signal, a placard designating the course will be displayed from the Signal Boat.

7. RESTRICTED AREAS

- 7.1** Boats shall not pass through the “H” Beam (located approximately 200 yards west of the St. Francis YC) and the closest point ashore.
- 7.2** Boats may not pass between the Anita Rock buoy and the closest point ashore.
- 7.3** The above-mentioned areas are defined as obstructions.
- 7.4** A boat that breaks this rule may not correct her error per and shall retire. This changes RRS 28.1.

8. THE START

- 8.1** The class flag will be a white flag with a black letter “A” on it.
- 8.2** The Starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow flag on a Starting Line Signal boat and an inflatable orange buoy.
- 8.3** A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.

9. RECALLS

The Race Committee may hail the Logo of the boat(s) identified on the course side of the starting line after the starting signal by loud hailer. The failure of a hail, the failure of a boat hearing the hail or the order of the hails shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 41 and 62.1(a).

10. CHANGES OF COURSE AFTER THE START

A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark, identified by a black band, may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark. This changes RRS 33.

11. THE FINISH

Finish Line will be between a yellow placard on the StFYC Race Deck and StFYC Mark "A".

12. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes. A boat finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat in her class shall be scored “Did Not Finish” without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

13. PROTESTS

- 13.1** Protests and requests for redress shall be written on Standard US SAILING Protest Forms. Protest Forms are available at the St. Francis Yacht Club Front Desk. Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the Race Committee Representative at the Front Desk within 60 minutes after the arrival of the Race Committee Signal Boat ashore. This time limit will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.
- 13.2** The time and place of all protest hearing(s), the boat(s) protesting, boat(s) being protested and boat(s) requesting redress will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board within 90 minutes after the arrival of the Race Committee Signal Boat ashore. This shall serve as notification as per RRS 63.2.
- 13.3** A request to reopen a hearing on the last day of racing must be delivered to the front desk of the St. Francis Yacht Club within 60 minutes of the posting of the Protest Committee's decision (oral or written). This changes RRS 66.

14. SCORING

- The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A of the RRS, as modified below applies. A minimum of three races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.1** If fewer than five races are held, no scores will be excluded.
 - 14.2** If five or more races are completed, a boat's worst score will be excluded.
 - 14.3** If nine or more races are completed, a boat's worst two scores will be excluded.

15. INTERFERENCE WITH COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC

- As stated in the RRS preamble to the Part 2 rules: When a boat sailing under these rules meets a vessel that is not, she shall comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) or other government right-of-way rules.
- 15.1** The Race Committee shall protest any such boat if the vessel or the Coast Guard reports to the Race Committee that a boat has failed to comply with the IRPCAS or other government right-of way rules.
 - 15.2** The Protest Committee will extend the time limit to file such a protest when necessary.
 - 15.3** The Race Committee may signal a boat (with a sound signal and by displaying Code Flag V) to take avoiding action when, in their judgment, the boat is required to do so by the IRPCAS or other government right-of-way rules. The signaled boat shall take avoiding action unless such action would create an unsafe condition.
 - 15.4** The StFYC will cooperate with and provide relevant information to the Coast Guard or other governmental authority regarding investigations of boats violating these rules and regulations.

16. DISPOSAL OF WASTE OR TRASH

No boat shall discharge trash of any kind into the San Francisco Bay. Any boat observed breaking this rule is subject to protest only by the Race Committee or Protest Committee. The penalty for a breach of this rule, which may include disqualification from a race, is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes rules 60.1(a) and 64.1(a).

17. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top three overall teams.

**ATTACHMENT A
OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF MARKS AND COURSES**

MARK	DESCRIPTION
1	Inflatable red buoy set as a Windward Mark
3	Inflatable red buoy set as a Leeward Mark
MCG	Inflatable yellow buoys set as a Gate

COURSE	ROUNDING ORDER (Marks 1 and 3 shall be rounded to port)
1	n/a
2	S - 1 – MCG - 3 - MCG - 1 - MCG - 3 - F
3	S - 1 - MCG - 3 - MCG - 1 - MCG - 3 - MCG - 1 - MCG - 3 - F
4	S - 1 - MCG - 3 - MCG - 1 - MCG - 3 - MCG - 1 - MCG - 3 – MCG – 1 – MCG – 3 - F

COURSE CONFIGURATION

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Race Deck StFYC A
(finish line)

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(MCG)

O Signal Boat
(start line)

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