

St. Francis Yacht Club November 9-10, 2013

NOTICE OF RACE

St. Francis Yacht Club will host the initial stop (of three) in the California Dreamin' Series (CDS) in J-22s on November 9-10, 2013. San Diego Yacht Club will host the second stop (also in J-22s) on January 11-12, 2014 and Long Beach Yacht Club will host the third stop (in Catalina 37s) on March 1-2, 2014.

- 1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY The Organizing Authority (OA) will be the St. Francis Yacht Club.
- **2 VENUE** The venue will be the San Francisco City Front.

3 EVENT GRADING

The event is an ISAF GRADE 3 event. The grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Racing rankings Sub-Committee and can be re-graded if there is clear reason to do so.

4 SCHEDULE (PROVISIONAL)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Friday, November 8	1200-1600	Boats available for practice – On the Water
	1200-1600	Registration & Weigh In – Board Room
Saturday, November 9	0900-0930	Registration & Weigh In – Board Room
	0930	Competitors' Briefing with Umpires – Chart Room
	TBA at Briefing	First Warning Signal – On the Water
	After racing	Competitor Debrief – Starting Line Room
Sunday, November 10	0930	Competitors' Briefing with Umpires – Chart Room
	TBA at Briefing	First Warning Signal – On the Water
	After racing	Competitors' Debrief & Awards – Chart Room

Registration, Weigh In, and Competitors' Meetings are mandatory unless excused by the OA.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- **5.1** Eight skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
- **5.2** The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, unless excused by the OA.
- **5.3** To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of invitation via electronic mail prior to the deadline stated in the invitation. Confirmation of acceptance shall include a non-refundable entry bond (50% of the entry fee) in the amount of \$200.
- **5.4** Confirmed skippers who withdraw their entry less than 60 days prior to the event may have ISAF ranking points deducted per ISAF guidelines.
- **5.5** All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF regulation 19.2.
- **5.6** All skippers shall provide the OA with their ISAF Sailor ID at registration.

6 ENTRIES

- 6.1 The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, weigh-in and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made in US dollars, credit card, or charge to the member's club account. The final competitor list will be noted in SI Appendix A.
- 6.2 The total entry fee is \$400. The initial 50% is due upon confirmation, and the remaining \$200 of the entry fee shall be paid prior to October 31, 2013.
- **6.3** Damage deposit
 - (a) An initial damage deposit of \$1,500 shall be paid or authorized as a charge against the skipper's credit card at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
 - (b) In the event a deduction from the damage deposit is assessed by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
 - (c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded 30 days after the event, minus the costs of any yacht damage or other costs incurred and left unpaid, for which the OA deems the skipper to be responsible.

7 RULES

- 7.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- **7.2** The rules for the handling of boats (SI Appendix C) will also apply to any practice sailing. Class rules will not apply.
- **7.3** US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 68 and 76.1 shall apply and will be posted on the official notice board. US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 shall not apply.

- **7.4** RRS 40 is changed as follows: Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device while racing, except when below deck or briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- **7.5** Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- **8.1** The event will be sailed in J22-type boats provided by the OA.
- **8.2** Eight boats and one spare boat will be provided.
- **8.3** Boats will be provided with a mainsail, jib and spinnaker. Sails will stay with the boats.
- **8.4** Boats will be allocated by draw and rotated daily. The OA or Race Committee (RC) may also assign boats during any round.
- **8.5** The OA or RC may require rotation of sails for any reason. Rotation of sails by the OA or RC shall not be grounds for redress by a competitor. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- **8.6** Boats will be checked in and checked out in accordance with StFYC Race Office procedures. Skippers shall not leave their boats after racing before completing the check-in procedure.

9 CREW

- 9.1 The number of crew, including the skipper, shall be four. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- **9.2** The maximum total crew weight, including the skipper, shall be 350 kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- **9.3** Crew shall complete weigh in at registration. No further weigh-in will be required except for crew substitutions.
- **9.4** When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- **9.5** When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize a temporary or permanent replacement.

10 EVENT FORMAT

- **10.1** The intended event format is an eight-boat, double round robin.
- **10.2** The OA may change the format, terminate, or eliminate any round when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.

11 COURSE

- 11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings.
- **11.2** The intended course area is the San Francisco City Front, using inflatable marks.

12 ADVERTISING

- **12.1** As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organizing Authority, ISAF regulation 20.3 applies. Each boat may be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 12.2 Competitors will not be required to wear clothing or a logo of an event sponsor while racing or at an official function.
- **12.3** Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.
- 12.4 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising. This changes RRS 60.1.

13 PRIZES

Skippers will earn points toward the overall California Dreamin' Series based on their finishing results. The top two skippers and crews will receive suitable take-home trophies.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

The OA may require television personnel (or dummies) and equipment supplied by the OA to be carried on board while racing and may require competitors to be available for interviews. The OA shall have the right to use any and all images and sound recorded during the event free of charge.

15 DISCLAIMER

Competitors shall participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 4, DECISION TO RACE). The OA does not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16 INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited, please contact the Regatta Chairman via email with your sailing resume, ISAF number, and yacht club affiliation.

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