



# JESSICA CUP

St. Francis Yacht Club

October 19, 2013

## 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 RRS 40 is changed as follows: Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except when below deck or briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.3 Boats shall be scored on corrected times (CT) based on the assigned time-on-distance rating (RATING).
- 1.4 Time on Distance will be calculated utilizing the following formula:  $CT=ET - (Distance*(RATING)/60)$ , where ET= Elapsed Time and Distance is the rated course distance per Attachment-A.

### 2. Entries

- 2.1 Eligible boats shall complete registration online ([www.stfyc.com](http://www.stfyc.com)) prior to 0900 hours on October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 2.2 Fleet divisions will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board no later than 1800 hours on Friday, October 18 on the Official Notice Board. An unofficial copy may be posted on the regatta website.
- 2.3 Fleet divisions and code flags are described in Attachment-A.

### 3. Communication with Competitors

- 3.1 A Competitors' Meeting will be held at StFYC Saturday at 1030 hours.
- 3.2 Official Notices 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 1045 hours on the day they are to take effect, except any changes to Sailing Instruction 3, Number and 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. When signal flag AP is displayed from the race deck, the time for the warning signal will be made no earlier than 30 minutes after the lowering of the AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 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.
- 3.6 Race Committee communications will take place on VHF channel 68.

### 4. Schedule of Races

<i>DAY</i>	<i>RACE</i>	<i>TIME</i>
Saturday October 19	Race #1	1200 hours – First Warning Signal
	Race #2	Immediately following Race #1

### 5. Racing Area

Races will be conducted on the San Francisco City Front utilizing the StFYC race deck for starts and finishes.

### 6. Courses and 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, Code Flag(s) designating the course will be displayed from the Race Deck flag pole.

### 7. Restricted Areas

- 7.1 For safety reasons, each of the lines bounded by the following two points is an obstruction:

- a) The SF Marina entrance Wave Attenuator and the closest point ashore.
- b) The “H” Beam piling (located approximately 200 yards west of the St. Francis YC) and the closest point ashore.
- c) Anita Rock Light and a yellow buoy “AR” (located approximately 100 yards northwest of the Anita Rock Light).
- d) Anita Rock Light and the closest point ashore.
- e) The yellow buoy “AR” (located approximately 100 yards NW of Anita Rock Light) and the closest point ashore.
- f) The Green Bell Buoy off the west end of Alcatraz Island and Alcatraz Island.

**7.2** Boats are prohibited from sailing across any of these lines while racing.

**8. The Start**

**8.1** Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The warning for the succeeding division will be made no earlier than one-minute after the preceding start. The intended division starting order is described in Attachment-A; however, division may be started in any order for the second race.

Times shall be taken from the visual signal; failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Signal	Visual Signal	(Sound Signal)	Minutes to Start
	Display Course Code Flag(s)		
Warning	Display Division Letter Code Flag	(gun)	5
Preparatory	Display P or I, Z, or black flag	(gun)	4
	Lower preparatory flag	(horn)	1
Start	Lower Division Letter Code Flag	(gun)	0

**8.2** The Starting Line will be the StFYC “A” Buoy (outer buoy) or a temporary buoy and a yellow vertical panel on the Race Deck of the StFYC. The Direction of the start is described per 8.3 and 8.4 below.

**8.3** Courses **1** through **16** - The start shall be from East to West leaving Mark “A” to Starboard.

**8.4** Courses **17** through **25** - The start shall be from West to East leaving Mark “A” to Port.

**8.5** A boat shall not start later than 4 minutes after her starting signal. A boat that starts later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35.

**8.6** StFYC “B” Buoy (inner buoy) or a temporary buoy must be left to the south when starting.

**9. Recalls**

The Race Committee may hail the sail number(s) of the boat(s) identified on the course side of the starting line after the starting signal, by loud hailer or VHF. 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 62.1(a).

**10. The Finish**

**10.1** The Finish Line will be between StFYC “A” Buoy (outer buoy) or a temporary buoy and a yellow vertical panel on the Race Deck of the StFYC.

**11. Time Limit for Each Race**

The Time Limit for each race will be 3½ hours. A boat failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat in her division will be scored “Did Not Finish” by the Race Committee. This Changes RRS 35.

**12. Commercial Traffic, Safety**

**12.1** Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with the U.S. Inland Navigation Rules Act of 1980.

**12.2** If a commercial vessel has sounded five blasts, and/or the vessel or the Coast Guard identifies an offending boat, the Race Committee shall protest the boat, in which case the Protest Committee shall assume that the identified boat has impeded passage or violated the U.S. Inland Navigation Rules, and the identified boat shall have the

burden of proving otherwise. In the case of a complaint by Vessel Traffic or the Coast Guard, the protest time limit shall be extended up to two days after the conclusion of the regatta. This changes RRS 60.2(a) and 61.3.

**12.3** A Race Committee boat may signal a boat to alter course to avoid impeding the passage of commercial vessels by making a sound signal (horn or whistle) and pointing Code Flag V at the boat. The signaled boat shall promptly comply with the signal unless compliance would create an unsafe condition. If a boat fails to comply with such a signal, the Race Committee shall protest the boat, in which case the Protest Committee shall assume that the course alteration would not have created an unsafe condition, and the protested boat shall have the burden of proving otherwise.

**12.4** A boat may be penalized independently under any paragraph of this SI. A violation of any part this sailing instruction shall not be exonerated by a Scoring Penalty, and a resulting disqualification shall not be excludable under RRS A2. The St.FYC shall cooperate with and provide relevant information to the Coast Guard or other governmental authority regarding investigations of boats impeding ship traffic or violating U.S. Inland Navigation Rules.

### **13. Protests**

**13.1** Protests and requests for redress may be written on Standard US SAILING Protest Forms. These Forms are available at the St. Francis Yacht Club Jury Desk located adjacent to the Official Regatta Notice Board. Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the Jury Desk 60 minutes after the last boat finishing the last race of the day. 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 30 minutes after the close of the protest filing time. This shall serve as notification as per RRS 63.2

**13.3** A request to reopen a hearing must be delivered to the Jury Desk of the St. Francis Yacht Club within 60 minutes of a boat receiving the Protest Committee's decision (oral or written). This changes RRS 66.

### **14. Scoring**

**14.1** One race must be completed to constitute a series. Each boat's score will be the sum of her scores for all races.

### **15. Disposal of Waste and Trash**

Boats observed breaking RRS 55 are 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. Discarding elastic or fiber bands or ties when setting a sail is permitted. This changes RRS 55, 60.1(a) and 64.1.

### **16. Berthing**

Competitor's Boats may be moored, free of charge, at the StFYC Guest Docks one night prior to racing and one night after racing concludes at the direction of the StFYC Dockmaster.

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

<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>CODE FLAG</b>
M1 (Marconi 1)	A
M2 (Marconi 2)	B
Farallon Clipper	C
Gaff	G
Bird	white flag with black insignia

<b>COURSE*</b>	<b>ROUNDING ORDER</b>							<b>DISTANCE (nm)</b>
1	Start	16s	6s				Finish	3.5
2	Start	16s	As	16s	6s		Finish	5.5
3	Start	16s	18s				Finish	6.1
4	Start	16s	18s	16s	6s		Finish	9.5
5	Start	16s	17s	8s	16s	6s	Finish	11.9
6	Start	16s	6s	17s	6s		Finish	6.9
7	Start	16s	17s	18s			Finish	7.4
8	Start	16s	17s	18s	16s	6s	Finish	10.7
9	Start	16s	17s	6s	16s	6s	Finish	9.0
12	Start	16s	17s	6s			Finish	5.5
13	Start	16s	17s	ALs			Finish	6.3
14	Start	YBp	17s	6s			Finish	5.3
15	Start	YBp	17p	4s	Xp	6s	Finish	7.7
16	Start	YBp	Xp	6s			Finish	5.1
17	Start	6p	16p	6p			Finish	3
18	Start	18p					Finish	4.2
19	Start	18p	16p	Xp			Finish	6.4
21	Start	6p	16p	18p	Xp	6p	Finish	9.6
23	Start	6p	17p	16p	6p		Finish	6.8
24	Start	6p	17p	6s			Finish	5
25	Start	6p	YBp	16p	17s	6s	Finish	9.5

\* 'p' & 's' designate Port and Starboard roundings, respectively

**Note: \* Double-digit course numbers will be displayed on a single halyard ie; "19" as flag 1 over 9**

**Rounding Marks**

**Description**

16	Yellow can mark "TB" (Tom Blackaller) .2 NM East of Fort Point
17	(Harding Rock) #17 Red Green "HR" 1 QK Fl. Red at Harding Rock
6	(Fort Mason) Yellow Can "M" 200 yd North of Ft Mason Docks or temporary orange ball
18	(Blossom Rock) #18 Red Green "BR" Fl. (2+1) G 6s Bell
YB	(Yellow Bluff) Inflatable RED buoy Approx. 0.5 nm East of Yellow Bluff
AL	Alcatraz Island
X	Yellow/Blue Sphere' X' located North of Golden Gate Yacht Club
A	StFYC "A" Buoy (outer buoy), yellow sphere or temporary inflatable mark
8	Red Bell Buoy - R "4" Fl 4s Horn 1 nm East of Point Blunt
4	(Knox) Red Bell Buoy, R "2" Fl 4s Pt Knox