



## RONSTAN BRIDGE TO BRIDGE

St. Francis Yacht Club

September 12, 2013

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 For the Formula class, the regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions (including Attachment A).
- 1.3 For the Kiteboarding Class, the regatta will be governed by the The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including ISAF Appendix F, except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions (including Attachment A).
- 1.4 Each windsurf competitor will be issued a racing bib, which shall be worn during the race. The bibs shall be turned in to the Race Office after racing as a checkout procedure. Kiteboarders shall wear their assigned numbered jerseys. Failure to turn in the bib will be grounds for a score of DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 1.5 18ft Skiff sailors must wear Ronstan bibs while racing.
- 1.6 Formula Boards must have sail numbers visible on both sides of all sails.
- 1.7 All competitors shall wear wet suits or appropriate foul weather gear while racing.

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 All competitors shall complete registration with the StFYC Race Office at Crissy Beach prior to 1600 hours on September 12, 2013.

#### 3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Official Notices will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located in the hallway adjacent to the side (Regatta) entrance of the StFYC.
- 3.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be announced at the Sailors' Meeting and posted one hour before the start of the race.
- 3.3 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the StFYC Race Deck.

#### 4. SCHEDULE (WINDSURFERS AND KITEBOARDERS)

<u>DAY &amp; DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
Thursday, September 12	1500-1600	Registration – Crissy Beach
	1600	Sailors' Meeting – Crissy Beach
	1730	Warning Signal
	After Racing	Social & Awards at StFYC

#### 5. RACING AREA

The intended Racing Area will be between the Golden Gate Bridge and the Bay Bridge.

#### 6. THE COURSE

The course and marks for the Ronstan Bridge to Bridge will be:

START	As per Sailing Instruction 7.1.
FINISH	As per Sailing Instruction 9.

#### 7. THE START

- 7.1 The Starting Line will be between the red nun buoy located approximately 200 yards west of the Golden Gate bridge (South end), and an orange and yellow striped flag displayed on a RIB (North end). There will be two boats positioned midline to indicate line segments. The Open/Catamaran Class is required to start on the southern portion of the line, the 18ft Skiffs are required to start in the middle portion, the kites and the boards are required to start on the Northern portion.
- 7.2 All vessels will start in the same sequence in accordance with RRS 26. The class flag will be a white flag with a black letter "A".
- 7.3 Any vessel starting later than four minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.

#### 8. RECALLS

The Race Committee may hail the sail number(s) or Logo of the boat(s), sail number(s) of the board(s), and/or bib/jersey

number(s) of kite(s) description 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 board or kite hearing the hail or the order of the hails shall not be grounds for redress.

**9. THE FINISH**

The Finish Line for the Ronstan Bridge to Bridge will be between a boat displaying an orange and yellow striped flag and an inflatable yellow cone set approximately 200 yards west of Treasure Island and 200 yards north of the Bay Bridge.

**10. TIME LIMIT FOR EACH RACE**

A boat, board, or kite finishing more than 30 minutes after the first finisher shall be scored "DNF" by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 35.

**11. SCORING**

The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A applies.

**12. RETIREMENTS**

It is each competitor's responsibility to notify the Race Committee at the earliest possible opportunity after retiring. Competitors who have retired must either inform a Race Committee boat, go to the Race Office to check in, or call the Race Office at 415-655-7756. Failure to check in with a Race Official after dropping out may result in disqualification without a hearing.

**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. 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.

**14.1** 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.

**14.2** The Protest Committee will extend the time limit to file such a protest when necessary.

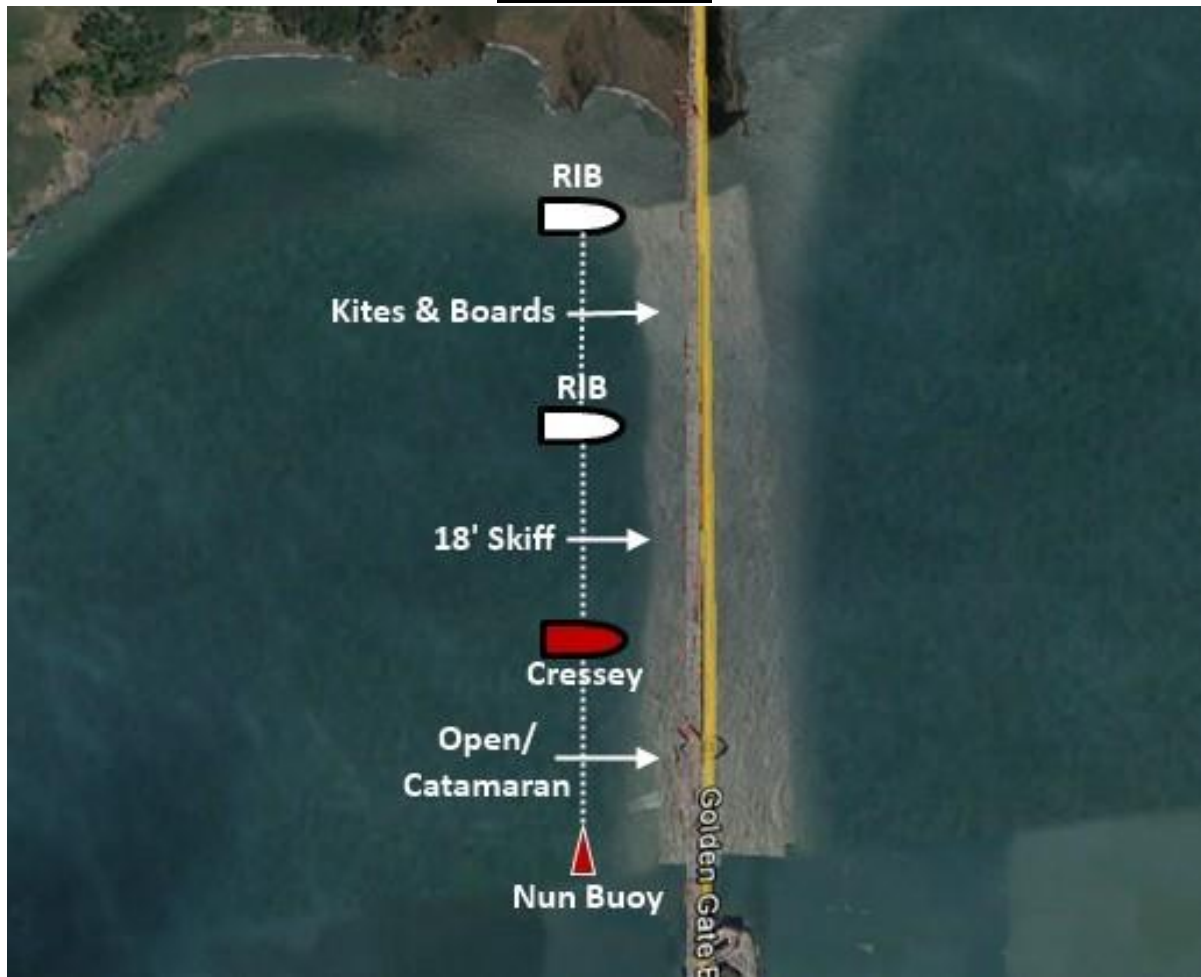
**14.3** The Race Committee may signal a boat (with a sound signal and by displaying Code Flag V) to take avoiding action when, in their judgment, the boat is required to do so by the IRPCAS or other government right-of-way rules. The signaled boat shall take avoiding action unless such action would create an unsafe condition.

**14.4** 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.

**15. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded based on participation.

## THE START



## THE FINISH

