



WOODIES INVITATIONAL

St. Francis Yacht Club

May 31- June 2, 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 For all fleets, the first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than the starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

2. ENTRIES

Eligible boats shall complete registration online (www.stfyc.com) or with the StFYC Race Office prior to 1400 hours on May 31, 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 StFYC.
- 3.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0945 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.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 Race Committee communications will take place on VHF channel 69.
- 3.6 The intended warning time for Race 3 will be communicated verbally at the BBQ lunch.

4. NUMBER & SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 There will be a BBQ Lunch at noon on Saturday, June 1 at StFYC.

4.2 For all classes, six races are scheduled in the series as follows:

<u>RACE</u>	<u>DAY & DATE</u>	<u>TIME OF FIRST WARNING SIGNAL</u>
1	Friday, May 31	1800 hours
2	Saturday, June 1	1030 hours
3	Saturday, June 1	Immediately following BBQ Lunch
4	Saturday, June 1	Immediately Following Race 3
5	Sunday, June 2	1100 hours
6	Sunday, June 2	Immediately Following Race 5

5. RACING AREA

Races will be conducted on 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.
- 6.3** No later than the Warning Signal, a flag designating the mark rounding direction will be displayed from the Signal Boat. If a red flag is displayed, all marks except for mark 3g shall be rounded to port. If a green flag is displayed, all marks except for mark 3g shall be rounded to starboard.

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

8. THE START

- 8.1** The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the Starting Line Signal Boat and a Red Inflatable cone, OR an orange and yellow striped flag on the pin boat.
- 8.2** A boat that starts later than 4 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35.
- 8.3** Class Flags will be a black class insignia on a white rectangular background.

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. 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** For races 1 and 2, the Finish Line will be between StFYC outer mark “A” and a yellow placard on the StFYC Race Deck. StFYC inner mark “B” must be left to the south while finishing.
- 10.2** For races 3 through 6, for courses with upwind finishes, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on a Race Committee boat and an orange buoy located approximately 200 yards upwind of Mark 1.
- 10.3** For races 3 through 6, for courses with downwind finishes, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the Starting Line Signal Boat and an orange buoy, opposite the starting line.

11. TIME LIMIT FOR EACH RACE

The Time Limit for each race is 2 hours. A boat failing to finish within 2 hours, or within 20 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes, will be scored DNF 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 AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 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 Jury Desk. For all fleets, protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the Race Committee Representative at the Jury Desk within 60 minutes after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks, or within 90 minutes of the last finisher for Race 1 on Friday. The protest filing times will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.
- 13.2** The time, place, and parties to all protest and redress hearing(s) will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board within 30 minutes after the close of filing time in 13.1 above. 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 announcement of the Protest Committee's decision (oral or written). This changes RRS 66.
- 13.4** Any protests filed for Race 1 in accordance with 13.1 will have hearings scheduled after racing on Saturday.

14. SCORING

- 14.1** One race must be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2** Each boat's score will be the sum of her scores for all races. This changes RRS A2.

15. DISPOSAL OF WASTE & TRASH

- 15.1** 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. Sacrificial rubber bands and yarn are not considered trash. This changes RRS 55, 60.1(a) and 64.1(a).

16. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded based upon class participation.

Additional Notices

BERTHING, HAUL OUT & TRAILER STORAGE

Competitors' boats may be moored free of charge at the StFYC guest docks two nights prior to the first race and the night following the conclusion of racing

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

MARK	DESCRIPTION
1	Inflatable yellow buoy set as a Windward Mark
1o	Inflatable red buoy set as an Offset Mark
3g	Two inflatable yellow buoys set as a Leeward Gate (located upwind of the Starting Line)
X	Yellow sphere "X" or temporary orange buoy North of Golden Gate Yacht Club
6	Yellow sphere "M" located approximately 200 yards North of Fort Mason Piers
16	Yellow sphere "TB" 0.2 NM East of Fort Point (Tom Blackhaller Buoy)

COURSE	ROUNDING ORDER
A	Start → 1 → 1o → 3g → Finish
B	Start → 1 → 1o → 3g → 1 → 1o → Finish
C	Start → 1 → 1o → 3g → 1 → 1o → 3g → Finish
D	Start → 1 → 1o → 3g → 1 → 1o → 3g → 1 → 1o → Finish
E	Start → 16 → X → 16 → Finish
F	Start → 16 → X → 16 → X → Finish
G	Start → 16 → X → 16 → 6 → Finish
H	Start → 16 → 6 → 16 → X → Finish
	<i>* Reference Sailing Instruction 6.3 for rounding direction</i>