



Northern California Winter Optimist Series #2
St. Francis Yacht Club
December 6-7, 2014

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the USODA conditions.
1.2 Rule 40 is changed as follows: Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

2 ENTRIES

Eligible boats shall complete the online entry form at www.stfyc.com, pay the entry fee, and submit the waiver (attached to the NOR) prior to 1100 hours on Saturday, December 6th.

3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1** A Competitors' Meeting will be held in the StFYC Junior Clubhouse at 1100 hours on Saturday, December 6th.
3.2 Official Notices will be posted on the bulletin board located in the StFYC Junior Clubhouse.
3.3 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted by 1000 hours on the day they are to take effect, except any changes to the schedule in sailing instruction 4 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 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.
3.6 The race committee signal boat intends to use a loud hailer for verbal communication on the water.

4 SCHEDULE

<u>Saturday, December 6</u>	<u>Sunday, December 7</u>
1000-1100 Registration/Check-In – StFYC Jr. Clubhouse	1200 First warning signal
1100 Competitors' Meeting – StFYC Jr. Clubhouse	1530 No warning signal after this time
1215 First warning signal	

- 4.2** A maximum of ten races will be completed over the weekend.

5 RACING AREA

Races will either be conducted between Fort Mason and the San Francisco Marina or on the City Front directly north of the St. Francis Clubhouse.

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 race committee signal boat.
6.3 For the Championship Fleet, Mark 1 will be an orange ball. Mark 1 for the Green Fleet will be a white ball.

7 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1** For safety reasons, each of the lines bounded by the following two points is an obstruction:
(a) The northern end of the SF Marina entrance Wave Attenuator and the closest point ashore.
(b) The southern end of the SF Marina entrance Wave Attenuator and the closest point ashore.
(c) The "H" Beam piling (located approximately 200 yards west of the St. Francis YC) and the closest point ashore.
7.2 Boats are prohibited from sailing across any of these lines while racing.

8 THE START & FINISH

- 8.1** Races will be started in accordance with RRS Appendix S.
8.2 The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the race committee signal boat and an orange inflatable buoy.
8.3 Class Flags will be as follows:
Championship Fleet:white flag with black class insignia
Green Fleets:green flag with white class insignia

- 8.4** The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the race committee signal boat and an orange inflatable buoy.
- 8.5** The start line and finish line are restricted for anyone not starting or finishing.
- 9 RECALLS**
The race committee may hail the sail number(s) of the boat(s) identified on the course side of the starting line at 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 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**
The race committee may adjust a mark or marks without signaling as long as no competitor is on that leg of the course. This changes RRS 33.
- 11 TIME LIMIT**
11.1 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes may be assigned a finish position commensurate with their position at the time or scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
11.2 The time limit for each race is 45 minutes.
- 12 COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC, SAFETY**
12.1 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 government right-of-way rules. This supplements, but does not replace the rules of Part 2.
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 a 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 Boats may not take a penalty under rule 44 for breaking any part of this SI, and a resulting disqualification shall not be excludable under rule A2. The StFYC 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 (33 CFR 83).
- 13 PROTESTS**
13.1 Protest Forms and are available at the StFYC Junior Office.
13.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the race committee representative at Junior Office within 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The protest filing time will be posted on the bulletin board located in the StFYC Junior Clubhouse.
13.3 The time, place, and parties to all protest and redress hearing(s) will be posted on the bulletin board located in the StFYC Junior Clubhouse within 30 minutes after the close of filing time in 13.2 above. This shall serve as notification as per RRS 63.2.
- 14 SCORING**
14.1 One race must be completed to constitute a series.
14.2 If fewer than five races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. If five or more races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

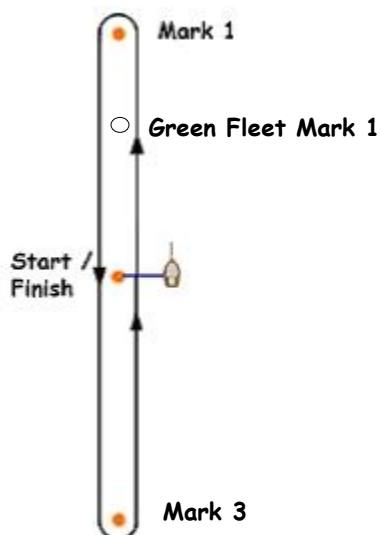
ATTACHMENT A
OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF MARKS AND COURSES

MARK	DESCRIPTION
1	Orange Ball (Championship Fleet) or White Ball (Green Fleet) as a Windward Mark
2	Orange Ball as a Reach Mark
3	Orange Ball as a Leeward Mark

COURSE	ROUNDING ORDER
1	Start → 1 → 3 → Finish <i>(Modified Windward/Leeward)</i>
2	Start → 1 → 2 → 3 → Finish <i>(Modified Triangle)</i>
3	Start → 1 → 3 → 1 → 3 → Finish <i>(Double Modified Windward/Leeward)</i>
4	Start → 1 → 2 → 3 → 1 → 2 → 3 → Finish <i>(Double Modified Triangle)</i>

COURSE DIAGRAMS
(not to scale)

COURSES 1 & 3



COURSES 2 & 4

