



RONSTAN BRIDGE TO BRIDGE

St. Francis Yacht Club

August 28, 2014



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix B - Windsurfing Competition Rules and Appendix F - Kiteboard Racing Rules.
- 1.2 Rule 40 is changed as follows: All competitors shall wear wetsuits with a minimum thickness of 3/2mm, which cover the knees and have short sleeves as minimum coverage.
- 1.3 Competitors in the Formula class must display sail numbers on both sides of all sails and must wear a jersey provided by the Organizing Authority.
- 1.4 Competitors in the Kite class shall wear their registered numbered jersey.
- 1.5 Competitors in the 18 Skiff class shall wear a jersey provided by the Organizing Authority.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

All competitors shall complete registration with the StFYC Race Office prior to 1600 hours on Thursday, August 28th.

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 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 & DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
Thursday, August 28 th	1500-1600	Registration – StFYC Race Office
	1615	Sailors' Meeting – StFYC Race Deck
	1730	Warning Signal
	After Racing	Social & Awards at StFYC

5 THE COURSE

The course for the Ronstan Bridge to Bridge will be:

START	As per Sailing Instruction 7.1
FINISH	As per Sailing Instruction 9
COURSE	From the start at the Golden Gate Bridge to the finish at the San Francisco Bay Bridge

6 THE START

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 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".
- 6.3 Any vessel starting later than four minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.

7 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.

8 THE FINISH

The Finish Line for the Ronstan Bridge to Bridge will be between two boats displaying orange and yellow striped set approximately 200 yards west of Treasure Island and 200 yards north of the Bay Bridge.

9 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.

10 SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A applies.

11 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.

12 PROTESTS

12.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be written on Standard US SAILING Protest Forms. Protest Forms are available at the St. Francis Yacht Club Race Office. Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the Race Committee Representative at the Race Office within 90 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes. This time limit will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.

12.2 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.

12.3 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.

13 COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC, SAFETY

13.1 As stated in the RRS preamble to the Part 2 rules, when a competitor 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.

13.2 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 competitor, 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.

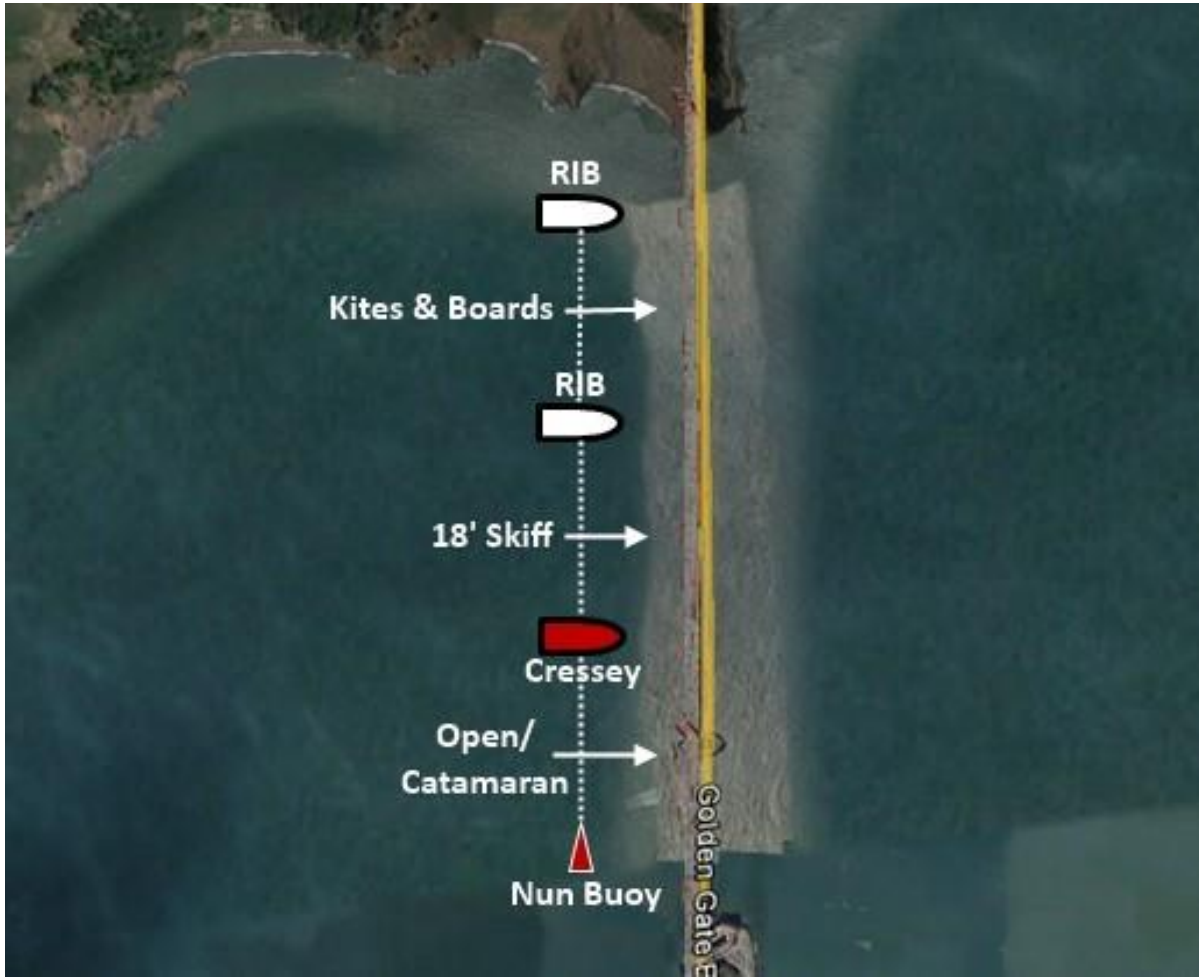
13.3 A Race Committee boat may signal a competitor to alter course to avoid impeding the passage of commercial vessels by making a sound signal (horn or whistle) and pointing Code Flag V at the boat. The signaled competitor shall promptly comply with the signal unless compliance would create an unsafe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

13.4 Competitors 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 competitors impeding ship traffic or violating U.S. Inland Navigation Rules (33 CFR 83).

14 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded based on participation.

THE START



THE FINISH

