



San Francisco Bay Folkboat Association

## 2014 WEDNESDAY EVENING SERIES

St. Francis Yacht Club

4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 8/6, 8/13, 8/20, 8/27

### 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 briefly changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.3 Appendix T, Section A, T1 shall apply as follows: 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. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Official Notices will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located in the hallway adjacent to the side (Regatta) entrance of StFYC.
- 2.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1730 hours on the day they are to take effect, Code Flag "L" will be displayed from the Race Deck.
- 2.3 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the StFYC Race Deck.
- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 Competitors should monitor VHF 69 for on the water communication with the Race Committee.
- 2.6 The Race Committee may announce which class is starting, course selection, a class's position relative to starting line and the sail number of boats that are OCS or have violated RRS 30. The failure of the Race Committee to hail a boat, the order of the hails, or the boat's inability to hear the hail shall not be grounds for redress.
- 2.7 The Race Committee's communications to competitors while racing shall not be considered outside help. This changes RRS 41.
- 2.8 Competitors retiring from a race before finishing shall notify the Race Committee as soon as reasonably possible after retiring.

#### 3. NUMBER & SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 3.1 Racing will be held on the following dates: 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 8/6, 8/13, 8/20, 8/27.
- 3.2 One race will be held each evening, with the first Warning Signal scheduled for 1830 hours.
- 3.3 The race on Wednesday, August 6th will be a non-counter for both the Series and Degnan scoring. This race is intended to promote the participation of guest skippers, either crew, past fleet "legends", or local sailing celebrities.

#### 4. RACING AREA

Races will be conducted on the San Francisco City Front.

#### 5. COURSES & MARKS

- 5.1 The courses and marks are described in Attachment A – Official Description of Marks and Courses.
- 5.2 No later than the Warning Signal, a numeral pennant(s) designating the course will be displayed from the flagpole on the StFYC Race Deck.

## **6. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

- 6.1** For safety reasons, each of the lines bounded by the following two points is an obstruction:
- (a) The “H” Beam piling (located approximately 200 yards west of the St. Francis YC) and the closest point ashore.
  - (b) Anita Rock Light located approximately 0.30nm West of StFYC (“Anita Rock” Q 20ft 5M), and a yellow buoy marked “AR” (located approximately 100 yards northwest of the Anita Rock Light).
  - (c) Anita Rock Light located approximately 0.30nm West of StFYC (“Anita Rock” Q 20ft 5M), and the closest point ashore.
  - (d) The yellow buoy marked “AR” (located approximately 100 yards northwest of Anita Rock Light) and the closest point ashore.
  - (e) StFYC inner Mark B and the closest point ashore.
- 6.2** Boats are prohibited from sailing across any of these lines while racing.

## **7. THE START**

- 7.1** The Starting 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.
- 7.2** 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 shall be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35.
- 7.3** Class Flags will be a black class insignia on a white rectangular background.
- 7.4** The intended starting order each night of racing shall be: IOD, Knarr, Folkboat.
- 7.5** A boat whose Preparatory Signal has not been made shall keep clear of the Starting Area and of all boats whose Preparatory Signal has been made.

## **8. 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).

## **9. THE FINISH**

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. TIME LIMIT FOR EACH RACE**

- 10.1** Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 10.2** The time limit for each race is 2 hours.

## **11. COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC, SAFETY**

- 11.1** 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.
- 11.2** 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.
- 11.3** 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.

- 11.4** 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).

## **12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 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 Front Desk. For all fleets, protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the Front Desk by 2100 hours on the evening of the race.
- 12.2** The time, place, and parties to all protest and redress hearings will be emailed to all parties. 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 St. Francis Yacht Club Front Desk within 60 minutes of the announcement of the Protest Committee's decision (oral or written). This changes RRS 66.

## **13. SCORING**

- 13.1** The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply, with the following exception: A boat that did not *start*, comply with RRS 30.2 or RRS 30.3, or *finish*, or that takes a penalty under RRS 44.3 or retires after *finishing*, or is disqualified, shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that started the race. This changes RRS A4.2.
- 13.2** Three races must be completed to constitute a *Series*.
- 13.3** For all classes: if six or fewer races are scored in the season *Series*, a yacht may discard her worst race score. If ten or more races are scored in the season *Series*, a yacht may discard her two worst race scores.
- 13.4** For all classes, all scheduled races will be scored for the season *Series* except racing taking place on August 6<sup>th</sup>.
- 13.5** For all classes, all scheduled races will be scored for the Degnan Trophy in accordance with the Degnan Trophy Scoring System except racing taking place on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **14. DISPOSAL OF WASTE OR 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.

## **15. PRIZES**

Nightly trophies will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place boats in each fleet each evening of racing. The Degnan Trophy will be awarded to the overall season champion.

## **Additional Notices**

### **BERTHING**

- Yacht owners are responsible for applicable docking fees. Docking privileges are subject to availability and require approval of the Dockmaster (415.813.9741). StFYC assumes no liability for loss of, or damage to, boats, gear or equipment brought onto Club premises.

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

<b>MARK</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>A</b>	Outer StFYC Start/Finish Mark
<b>B</b>	Inner StFYC Start/Finish Mark
<b>X</b>	Yellow sphere "X" or temporary orange buoy North of Golden Gate Yacht Club
<b>6</b>	White/Orange Sphere 200 yards North of Fort Mason Piers
<b>16</b>	Yellow Sphere "TB" .2 NM East of Fort Point (Tom Blackhaller Buoy)
<b>17</b>	RG "HR" Fl (2+1) R6s Harding Rock

**\*If any of the above marks are not on station, they may be replaced by a temporary orange buoy**

<b>COURSE</b>	<b>ROUNDING ORDER</b>
<b>1</b>	Start → 16s → As → 16s → Ap → 6s → Finish
<b>2</b>	Start → 16p → Ap → 16p → Ap → 6p → Finish
<b>3</b>	Start → 16s → As → 16s → As → 16s → Finish
<b>4</b>	Start → 16p → Ap → 16p → Ap → 16p → Finish
<b>5</b>	Start → 16s → Xs → 16s → Ap → 6s → Finish
<b>6</b>	Start → 16p → Xp → 16p → Ap → 6p → Finish
<b>7</b>	Start → 16s → Xs → 16s → Finish
<b>8</b>	Start → 16p → Xp → 16p → Finish
<b>9</b>	Start → 16s → Ap → 6s → Finish
<b>10</b>	Start → 16p → Ap → 6p → Finish
<b>11</b>	Start → 16s → 17s → 6s → Finish
<b>12</b>	Start → 16s → Xs → 16s → Xs → Finish
<b>13</b>	Start → 16p → Xp → 16p → Xp → Finish
<b>14</b>	Start → 16s → Ap → 6s → 16s → Finish
<b>15</b>	Start → 16p → Ap → 6p → 16p → Finish

## ATTACHMENT B DEGNAN SCORING SYSTEM

The scoring system for the Degnan trophy will be as follows:

- B1. In all races the points awarded to a finisher is based upon his/her finish position and the total number of finishers in her fleet, as per the matrix, below<sup>1</sup>.
- B2. Each boat finishing a race will be awarded 2 “participation” points, regardless of how many boats from a particular fleet enter, and regardless of finishing position.
- B3. The boat with the highest number of cumulative points at the end of the scheduled races wins the trophy.
- B4. In the unlikely event of a tie, the tie will be broken using the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing, “SERIES TIES”, Section A8.

<b>Place &gt;&gt;</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6th or higher</b>
<b>1 finisher</b>	4.62					
<b>2 finishers</b>	5.15	4.09				
<b>3 finishers</b>	5.70	4.48	3.66			
<b>4 finishers</b>	6.35	4.92	3.95	3.31		
<b>5 finishers</b>	7.10	5.35	4.20	3.45	2.95	
<b>6 finishers</b>	8.00	6.02	4.70	3.81	3.21	2.00
<b>7 or more finishers</b>	9.00	6.69	5.15	4.11	3.41	2.00

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<sup>1</sup> The points shown on the matrix include the participation points.