



International 18 Skiff Regatta

St. Francis Yacht Club

August 31 - September 4, 2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Competitors are required to wear life-jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy while racing. The "Y" flag will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.
- 1.3 If a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 while racing, her penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 1.4 A boat may touch any or all marks on the course with the exception of the race committee signal boat or any race committee vessel acting as a mark of the course. This changes RRS 31.

2. ENTRIES

Eligible boats shall complete registration prior to 1000 on Monday, August 31st.

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 and at www.stfyc.com.
- 3.2 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted by 1000 hours on the day they are to take effect, except any changes to sailing instruction 4, Number & Schedule of Races, will be posted by 2000 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.

4. SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Monday	900-1000	Registration
	1000	Skipper's Meeting
	1100	First Warning Signal
Tuesday	1200	First Warning Signal
Wednesday		RESERVE DAY
Thursday	1730	Warning Signal for Ronstan Bridge to Bridge (*see separate NOR/SI)
Friday	1300	First Warning Signal

5. RACING AREA

The intended racing area will be 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 New marks, as provided in instruction 10, will be the original mark color with a black band around it. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark will be replaced, it will be replaced with the original mark without the black band.

7. RESTRICTED AREAS

7.1 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 (Light List 4290) and the closest point ashore.
- (c) Anita Rock Light (Light List 4290) and a yellow buoy marked "AR" (located approximately 100 yards northwest of the Anita Rock Light).
- (d) The yellow buoy marked "AR" (located approximately 100 yards NW of Anita Rock Light) or a temporary orange buoy in it's place and the closest point ashore.

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

8. THE START

8.1 The class flag will be a white flag with a black letter "A" on it.

8.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow flag on a starting line signal boat and an inflatable orange buoy or, a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the pin boat.

8.3 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.

9. RECALLS

The race committee may hail the logo of the boat(s) 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 boat hearing the hail or the order of the hails shall not be grounds for redress.

10. CHANGES OF COURSE AFTER THE START

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a yellow placard on the StFYC Race Deck and StFYC Mark "A".

12. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

12.1 The target time for each race is 45 minutes.

12.2 The time limit for each race will be 65 minutes.

12.3 A boat finishing more than 20 minutes after the first boat in her class shall be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

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 Jury Desk. Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the race committee representative at the jury desk within 90 minutes after the arrival of the race committee signal boat ashore. This time limit will be posted on the official regatta notice board and at www.stfyc.com.

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 95 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. SCORING

14.1 Three races must be completed to constitute a series.

14.2 When fewer than five races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

14.3 When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

- 14.4** When ten or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 15. COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC, SAFETY**
- 15.1** Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with the U.S. Inland Navigation Rules Act of 1980.
- 15.2** 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.
- 15.3** 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.
- 15.4** 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 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.
- 16. DISPOSAL OF WASTE OR TRASH**
- No boat shall discharge trash of any kind into the San Francisco Bay. Any boat observed breaking this rule is 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. This changes rules 60.1(a) and 64.1(a).
- 17. PRIZES**
- Prizes will be awarded as stated in the NOR.

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

MARK	DESCRIPTION
1	Inflatable yellow buoy
3	Inflatable yellow buoy
MCG	Inflatable yellow buoys as a Midcourse Gate

COURSE	ROUNDING ORDER (Marks 1 and 3 shall be rounded to port)
1	S - 1 - MCG - 3 - F
2	S - 1 - MCG - 3 - MCG - 1 - MCG - 3 - F
3	S - 1 - MCG - 3 - MCG - 1 - MCG - 3 - MCG - 1 - MCG - 3 - F
4	S - 1 - MCG - 3 - MCG - 1 - MCG - 3 - MCG - 1 - MCG - 3 - MCG - 1 - MCG - 3 - F

COURSE CONFIGURATION

