



ELVSTROM ZELLERBACH REGATTA

Including:

Laser District 24 Championship

St. Francis Yacht Club

May 2-3, 2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including *Appendix B and Appendix F*.
- 1.2 Except for Kiteboard and Windsurf classes, RRS 40 is changed as follows: Competitors shall wear personal floatation devices while racing.
- 1.3 Competitors in the Kiteboard and Windsurf classes shall wear wetsuits with a minimum thickness of 3/2mm, which covers the knees and has short sleeves as minimum coverage.
- 1.4 Kiteboarders shall wear their registered numbered jerseys.

2. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 A Competitors' Meeting will be held at 1000 hours on Saturday, May 2nd.
- 2.2 Official Notices will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located in the hallway adjacent to the side (regatta) entrance of StFYC.
- 2.3 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 3, Number and Schedule of Races, will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before they take effect.
- 2.4 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the StFYC Race Deck.
- 2.5 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.
- 2.6 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. NUMBER & SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 3.1 Six races are scheduled, with three races intended on Saturday and three races intended on Sunday. The race committee may run up to four races on one day.
- 3.2 The first warning signal for all classes except Hydrofoil Kite and Formula Windsurf will be 1130 hours on Saturday and 1100 hours on Sunday. For the Hydrofoil Kite and Formula Windsurf classes, the first intended warning signal is 1430 hours on Saturday and 1400 on Sunday.

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 placard designating the course will be displayed from the signal boat.
- 5.3 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, with the exception of the gate, shall be rounded to port. If a green flag is displayed, all marks, with the exception of the gate, shall be rounded to starboard.
- 5.4 Mark 3 will be a gate. In the event that the gate is not in place, the single mark 3 shall be rounded in the same direction as the previous mark.
- 5.5 Mark 4 will be a gate. In the event that the gate is not in place, the single mark 4 shall be rounded in the same direction as the previous mark.
- 5.5 Mark 1o is an offset set off of mark 1. In the event that mark 1o is not in place, the single windward mark 1 shall

be rounded as designated by the red or green flag flown on the signal boat at the start.

- 5.6** Mark 2o is an offset set off of mark 2. In the event that mark 2o is not in place, the single windward mark 2 shall be rounded as designated by the red or green flag flown on the signal boat at the start.
- 5.7** After completing the first leg of the course, a boat shall not cross the starting line. A boat shall not cross the finishing line until she is completing the last leg of the course and finishes. A boat that breaks this rule shall not correct her error. However, she will be exonerated if she takes a Two-Turns Penalty (see rule 44.2). This changes rule 28.1. On a leg of the course from 1 or 2 to 4 or from 4 to 1 or 2, boats may leave the start line and the finish line either to port or to starboard.

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 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.
 - (d) *Except for Kite and Windsurf divisions: Anita Rock Light* located approximately 0.30nm West of StFYC ("Anita Rock" Q 20ft 5M), *and a yellow buoy marked "AR" OR a temporary orange ball* (located approximately 100 yards northwest of the Anita Rock Light).
- 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 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 a race committee boat.
- 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 as follows:
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| F-18: | white flag with black class insignia |
| 505: | white flag with black class insignia |
| Laser Standard: | white flag with red class insignia |
| Laser Radial: | green flag with red class insignia |
| 420: | white flag with black insignia |
| 29er: | white flag with black insignia |
| Formula Windsurf: | white flag with colored class insignia |
| Hydrofoil Kite: | white flag with black letter "A" |
- 7.4** The intended starting order for the 1100 start of each day shall be: F-18, 505, 29er, 420, Laser Standard, Laser Radial. Subsequent races may be started in any order.

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 finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on a race committee boat and a white buoy, located approximately 75 yards below the starting line.

10. TIME LIMIT FOR EACH RACE

- 10.1** *Except for Windsurf and Kite Classes* the time limit for each race is 70 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 20 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** *For Windsurf and Kite Classes* the time limit for each race is 30 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 10 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.

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 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

- 12.1** Protests and requests for redress shall be written on standard US SAILING Protest Forms. This changes 61.2. Protest forms are available at the St. Francis Yacht Club Jury Desk. For all fleets, except the Kiteboards and Formula Windsurfers, protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the race committee Representative at the Jury Desk within 60 minutes after their race committee signal boat docks. The protest filing times will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board. For the Kiteboard and Formula Windsurf classes, protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the race committee representative at the Jury Desk within 60 minutes after the last finisher in the last race of the day, in their respective class.
- 12.2** 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 12.1 above. 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 announcement of the protest committee's decision (oral or written). This changes RRS 66.

13. SCORING

- 13.1** One race must be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2** 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.

Additional Notices

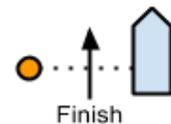
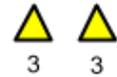
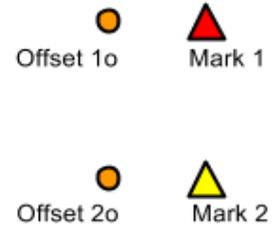
BERTHING, HAUL OUT & TRAILER STORAGE

- Competitors' Boats may be stored, free of charge in the lawn-median or dry storage area adjacent to the StFYC clubhouse from Friday evening through Sunday at the direction of the Dockmaster.
- If you plan on leaving a trailer in the City parking lot, an overnight parking permit must be obtained from the Race Office.

ATTACHMENT A - OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF MARKS AND COURSES

MARK	DESCRIPTION
1	Inflatable red buoy set as a long windward mark to windward of mark 2
1o	Inflatable orange ball set as an offset of the long windward mark
2	Inflatable yellow buoy set as a short windward mark
2o	Inflatable orange ball set as an offset of the short windward mark
3	Inflatable yellow buoys set as a leeward gate to windward of the starting line
4	Inflatable red buoys set as a leeward gate to leeward of the starting line

COURSE	ROUNDING ORDER
1	Start → 1 → 1o → 4 → Finish (upwind)
2	Start → 2 → 2o → 4 → Finish (upwind)
3	Start → 1 → 1o → 4 → 1 → 1o → 4 → Finish (upwind)
4	Start → 2 → 2o → 3 → 2 → 2o → 4 → Finish (upwind)
5	Start → 1 → 1o → 3 → 2 → 2o → 4 → Finish (upwind)
6	Start → 1 → 1o → 4 → 2 → 2o → 4 → Finish (upwind)



**Port roundings shown in diagram.
Reference 5.3 for rounding information.**

