



International Six Meter Invitational  
St. Francis Yacht Club October 6 – 9, 2015

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The measurement rule of the International 6 Meter Class will apply.
- 1.3 RRS 40 is changed as follows: Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except when below deck or briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.4 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 A Competitors' meeting will be held next to the Dockmaster's Office at StFYC on Tuesday at 1200 hours.
- 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 1230 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.
- 2.7 Race committee communications will take place on VHF channel 69.

**3. Number and Schedule of Races**

<u>DAY</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Tuesday	First Warning	1400
Wednesday	First Warning	1400
Thursday	First Warning	1600
Friday	First Warning	1600
	Social and awards	<i>After racing</i>

- 3.2 This schedule changes NOR 5.1.

#### **4 Racing Area**

The intended race areas are illustrated in Attachment B.

#### **5 Courses and Marks**

**5.1** The courses and marks are described in Attachment A – Official Description of Marks.

**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 shall be rounded to port. If a green flag is displayed, all marks shall be rounded 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) Anita Rock Light located approximately 0.30 NM West of StFYC (“Anita Rock” Q 20ft 5M), and a white buoy (located approximately 100 yards northwest of the Anita Rock Light).

#### **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 Mark “2” (red Inflatable).

**7.2** A boat that starts later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35.

**7.3** Class Flag will be a black letter “A” on a white rectangular background.

#### **8 Recalls**

**8.1** The race committee may hail via VHF 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 a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the starting line signal boat and Mark “2” (red Inflatable).

#### **10 Time Limit**

**10.1** The time limit for each race is 2 hours.

**10.2** 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.

## **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**

- 12.1** Protests and requests for redress may 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 within 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The protest filing times will be posted on the official regatta notice board.
- 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 FORMAT and SCORING**

- 13.1** One race must be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2** Each boat's score will be the sum of her scores for all races. This changes RRS A2.
- 13.3** All boats will start and race together and scored separately by rule generation.

## ATTACHMENT A

### DESCRIPTION OF MARKS

MARK	DESCRIPTION
1	Inflatable yellow mark set as a windward mark
2	Inflatable red mark set off of the signal boat
16	Yellow Can "TB" (Tom Blackaller) 0.45nm East of Fort Point
A	Outer Yellow sphere "A" approx. 400 yards north of StFYC Race Deck
X	Yellow sphere "X" approx. 400 yards north of Golden Gate YC

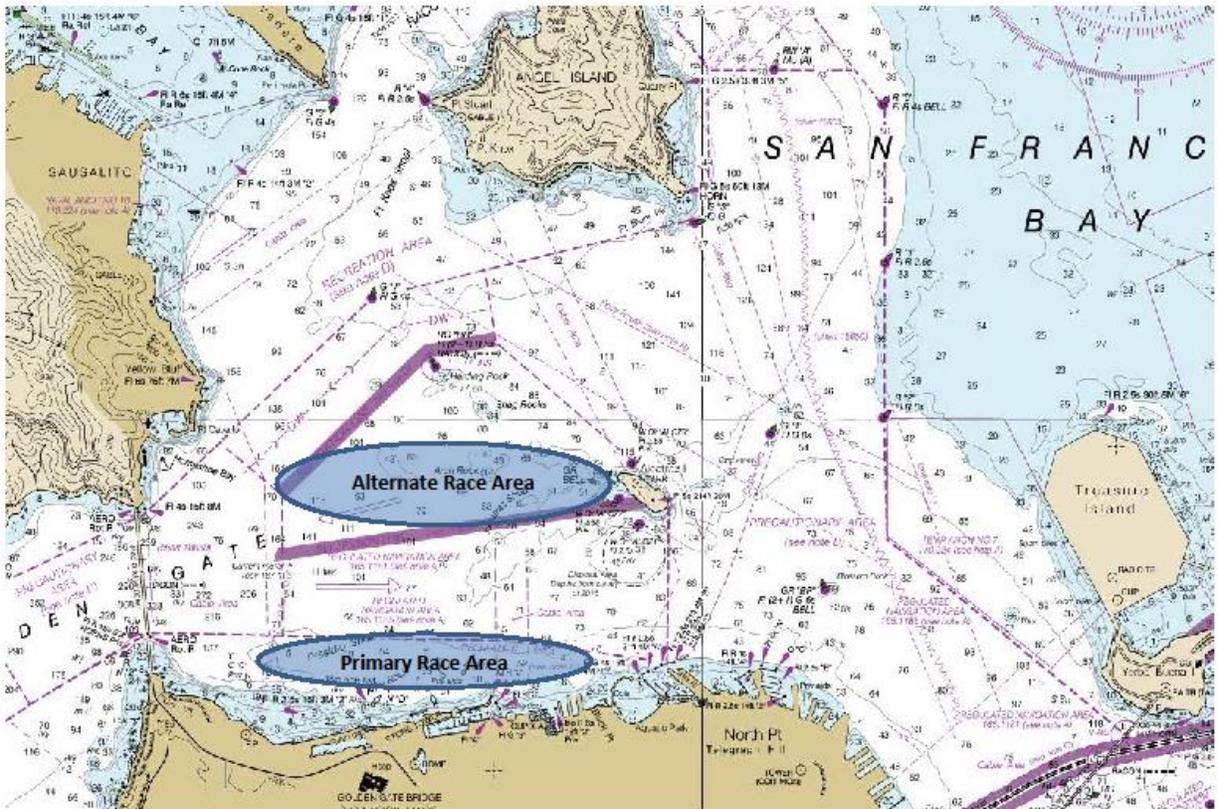
### COURSES

See SI 5.3 to reference rounding direction.

Course	Rounding Order
1	Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - Finish
2	Start - 1 - A - 1 - Finish
3	Start - 16 - 2 - 1 - Finish
4	Start - 16 - A - 16 - Finish
5	Start - 16 - X - 1 - Finish
6	Start - 1 - 2 - 16 - Finish

**ATTACHMENT B**

**RACING AREA**



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