



FALL INTERNATIONAL SIX METER REGATTA

Including:

2016 INTERNATIONAL SIX METER NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

St. Francis Yacht Club

October 20 – 22, 2016

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 rules of the International 6 Metre Class will apply.
 - a) Rule 2: Rule 2 boat with alloy mast and any type sails.
 - b) Rule 2 Classic - Rule 2 boat with wood mast and Dacron® sails.
 - c) Rule 3 Classic - Rule 3 boat.
 - d) Rule 3 Modern - Any 6 meter built after 1965.
- 1.3 The North American Championships will be run under the rules of the deed of gift of the Olin J. Stephens II trophy and the Canadian American Trophy for International Team Racing in Six Metre Yachts.
- 1.4 RRS 40 will be 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. The sailing instructions may change other rules.
- 1.5 Appendix T, Section A, T1 shall apply.
- 1.6 All boat owners must be a member of both the North American International Six Metre Association and International Six Metre Association. This membership requirement in whole or in part, may be waived by the OA.
- 1.7 All entries must meet the requirements set out in the Deed of Gifts.

2 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 A competitors' meeting will be held at StFYC on Thursday at 930 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 1000 hours on the day they are to take effect, except any changes to sailing instruction 3, Schedule, will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before they take effect.
- 2.4 Signal made ashore will be displayed from the race committee signal boat docked at the club docks.
- 2.5 When signal flag AP is displayed from the race committee signal boat docked at the club docks, 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. SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Thursday, October 20	0930	Competitor's Meeting
	1100	First Warning
Friday, October 21	1100	First Warning

Saturday, October 22

1100
1830

First Warning
Dinner & Awards at St. Francis Yacht Club

4 RACE AREA

The race area will be set on the San Francisco Bay utilizing inflatable and permanent marks.

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 temporary orange 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 3 (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 The class flag will be the class insignia on a white rectangular background.

8 RECALLS

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 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 office 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 SCORING

- 13.1** One race must be completed to constitute a series for the Fall International Six Metre Regatta. Five races must be completed to award the 2016 International Six Metre North American Championship.
- 13.2** Nine (9) races are scheduled.
- 13.3** When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her six (6) best races. This changes rule A2.

14. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded according to the Amended NOR.

ATTACHMENT A

DESCRIPTION OF MARKS AND COURSES

MARK	DESCRIPTION
1	Inflatable yellow shape set as a windward mark
2	Inflatable yellow shape set as a reach mark
3	Inflatable red shape 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

*Reference SI 5.3 for rounding direction

COURSE	ROUNDING ORDER
1	Start → 1 → 3 → 1 → Finish
2	Start → 1 → A → 1 → Finish
3	Start → 16 → 2 → 3 → 1 → Finish
4	Start → 16 → A → 16 → Finish
5	Start → 16 → 2 → 3 → A → Finish
6	Start → 1 → Finish

