SAN FRANCISCO BAY CHALLENGE
St. Francis Yacht Club
August 6, 2016

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in The *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, including *Appendix B Windsurfing Competition Rules* and *Appendix F Kiteboard Racing Rules*.

1.2 The following prescriptions will not apply: RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4. Sailing for this event.

1.3 [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee. [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing, or the protest committee with a hearing. [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1.4 All competitors shall wear wetsuits with a minimum thickness of 3/2mm, which covers the knees and has short sleeves as minimum coverage.

1.5 Competitors in the Hydrofoil Kite class shall wear their registered numbered jersey at all times while racing.

1.6 Competitors in the Formula Windsurf class shall have sail numbers on both sides of their sail.

2. ENTRIES

Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at www.stfyc.com prior to 1145 on August 6th.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 A sailor's meeting will be held at 1145 hours on Saturday, August 6th on the StFYC Race Deck.

3.2 Official notices will be posted on the official regatta notice board located in the hallway adjacent to the side (Regatta) entrance of StFYC.

3.3 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted by 1145 hours on the day they are to take effect.

3.4 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the StFYC Race Deck.

3.5 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. This changes RRS Race Signals.

3.6 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.

4. SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, August 6th	1145 hours	Competitor's Meeting – StFYC Race Deck
	1300 hours	First Possible Warning Signal
	After racing	Social and awards at St. Francis Yacht Club

5. RACING AREA

Races will be conducted on the San Francisco Bay.

6. COURSES & MARKS

The course and marks are described in Attachment A – Official Description of Marks and Courses.

7. THE START

7.1 The class flag for the Formula and Hydrofoil Kites will be a white flag with the black class insignia. The class flag for the Windsurf class will be a white flag with the colored class insignia.

7.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the signal boat and a red buoy set to port.

7.3 A competitor shall not start later than four minutes after her starting signal. A competitor that starts later than four minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35.

8. RECALLS

The race committee may hail the sail/jersey number(s) of the competitor(s) identified on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal. The failure of a hail, the failure of a competitor 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 the StFYC outer Buoy "A" and a yellow placard on the StFYC Race Deck.

10. TIME LIMIT FOR EACH RACE

10.1 The time limit for the distance race is 120 minutes.

10.2 For the kite class, competitors failing to finish within 90 minutes after the first competitor in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

10.3 For the Windsurf class, competitors failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first competitor in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not FInish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

11. COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC, SAFETY

11.1 As stated in the RRS preamble to the Part 2 rules, when a competitor 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 competitor, 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 competitor 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 competitor shall promptly comply with the signal unless compliance would create an unsafe condition. If a competitor fails to comply with such a signal, the race committee shall protest the competitor, in which case the protest committee shall assume that the course alteration would not have created an unsafe condition, and the protested competitor shall have the burden of proving otherwise.

11.4 Competitors may not take a penalty under RRS 44 for breaking any part of this SI, 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 competitors 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 will be written on standard US SAILING protest forms. Protest forms are available at the StFYC Race Office, and shall be lodged with the race office within 60 minutes of the last finisher in the respective fleet. This time limit will be posted on the official notice board.

12.2 The time and place of all hearing(s), the competitor(s) protesting, competitor(s) being protested and boat(s) requesting redress will be posted on the official notice board within 90 minutes of the last finisher in the last race of the day. This shall serve as notification as per RRS 63.2.

12.3 A request to reopen a hearing must be delivered to the Race Office of StFYC within 30 minutes of the parties to the protest receiving the jury's decision (oral or written). This changes RRS 66.

12.4 Infringements of sailing instructions 1.4-1.6 shall not be grounds for protest from one competitor to another, but may result in action from the jury and or race committee.

13. SCORING

A boat's score will be her finish position.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

14.1 [DP][NP] For all Hydrofoil Pro Tour registered competitors: Within 5 minutes of leaving shore at any time, each competitor shall scan their RFID wristband at a kiosk located at the beach. Within 10 minutes of returning to the shore at any time, sailors shall scan back in at a kiosk located at the beach. It is the responsibility of the kiter to visibly confirm their jersey number or name when checking in/out with the kiosk. RFID wristbands will be issued at registration (1 per competitor). Replacement of lost RFID wristbands will be $5.00.

14.2 [DP][NP] A competitor that retires from the race shall notify the race committee, a safety boat, the Race Office (in person or via 415.655.7756) or the beach marshall as soon as possible.

14.3 The race committee may protest a boat for a breach of these safety regulations.

14.4 [DP][NP] Competitors shall comply with any directions or requests made by any Race Official, StFYC staff member, Golden Gate National Recreation Area staff member or the Beach Marshall.

14.5 [SP][NP] A competitor flying a kite in the parking lot south of Crissy Beach is grounds for immediate disqualification from the day's racing without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

15. ADVERTISING

15.1 [DP][NP] Competitors may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. ISAF Regulation 20 Advertising Code shall apply.

15.2 [DP][NP] The only event advertising stickers and/or jerseys that may appear on equipment and/or may be worn are those issued by the organizing authority of the regatta in which the kiteboard is currently entered. Any other event advertising shall be removed.

15.3 [DP][NP] Jerseys shall be worn outside other clothing while racing. Competitors shall not deliberately cut or tear them.

15.4 [DP][NP] Jerseys shall be worn whenever going afloat during the duration of the event.

16. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded based on participation.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing, kiteboarding and hydrofoil kite racing are activities that have an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely a their own risk (see RRS 4, DECISION TO RACE). The race organizers, The St Francis Yacht Club (OA), Hydrofoil Pro Tour, race committee, protest committee, volunteers, or any other organization or official shall not be responsible or accept any material damage or personal injury or death sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release The St Francis Yacht Club (OA), Hydrofoil Pro Tour, race committee, protest committee, or any other organization or official from any and all claims, demands and liabilities associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by Local, State, and/or Federal Law.

18. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

ATTACHMENT A
OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF MARKS AND COURSES

MARK	DESCRIPTION
Start	The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the signal boat and a red buoy set to port.
1	Inflatable yellow buoy set as a windward mark near Presidio Shoals
2	Inflatable yellow buoy set north of the easter most gap in the Berkeley Pier
3	Inflatable yellow buoy set at the western end of the Berkeley Pier
17	Green/Red "HR" 1 Qk Fl R at Harding Rock
Finish	**T**he finish line will be between the StFYC outer Buoy "A" and a yellow placard on the StFYC Race Deck.

COURSE	ROUNDING ORDER p = Round to Port | s = Round to Starboard
1	Start -- 1(p) -- 2(p) -- Finish *Start - Head west to a yellow inflatable mark set north of Presidio shoal buoy, round the yellow inflatable to port - Head East to a yellow inflatable <u>buoy set north of the eastern most gap</u> in the Berkeley Pier, round the yellow inflatable to port - proceed to the Finish Line between the StFYC outer Buoy "A" and a yellow placard on the StFYC Race Deck.*
2	Start -- 1(p) -- 3(p) -- Finish *Start - Head west to a yellow inflatable mark set north of Presidio shoal buoy, round the yellow inflatable to port - Head East to a yellow inflatable <u>buoy set at the western end</u> of the Berkeley Pier, round the yellow inflatable to port - proceed to the finish line between the StFYC outer Buoy "A" and a yellow placard on the StFYC Race Deck.*