



2016 BLUERUSH THURSDAY NIGHT KITE RACE SERIES

St. Francis Yacht Club

April 7 & 21, May 5, 12 & 19, June 2, 16 & 30, July 14 & 28, August 11, September 8 & 22, October 6

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 F*.
- 1.2 All competitors shall wear wetsuits with a minimum thickness of 3/2mm, which cover the knees and has short sleeves as minimum coverage.
- 1.3 Competitors shall wear numbered jerseys approved by, and provided by, with the Organizing Authority (OA).
- 1.4 One evening of race committee is required for those entered in the *Series* in order to be scored. The limit for race committee is three (3) people on a first call and/or e-mail basis. To sign up for race committee, call the StFYC Race Office at 415-655-7756 or email racing@stfyc.com. To view the race committee sign up sheet, [click here](#).

2. ENTRIES

Eligible competitors shall complete registration online (www.stfyc.com) prior to racing.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 On each scheduled evening of racing, a Competitors' Meeting will be held on the Crissy Field beach at 1700 hours.
- 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 1600 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 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.
- 3.6 Competitors shall check in by sailing by the signal boat prior to the warning signal of the first race they compete in. A breach of this rule is subject to protest only by the race committee and the penalty may be less than DSQ.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Racing shall be held on the following dates: April 7 & 21, May 5 & 19, June 2, 16 & 30, July 14 & 28, August 11, September 8 & 22. October 6 will be a reserve day.
- 4.2 The first warning signal each night is scheduled for 1730 hours.
- 4.3 On May 12 a Competitors' Rules Seminar will be held at the StFYC beginning at 1730 hours. Attendees entered in the Series will be assigned scoring points in accordance with SI 14.7.

5. RACING AREA

The racing area will be the San Francisco City Front.

6. COURSES & MARKS

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

7. THE START

- 7.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the race committee signal boat and the outer yellow StFYC "A" buoy.
- 7.1 The class flag will be a black insignia on a white rectangular background.
- 7.2 A competitor shall not start later than four minutes after the starting signal. A competitor that starts later than four minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

7.3 All competitors will start in a single division.

8. RECALLS

The race committee may hail the jersey color/number of the competitor(s) identified on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal by loud hailer. 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 a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the race committee signal boat and an orange round mark set to port (facing upwind).

10. TIME LIMIT FOR EACH RACE

The time limit for the first boat to finish each race is 20 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 12 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. POST-RACE PENALTIES

Appendix T, Section B Post-Race Penalties will apply.

- T2.1** "After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Scoring Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat may take a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred."
- T2.2** The Post-Race Penalty shall be;
- (a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or
 - (b) 30%, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident."

Scoring penalty forms are available at the StFYC Race Office.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1** Protest Forms are available at the StFYC Race Office and shall be lodged with the race office within 60 minutes of the finish of the last boat in the last race of the day. This time limit will be posted on the official notice board.

- 13.2 The protest committee will attempt to hear protests on the evening the incident occurred. If not the protest committee will attempt to hear protests upon completion of the next scheduled Thursday night's races. The time and place of hearing will be emailed to all involved parties. This shall serve as notification as per RRS 63.2.
- 13.3 A request to reopen a hearing must be delivered to the front desk of StFYC within 30 minutes of the parties to the protest receiving the protest committee's decision (oral or written). This changes RRS 66.
- 13.4 Infringements of sailing instruction 1.2 shall not be grounds for protest from one competitor to another, but may result in action from the protest committee and or race committee.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 All competitors will be scored together as one class.
- 14.2 **Nightly Placing:** One (1) race must be completed for an individual evening. A competitor's Nightly Placing will be based on a sum of her scores. All series and drop-in competitors will be scored together. This changes RRS A2.
- 14.3 **Series Nightly Placing:** The Series Nightly Placing is a series competitor's Nightly Placing excluding the Nightly Placings of any drop-in competitors.
- 14.4 **Throw-outs:** One (1) throw-out is one Series Nightly Placing. There will be one (1) thrown out for every five (5) nights of racing. After eleven (11) nights are completed, one additional throw-out will be added. This changes RRS A2.
- 14.5 **Series Scores:** One (1) night of racing shall constitute a series. A competitor's series score shall be the sum of her Series Nightly Placings excluding throw-outs. This changes RRS A2.
- 14.6 **Race Committee:** The required night of race committee duty will be scored points equal to DNC and will count as one (1) throw-out.
- 14.7 Series competitors attending the rules seminar on May 12th will receive first place points. Series competitors not in attendance at the rules seminar on May 12th will receive points equal to DNC.
- 14.8 Drop-ins are not eligible for series scoring.

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

MARK	DESCRIPTION
1	Inflatable yellow buoy set as a Windward Mark
3g	Inflatable yellow buoys set as a Gate (If one mark is missing the remaining mark shall be rounded in the same direction as the previous mark)

COURSE	ROUNDING ORDER P = Round to Port
Kite Class	Start → 1(p) → 3g → Finish

COURSE DIAGRAM

