



## **SPRING DINGHY REGATTA**

**St. Francis Yacht Club**

March 19-20, 2016

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Rule 40 is changed as follows: Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.3 US Sailing prescriptions for rules 60.3, 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted and do not apply.

#### **2 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 A competitors' meeting will be held at StFYC on Saturday at 1000 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 on the official regatta notice board by 1030 hours on the day they are to take effect, except any changes to sailing instruction 3, Number & 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. 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 rule Race Signals.
- 2.5 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 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 is scheduled for 1130 hours on Saturday and 1130 hours on Sunday. This changes NOR 4.
- 3.3 The race committee may elect to combine fleets in a start, in which case combined class flags will be flown.

#### **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 3g will be a gate. In the event that the gate is not in place, the single mark 3g shall be rounded in the same direction as the previous mark.
- 5.5 Mark 1o and 2o are offset windward marks.

## 6 RESTRICTED AREAS

- 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) The Green/Red Bell Buoy off the west end of Alcatraz Island and Alcatraz Island.
  - e) The westernmost end of Pier 45 and the easternmost end of the Aquatic Park breakwater.
  - f) If set, a round orange/red buoy off of Piers 39, Pier 45, or the SF Marina entrance and the closest point ashore for each.
- 6.2 Boats are prohibited from sailing across any of these lines while racing.
- 6.3 Unless preparing to start, starting, or finishing, boats shall not sail into the trapezoidal area bounded by the signal boat, the starting line pin, the finishing line pin, and the finish boat, 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 white inflatable ball OR a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the pin boat.
- 7.2 A boat that starts later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rule A4.
- 7.3 Class Flags will be as follows:
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|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| F18:            | white flag with black class insignia |
| 505:            | white flag with black class insignia |
| Club 420:       | white flag with black class insignia |
| Laser Standard: | white flag with a red class insignia |
| Laser Radial:   | green flag with a red class insignia |
| Weta:           | white flag with black class insignia |
- 7.4 The intended starting order for the first race of each day shall be: F18, 505, Club 420, Laser Standard, Laser Radial, Weta. 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 after the starting signal, by loud hailer. 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 rule 62.1(a).

## 9 FINISHING

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on a race committee boat and an orange sphere, located below the starting line.

## **10 TIME LIMIT FOR EACH RACE**

The Time Limit for each race will be 75 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in her class will be scored 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. Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with the U.S. Inland Navigation Rules Act of 1980.
- 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 rules 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** If practicable, a boat shall also notify the race committee of her intent to protest at the finish line or at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes or retires. This is in addition to and thus changes rule 61.1(a).
- 12.2** Protests and requests for redress shall be written on standard US SAILING protest forms. This changes rules 61.2 and 62.2. Protest and redress request forms are available at the StFYC Jury Desk.
- 12.3** Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the representative at the Jury Desk within 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The protest filing times will be posted on the official regatta notice board.
- 12.4** The protest committee may hear protests as soon as possible and in the order it determines. 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 13.2 above. This serves as notification as per rule 63.2.
- 12.5** A request to reopen a hearing on the last day of racing must be delivered to the StFYC Front Desk within 60 minutes of the announcement of the protest committee's decision (oral or written). This changes rule 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 rule A2.

**14 PRIZES**

Trophies will be awarded based on participation.

**Additional Notices**

**BERTHING, HAUL OUT & TRAILER STORAGE**

- Competitors' Boats may be stored, free of charge in the City parking lot east of the StFYC clubhouse.
- An overnight parking permit must be obtained from the Race Office in order to leave trailers in the City parking lot.

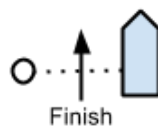
**ATTACHMENT A  
OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF MARKS AND COURSES**

<b>MARK</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>1</b>	Inflatable yellow shape set as a long windward mark to windward of mark 2
<b>1o</b>	Inflatable orange ball set as an offset to mark 1
<b>2</b>	Inflatable red shape set as a short windward mark
<b>2o</b>	Inflatable orange ball set as an offset to mark 2
<b>3g</b>	Inflatable yellow buoys set as a leeward gate to windward of the starting line
<b>4</b>	Inflatable red buoy set as a leeward mark to leeward of the starting line
<b>5</b>	Inflatable yellow buoy set as a long leeward mark to leeward of mark 4

<b>COURSE</b>	<b>ROUNDING ORDER</b>
1	Start → 1 → 1o → 4 → Finish (upwind)
2	Start → 1 → 1o → 5 → Finish (upwind)
3	Start → 2 → 2o → 4 → Finish (upwind)
4	Start → 1 → 1o → 4 → 1 → 1o → 4 → Finish (upwind)
5	Start → 1 → 1o → 5 → 1 → 1o → 5 → Finish (upwind)
6	Start → 2 → 2o → 3g → 2 → 2o → 4 → Finish (upwind)

*Reference 5.3 for rounding direction*

**ATTACHMENT B  
COURSE DIAGRAM**



*\*port roundings assumed in diagram*