



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 Boats shall be scored on corrected times (CT) based on the assigned time-on-distance rating (RATING).
- 1.4 Time on Distance will be calculated utilizing the following formula: $CT=ET - (Distance*(RATING)/60)$, where ET= Elapsed Time and Distance is the rated course distance per Attachment A.

2 ENTRIES

Fleet divisions will be posted on the official regatta notice board no later than 1800 hours on Friday, October 27. An unofficial copy may be posted on the regatta website.

3 COMMUNICATION with COMPETITORS

- 3.1 A competitors' meeting will be held at StFYC Saturday at 1030 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 1045 hours on the day they are to take effect, except any changes to SI 4, Schedule, will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before they take effect.
- 3.4 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 1 minute after the lowering of the AP.
- 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 Race committee communications will take place on VHF channel 68.

4 SCHEDULE

Saturday	1030	Competitors' Meeting
	1200	First Warning Signal
		<i>Race 2 immediately following Race 1</i>
	<i>After racing</i>	Dinner Social & Awards

5 RACING AREA

Races will be conducted on the San Francisco City Front utilizing the StFYC Race Deck for starts and finishes.

6 COURSES and MARKS

- 6.1 The courses and marks are described in Attachment A – Official Description of Marks and Courses.
- 6.2 No later than the warning signal, Code Flag(s) designating the course will be displayed from the Race Deck flag pole.

7 RESTRICTED AREAS

- 7.1 For safety reasons, each of the lines bounded by the following two points is an obstruction:
 - a) The SF Marina entrance Wave Attenuator and the closest point ashore.
 - b) The "H" Beam piling (located approximately 200 yards west of the St. Francis YC) and the closest point ashore.
 - c) Anita Rock Light and a yellow buoy "AR", or a temporary buoy set in its place (located approximately 50 yards northwest of the Anita Rock Light).
 - d) Anita Rock Light and the closest point ashore.
 - e) The Green Bell Buoy off the west end of Alcatraz Island and Alcatraz Island.
- 7.2 Boats are prohibited from sailing across any of these lines while racing.

8 THE START

- 8.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The warning for the succeeding division will be made no earlier than one-minute after the preceding start. The intended division starting order for race one is described in SI 8.7. Subsequent races may be started in any order.
- 8.2 The starting line will be the StFYC "A" Buoy (outer buoy) or a temporary buoy and a yellow vertical panel on the race deck of the StFYC. The direction of the start is described per 8.3 and 8.4.

- 8.3 Courses 1 through 16 - The start shall be from East to West leaving Mark "A" to Starboard.
- 8.4 Courses 17 through 25 - The start shall be from West to East leaving Mark "A" to Port.
- 8.5 A boat shall not start later than 4 minutes after her starting signal. A boat that starts later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35.
- 8.6 StFYC "B" Buoy (inner buoy) or a temporary buoy must be left to the south when starting.
- 8.7 Class flags will be as follows:
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| M1 (Marconi 1): | Code Flag A |
| M2 (Marconi 2): | Code Flag B |
| Farallon Clipper: | Code Flag C |
| Gaff: | Code Flag G |

9 RECALLS

The race committee may attempt to 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 or VHF. 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).

10 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between StFYC "A" Buoy (outer buoy) or a temporary buoy and a yellow vertical panel on the Race Deck of the StFYC.

11 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race will be 3½ hours. A boat failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat in her division will be scored "Did Not Finish" by the race committee. This changes RRS 35.

12 COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC, SAFETY

- 12.1 Racing occurs near active shipping channels. The race committee would like to call special attention to the preamble to RRS Part 2.
- 12.2 A race committee boat may signal a boat that is racing to alter course to avoid impeding the passage of commercial vessels by making a sound signal (horn or whistle) and pointing 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 this 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.
- 12.3 If a commercial vessel sounds five blasts at a boat which is racing, and/or the vessel or the USCG is subsequently able to identify the offending boat, the boat may be subject to protest. In the event the race committee files the protest, 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.
- 12.4 A boat may not take a penalty when she may have broken any part of this instruction. When a protest committee decides that a boat has broken rule in this instruction, the penalty shall be a disqualification that is not excludable.
- 12.5 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).

13 PROTESTS

- 13.1 Protest forms are available at the jury desk located in the hallway adjacent to the side (regatta) entrance of StFYC. Protest and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 13.2 The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the last finisher in each class; except in the case of a complaint by Vessel Traffic or the USCG. This time will be posted. This constitutes the time limit mentioned in the first sentence of RRS 61.3.
- 13.3 In the event of a complaint by Vessel Traffic or the USCG, the protest time limit will be extended up to two (2) days after the conclusion of the regatta. This changes RRS 60.2(a) and RRS 61.3.
- 13.4 The protest committee will hear protests and requests for redress as soon as possible and in the order it determines. The hearing schedule will be posted no later than thirty (30) minutes after the close of protest time. This constitutes the notification required by RRS 63.2.
- 13.5 A request to reopen a hearing must be delivered to the Jury Desk of the St. Francis Yacht Club within 60 minutes of a boat receiving the protest committee's decision (oral or written). This changes RRS 66.

14 SCORING

One race must be completed to constitute a series. Each boat's score will be the sum of her scores for all races. This changes RRS A2.

ATTACHMENT "A"
OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF MARKS AND COURSES

MARK	DESCRIPTION
16	Yellow can mark "TB" (Tom Blackaller) .2 NM East of Fort Point
17	(Harding Rock) #17 Red Green "HR" 1 QK Fl. Red at Harding Rock
6	(Fort Mason) Yellow Can "M" 200 yd North of Ft Mason Docks or temporary orange ball
18	(Blossom Rock) #18 Red Green "BR" Fl. (2+1) G 6s Bell
YB	(Yellow Bluff) Inflatable red buoy approx. 0.5 nm East of Yellow Bluff
AL	Alcatraz Island
X	Yellow/black Sphere "X" located North of Golden Gate Yacht Club
A	StFYC "A" Buoy (outer buoy), yellow sphere or temporary inflatable mark
8	Red Bell Buoy - R "4" Fl 4s Horn 1 nm East of Point Blunt
4	(Knox) Red Bell Buoy, R "2" Fl 4s Pt Knox

COURSE*	ROUNDING ORDER							DISTANCE (nm)
1	Start	16s	6s				Finish	3.5
2	Start	16s	As	16s	6s		Finish	5.5
3	Start	16s	18s				Finish	6.1
4	Start	16s	18s	16s	6s		Finish	9.5
5	Start	16s	17s	8s	16s	6s	Finish	11.9
6	Start	16s	6s	17s	6s		Finish	6.9
7	Start	16s	17s	18s			Finish	7.4
8	Start	16s	17s	18s	16s	6s	Finish	10.7
9	Start	16s	17s	6s	16s	6s	Finish	9.0
12	Start	16s	17s	6s			Finish	5.5
13	Start	16s	17s	ALs			Finish	6.3
14	Start	YBp	17s	6s			Finish	5.3
15	Start	YBp	17p	4s	Xp	6s	Finish	7.7
16	Start	YBp	Xp	6s			Finish	5.1
17	Start	6p	16p	6p			Finish	3
18	Start	18p					Finish	4.2
19	Start	18p	16p	Xp			Finish	6.4
21	Start	6p	16p	18p	Xp	6p	Finish	9.6
23	Start	6p	17p	16p	6p		Finish	6.8
24	Start	6p	17p	6s			Finish	5
25	Start	6p	YBp	16p	17s	6s	Finish	9.5

'p' & 's' designate Port and Starboard roundings, respectively

Note: * Double-digit course numbers will be displayed on a single halyard ie; "19" as flag 1 over 9