



ST. FRANCIS INTERCONFERENCE REGATTA
 St. Francis Yacht Club
 April 8-9, 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the ICSA Procedural Rules, except any of these that are modified by the Notice of Race or these sailing instructions.
- 1.2 The following US Sailing prescriptions will not apply: 60.3, 63.2 and 63.4.

2 ENTRIES

Teams shall check-in between 0900-0945 hours on Saturday, April 8th. Each team member shall complete and sign a waiver of liability in order to participate.

3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 A competitors' meeting will be held at StFYC on Saturday at 0945 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 1000 hours on the day they are to take effect, except any changes to sailing instruction 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 30 minutes after the lowering of the AP. This changes Race Signals.
- 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 69.

4 SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Saturday	0900-0945	Registration
	1000	Competitors' Meeting
	1100	First Warning Signal
	<i>After Racing</i>	Social at StFYC
Sunday	1000	First Warning Signal
	<i>After Racing</i>	Social at StFYC

5 RACING AREA

Races will be conducted on the San Francisco City Front.

6 ROTATION

- 6.1 There will be no boat rotation; teams will sail their own boat for the duration of the regatta. This changes ICSA PR 22(b)(i).
- 6.2 Between sets, A and B divisions will swap boats on the docks of Golden Gate Yacht Club or the beach east Golden Gate Yacht Club.

7 COURSES & MARKS

- 7.1 The courses and marks are described in Attachment A – Official Description of Marks and Courses. No later than the warning signal, a placard designating the course will be displayed from the signal boat.
- 7.2 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.
- 7.3 Mark 1 will have an offset Mark 1o. In the event the offset Mark 1o is not in place, the single Mark 1 shall be rounded in the direction designated by the flag displayed at the start.
- 7.4 Mark 3g will be a gate. In the event the gate is not in place, the single Mark 3 shall be rounded in the same direction as Mark 1 and Mark 1o.

8 RESTRICTED AREAS

- 8.1** 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 yellow buoy "AR" or temporary orange buoy in its place (located approximately 100 yards northwest of the Anita Rock Light).
 - (e) Anita Rock Light located approximately 0.30 NM West of StFYC ("Anita Rock" Q 20ft 5M), and the closest point ashore.
 - (f) Yellow buoy "AR" or temporary orange buoy in its place (located approximately 100 yards northwest of Anita Rock Light) and the closest point ashore.
 - (g) The Green/Red Bell Buoy off the west end of Alcatraz Island and Alcatraz Island.
 - (h) The South Tower of the Golden Gate Bridge and the closest point ashore.
 - (i) The Green Buoy (G"3") south of Point Blunt-Angel Island and the closest point ashore.
 - (j) The westernmost end of Pier 45 and the easternmost end of the Aquatic Park breakwater.
- 8.2** Boats are prohibited from sailing across any of these lines while racing.

9 THE START

The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the starting line signal boat and a red inflatable shape OR a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the pin boat.

10 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).

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1** The finish line F1 will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on a race committee boat and a round orange buoy (downwind of Mark 3g).
- 11.2** The finish line F2 will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on a race committee boat and Mark 1.

12 TIME LIMIT FOR EACH RACE

If a boat is delaying the finish of a race, or the rotation, the race committee, at their discretion, may end the race and score the boat in its current position.

13 COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC, SAFETY

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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 rule 60.2(a) and 61.3
- (c) 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.
- (d) 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).

14 PROTESTS

14.1 Protests will be addressed using the following expedited hearing:

- (a) The protesting competitor must notify the race committee of the intention to protest at the time they finish.
- (b) The hearing will begin as soon as all parties are assembled. This changes rule 63.2.
- (c) Each party will be given about 1 minute to state their case.
- (d) The Judge/Jury may question the parties and or call witnesses.
- (e) Each party will be given about 1 minute to question the other party.
- (f) The parties are excused and the Judge/Jury will determine the facts and render a decision.
- (g) The Judge/Jury will then inform the parties of the decision.

14.2 A competitor may not reopen an expedited protest hearing after a decision has been made. This changes rule 66.

15 SAFETY

15.1 Wetsuits, foul weather gear, and whistles on lifejackets are strongly recommended.

15.2 Racers shall notify the race committee when they are withdrawing from a race; if not possible, they shall contact the StFYC Race Office immediately upon arrival ashore.

15.3 The race committee reserves the right to send in any competitors whom they deem cannot safely handle the sailing conditions. If a boat requires rescue in the opinion of the race committee or Safety Boat, assistance will be given and the boat will be scored a DNF.

16 COACHING

ICSA Procedural Rule 19 shall apply and all coaches shall remain ashore.

Additional Notices

BERTHING & TRAILER STORAGE

- Competitors' boats may be stored on the grass island 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 at a cost of \$8.00 per day.

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

MARK	DESCRIPTION
1	Inflatable yellow shape set as a Windward Mark
1o	Inflatable red shape set as an offset mark to be rounded in the same direction as the windward mark
2	Inflatable yellow shape set as a Reach Mark
3g	Two inflatable yellow cones set as a Leeward Gate (boats must pass between the two gate marks)
F1	Downwind finish between a staff displaying orange and yellow striped flag on the race committee Signal Boat and an inflatable orange buoy set to port (facing downwind)
F2	Upwind finish between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on a race committee boat and a round orange buoy (upwind of mark 1)

**If any of the above marks are off station, they may be replaced by a temporary red buoy*

COURSE	ROUNDING ORDER
1	Start → 1 → 1o → 3g → 1 → 1o → F1
2	Start → 1 → 1o → 3g → F2
3	Start → 1 → 1o → 3g → 1 → 1o → 3g → F2
4	Start → 1 → 1o → 2 → 3 → 1 → 1o → F1

** Reference Sailing Instruction 7.3 for rounding direction*