

# 2023 ALDO ALESSIO RACE

August 18, 2023

OA: St. Francis Yacht Club | San Francisco, California

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*The notation [NP] in a rule in the NOR or SI means it shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The notation [DP] in a rule in the NOR or SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

### 1. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions (SI) will be posted no later than sixty (60) minutes prior to the first warning on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located at [www.stfyc.com/racing](http://www.stfyc.com/racing) and may be posted in the hallway adjacent to the side (Regatta) entrance of StFYC as a courtesy.
- 2.2. On the water the race committee intends to communicate on VHF channel 69.

### 3. [DP] CODE OF CONDUCT

Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials. In addition, competitors are expected to behave in an appropriate manner in all communications with fellow competitors and race officials.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the StFYC race deck.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. This changes rule Race Signals AP.

### 5. SCHEDULE

	Friday 8/18	
First warning signal	1125	Race Deck Start
Scheduled number of races	1	
Awards presentation	Sunday, 8/20	Starting Line Room

### 6. COURSES & MARKS

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

### 7. CLASS FLAGS

Neon pink (One start for all boats).

### 8. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Each line bound by the following two points is designated as an obstruction. Boats are prohibited from crossing any of these lines while racing.

- The "H" Beam piling and the closest point ashore (located approximately 200 yards west of the St. Francis YC);
- Anita Rock Light located approximately 0.30nm west of StFYC ("Anita Rock" Q 20ft 5M) and the closest point ashore;
- Yellow buoy "ARo" (located approximately 45 yards at 350 degrees from Anita Rock Light) and the closest point ashore;
- Anita Rock Light and "ARo" as defined above;
- StFYC inner mark "B" and the closest point ashore.
- The South Tower of the Golden Gate Bridge and the closest point ashore.
- The Green/Red Bell Buoy off the West end of Alcatraz Island and Alcatraz Island.
- The Green Buoy (G"3") South of Point Blunt-Angel Island and the closest point ashore.

- The northeastern most corner of Pier 45 and Fl R 2.5s "2" on the easternmost end of the Aquatic Park breakwater.

## **9. THE START**

- 9.1.** The starting line will be between a yellow placard on the StFYC Race Deck and an inflatable red or orange ball.
- 9.2.** Boats failing to start within four (4) minutes after their starting signal shall be scored DNS, without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 9.3.** All boats will start together.

## **10. RECALLS**

As a courtesy, the race committee may attempt to hail On Course Side (OCS) boats on VHF Channel 69. Failure to execute this hail, the order of hails, or the failure to receive it shall not relieve a boat of her sole obligation to start properly, nor shall it constitute an improper action or omission of the race committee under RRS 62.1(a).

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1.** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2.** The race committee may change a leg of the course by up to five (5) degrees in bearing and/or 0.2nm in length without a signal. This changes RRS 33.

## **12. THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between StFYC outer mark "A" and a yellow placard on the StFYC Race Deck. Boats shall keep StFYC inner mark "B" to the south while finishing.

## **13. TIME LIMITS**

- 13.1.** The time limit for the race will be five (5) hours.
- 13.2.** Boats failing to finish within 120 minutes after the first finisher will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **14. SCORING**

The Aldo Alessio Race will be scored using a PHRF ToT formula for all boats and will not count towards the Phyllis Kleinman Swiftsure Regatta.

## **15. PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS Appendix V1 and V2 Alternative Penalties will apply for all boats.

## **16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1.** Fillable Hearing request forms are available at:  
[https://cdn.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/US\\_Sailing\\_Hearing\\_Request\\_Form\\_20210301\\_Fillable.pdf](https://cdn.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/US_Sailing_Hearing_Request_Form_20210301_Fillable.pdf).
- 16.2.** Hearing requests such as protests and requests for redress shall be created and delivered to the race office electronically via email to [racing@stfyc.com](mailto:racing@stfyc.com). All such requests shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.3.** The protest time limit is one (1) hour after the last boat finishes; 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.
- 16.4.** 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.
- 16.5.** The protest committee will schedule hearings, if any, on Friday, August 18th. All parties will be notified via email of the time and place of the hearing. This shall constitute the notification required by RRS 63.2.
- 16.6.** At the protest committee's discretion, hearings may be conducted in-person, via Zoom video conference, or a combination of the two. For Zoom hearings, parties and witnesses are expected to join the meeting when it commences. Witnesses will be placed in the (virtual) Waiting Room on Zoom until called upon for testimony. The use of headsets is recommended, particularly if joining a hearing from a location where background noise cannot be controlled.
- 16.7.** Notices of any other protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will also be posted on the official notice board. This constitutes the notification required by RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.8.** It is the sole responsibility of each boat involved to be ready and have witnesses available when the hearing is called.
- 16.9.** On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress on a protest committee decision, or a request to reopen a hearing, shall be delivered no later than thirty (30) minutes after the decision was announced, either written or orally. This changes RRS 62.2 and RRS 66.

**17. [NP] [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS**

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee via VHF radio before leaving the course, or when that is impossible, immediately after arrival ashore.

**18. COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC**

**18.1.** Racing occurs near active shipping channels. Please note the preamble to RRS Part 2.

**18.2.** 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 W 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.

**18.3.** If a commercial vessel sounds five blasts at a boat that 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.

**18.4.** A boat cannot exonerate herself when she may have broken SI 18. When a protest committee decides that a boat has broken SI 18, the penalty shall be disqualification not excludable (DNE).

**18.5.** The StFYC shall cooperate with and provide relevant information to the Coast Guard or other governmental authorities regarding investigations of boats impeding ship traffic or violating U.S. Inland Navigation Rules (33 CFR 83).

**19. PRIZES**

The Aldo Alessio Perpetual will be awarded to the first-place boat.

Additional prizes may be awarded.

Prizes not claimed at the prize giving ceremony will remain with the organizing authority.

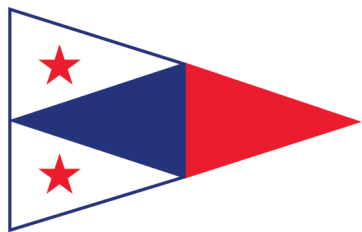
**20. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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## ATTACHMENT A – Description of Marks & Courses



	MARK DESCRIPTION
1	Inflatable yellow cone set as a windward mark approx. .8nm upwind of the starting line
1o	Inflatable orange ball set as an offset mark to mark 1
3	Yellow inflatable cone set approx. 0.15nm @ 165° M from Point Cavallo
6	Yellow Can buoy approx. 0.41nm @ 54° M from Q Red "2" Priv (near Fort Mason)
7	Red buoy "2" Fl R 6s approx. 1.13nm @ 57° M from Alcatraz Light Fl 5s 214ft 20M
16	Yellow Can buoy "Blackaller" 0.48nm @ 83° M from Fort Point
17	Red/Green buoy "HR" 1 Fl (2+1) R 6s at Harding Rock
18	Green/Red buoy "BR" Fl (2+1) G 6s Bell at Blossom Rock
19	Yellow inflatable cone approx. 0.4nm @ 056° M from Pt. Diablo Light
A	Outer Yellow sphere "A" approx. 400 yds north of StFYC Race Deck
G	Two inflatable yellow cones set as a leeward gate upwind of the starting line

	COURSE DESCRIPTION	≈ Distance	Rating (ORC)
7	Start → 16s → 7p → 19p → Ap → 18s → 3p → 18s → Finish	22.72nm	SF Bay