



SPRING KEEL INVITATIONAL

St. Francis Yacht Club

March 5-6, 2011

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and these Sailing Instructions (including Attachments A & B).
- 1.2 RRS 40 is changed as follows: All competitors are required to wear life-jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy while racing. The "Y" flag will not be displayed.

2. ENTRIES

Eligible boats shall complete registration online (www.stfyc.com) prior to 0945 hours on March 6, 2010.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 A Competitors' Meeting will be held at StFYC Saturday, March 5th 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 0900 hours on the day they are to take effect, except any changes to Sailing Instruction 4, Number & Schedule of Races, 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.
- 3.5 Questions regarding the Sailing Instructions shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee. Questions and written responses will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.
- 3.6 Competitors should monitor VHF 69 for on the water communication with the Race Committee.

4. NUMBER & SCHEDULE OF RACES

Four races are scheduled in the series as follows:

<u>RACE</u>	<u>DAY & DATE</u>	<u>TIME OF FIRST WARNING SIGNAL</u>
1	Saturday - March 5 th	1100 Hours
2	Saturday - March 5 th	Immediately Following Race 1
3	Sunday - March 6 th	1100 Hours
4	Sunday - March 6 th	Immediately Following Race 3

5. RACING AREA

The intended racing area will be the San Francisco City Front.

6. COURSES & 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, a placard designating the course will be displayed from the Signal Boat.
- 6.3 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 except for mark 3g shall be rounded to port. If a green flag is displayed, all marks except for mark 3g shall be rounded to starboard.

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 on the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on a pin-end

boat a yellow inflatable cone mark at the port end (facing upwind), approximately 200 yards downwind of mark 3g.

7.2 The class flag will be a white flag with a black class insignia.

7.3 A boat shall not start later than four minutes after her starting signal. A boat that starts later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35.

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 RRS 62.1(a).

9. THE FINISH

9.1 For Courses **A - C**, the Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on a Race Committee boat and a round orange buoy set to port (facing upwind) approximately 200 yards **upwind of Mark 1**

9.2 For Course **D-F**, the Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on a Race Committee boat and a round orange buoy set to port (facing downwind) approximately 200 yards **downwind of Mark 3g**.

10. TIME LIMIT FOR EACH RACE

The Time Limit for each race will be 3 hours. A boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in her class will be scored "Did Not Finish"(DNF) by the Race Committee. This Changes RRS 35.

11. PROTESTS

11.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be written on Standard US SAILING Protest Forms. Protest Forms are available at the St. Francis Yacht Club **Regatta Desk** located in the hallway adjacent to the side (Regatta) entrance of StFYC. Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the Race Committee Representative at the Regatta Desk within 60 minutes after the arrival of the Race Committee Signal Boat ashore. This time limit will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.

11.2 The time and place of all protest hearing(s), the boat(s) protesting, boat(s) being protested and boat(s) requesting redress will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board within 90 minutes after the arrival of the Race Committee Signal Boat ashore. This shall serve as notification as per RRS 63.2.

11.3 A request to reopen a hearing on the last day of racing must be delivered to the front desk of the St. Francis Yacht Club within 60 minutes of the posting of the Protest Committee's decision (oral or written). This changes RRS 66.

12. RESTRICTED AREAS

12.1 Boats shall not pass through the areas bound by the following objects and the closest point ashore:

- (a) The "H" Beam (located approximately 200 yards west of the St. Francis YC).
- (b) The Bell Buoy off the west end of Alcatraz Island and Alcatraz Island.
- (c) All breakwaters in the vicinity of Fisherman's Wharf and Aquatic Park.
- (d) Round orange buoys set off of Piers 39, Pier 45, and the SF Marina entrance (if set).
- (e) Anita Rock and its buoy.

12.2 The above restricted areas are defined as obstructions.

12.3 A boat that breaks this rule may not correct her error and shall retire. This changes RRS 28.1.

13. DISPOSAL OF WASTE OR TRASH

No boat shall discharge trash of any kind into the San Francisco Bay. Any boat observed breaking this rule is subject to protest only by the Race Committee or Protest Committee. The penalty for a breach of this rule, which may include disqualification from a race, is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes rules 60.1(a) and 64.1(a).

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.

15. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded based upon class participation.

Additional Notices

BERTHING, HAUL OUT & TRAILER STORAGE

- Competitor's Boats may be moored, free of charge, at the StFYC Guest Docks during regatta race days.
- All boats shall remain in the water from the Warning Signal of their first race through completion of their final race. Boats shall not be hauled without prior written permission from the Race Committee. Careening and dive-cleaning is not permitted during the regatta.
- If you plan on leaving a trailer in the City parking lot, an overnight parking permit must be obtained from the StFYC Race Office Desk (trailers without permit may be towed). All trailers shall be stored at the parking lot to the east of the StFYC clubhouse, or at the direction of the StFYC Dock Master.

ATTACHMENT A
OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF MARKS AND COURSES

MARK	DESCRIPTION
1	Inflatable yellow cone set as a Windward Mark
1o	Inflatable red cone set as an Offset Mark
2	Inflatable yellow cone set as a Reach Mark
3g	Two inflatable yellow cones set as a Leeward Gate (boats must pass between the two gate marks)
Change of Course Mark	Inflatable yellow cone with a black band

COURSE	ROUNDING ORDER
A	Start → 1 → 1o → 3g → Finish (upwind)
B	Start → 1 → 1o → 3g → 1 → 1o → 3g → Finish (upwind)
C	Start → 1 → 1o → 2 → 3g → 1 → 1o → 3g → Finish (upwind)
D	Start → 1 → 1o → Finish (downwind)
E	Start → 1 → 1o → 3g → 1 → 1o → Finish (downwind)
F	Start → 1 → 1o → 2 → 3g → 1 → 1o → Finish (downwind)

** Reference Sailing Instruction 6.3 for rounding direction*

ATTACHMENT B

COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC, SAFETY

- B1** Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with the U.S. Inland Navigation Rules Act of 1980.
- B2** 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 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.
- B3** 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.
- B4** A boat may be penalized independently under B1, B2 and/or B3. A violation of any part this appendix shall not be exonerated by a Scoring Penalty, and a resulting disqualification shall not be excludable under RRS 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.