



**THE 41st MANUEL FAGUNDES
SEAWEED SOUP REGATTA
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
GOLDEN GATE YACHT CLUB
#1 YACHT ROAD, SAN FRANCISCO, CA
94123**

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), 2009-2012, the prescriptions of U.S. Sailing Association; the rules of the participating Classes, the Declaration of Trust and Conditions Governing the Seaweed Soup Perpetual Trophy, and by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Boats shall not impede the passage of ship traffic that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway, (see U.S. Department of Commerce chart 18649 for designated narrow channels and fairways of SF Bay) or fishing or other vessels with restricted ability to maneuver. Boats identified by sail number who endanger their own safety or that of the commercial or government vessel will be subject to protest by the Race Committee or contestant and face possible disqualification. A protest for allegations of the above will be heard by a protest committee whether or not the requirements of or RRS 61.1 (a) and (b) have been fulfilled or exclusions referenced in RRS 60.2(a) have been met. A disqualification for a safety violation of this section shall be considered as a disqualification not excludable (DNE).
- 1.3. RRS 40.1 shall be 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. ENTRY

- 2.1. Eligible sailboats may enter the series by entering on-line or by submitting an entry form and fee to the Golden Gate Yacht Club Race Committee as per the Notice of Race.
- 2.2. Boats competing shall have a current Northern California PHRF certificate or shall be a one-design class.
- 2.3. One-design classes with five or more entrants may be scored as a separate division if requested.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted at the Golden Gate Yacht Club's official notice board located in the window on the west side of the interior entrance into the club.
- 3.2. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be approved by the Race Committee and posted on the official notice board no later than 0930 hours on the day they are to take effect.
- 3.3. The Race Committee may broadcast on VHF channel 71 and/or use a loud hailer.
- 3.4. The Race Committee may announce which Division is starting, course selection, count downs to starting sequence signals, a Division's position relative to the starting line and the sail numbers of boats that are On Course Side (OCS) or have violated RRS 30. The failure of the Race Committee to hail a boat, the order of hails, or the boat's inability to hear the hail shall not be grounds for redress.
- 3.5. The Race Committee may hail a boat that violates the start/finish line restrictions.
- 3.6. The Race Committee's communications to competitors while racing shall not be considered outside help. This changes RRS 41.
- 3.7. Competitors should monitor VHF channel 71 and in emergencies, may contact the Race Committee on this channel. When making race signals after the start the R/C may also announce the signals intention on VHF 71 or the loud hailer.
- 3.8. Signals will be displayed from the halyards on the flagpole located on the race deck of the Golden Gate Yacht Club.
- 3.9. Competitors retiring before finishing from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible in person, or by VHF channel 71, or by phone to GGYC Race Committee at 916-215-4566.

4. RACE DATES

Race #1	Saturday, November 5, 2011
Race #2	Saturday, December 3, 2011
Race #3	Saturday, January 7, 2012
Race #4	Saturday, February 4, 2012
Race #5	Saturday, March 3, 2012

5. COURSES

- 5.1. The courses and marks are described on the attached **COURSE SHEET**.
- 5.2. The finish line marks are described in Section 10.
- 5.3. A code flag designating the course to be sailed will be displayed from the Race Deck with the Division's Warning Signal.

6. STARTING ORDER

- 6.1. The starting order is described on the attached **STARTING ORDER SHEET**.
- 6.2. The first Warning Signal of each day is scheduled for 1130 hours.

7. THE START

- 7.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with divisions starting at 5 minute intervals in the order described on the attached **STARTING ORDER SHEET**. The Race Committee reserves the right to change the starting order.
- 7.2. No warning signals will be made after 1500 hours.
- 7.3. The starting line shall be between buoy "X" and the orange placard on the Golden Gate Yacht Club's race deck.
- 7.4. A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and the extension of the starting line and clear of all boats whose warning signal has been made.

8. RECALLS

- 8.1. When an Individual Recall has been signaled the Race Committee may hail the sail number(s) of the boat(s) identified on the course side of the starting line after the start signal by loud hailer and or VHF radio. The failure of a hail, the failure of a boat hearing a hail or the order of the hails shall not be grounds for redress.
- 8.2. When a general recall has been signaled, the start(s) for any succeeding division(s) will be postponed accordingly.

9. RESTRICTED AREA/ALTERNATE PENALTY

- 9.1. A boat that violates a restricted area shall perform a 720-degree penalty in accordance with RRS 44.2.
- 9.2 RRS 44.2 is modified to state that anyone doing the penalty shall not advance or improve their position and if so they shall retire.

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1. The Finish Line shall be between Buoy "X" and the orange placard on the Golden Gate Yacht Club race deck.
- 10.2. The finish line is restricted. Only boats finishing may cross the Finish Line.

11. TIME LIMIT

- 11.1. Boats not finishing before 1730 Pacific Standard Time on the day of the race will be scored "DNF."

12. PROTESTS

- 12.1. Protests shall be filed in accordance with RRS 61.2 and 61.3.
- 12.2. A Race Committee member intending to protest a boat for an incident during the race will attempt to hail "protest" to that boat. Redress will not be given if such hail is not made or is delayed. This changes RRS 61.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- 12.3. Protests will be heard at Golden Gate Yacht Club at 18:30 hours on the second Thursday following the race. GGYC Protest Committee will send copies of the protest to the protested boat along with notice of the time and place of the hearing.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. The low point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply with the following changes:
- 13.2. Boats scored "DNS," "OCS," "DNF," or "RAF" shall be scored the number of starters in the race plus 1 point.
- 13.3. Boats scored "DSQ" shall be scored the number of starters in the race plus 2 points.
- 13.4. However, a "DSQ" for a safety violation as outlined in Section 1.2, Rules, shall be considered as a disqualification not excludable (DNE.)
- 13.5. Boats scored "DNC" shall be scored the number of starters in the race plus 3 points.
- 13.6. This regatta consists of 5 races. Two races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.7. If 5 races are run, each boat has one throw-out.
- 13.8. If 4 or fewer races are run, all races will count in each boat's score.

14. HOSPITALITY

- 14.1. The Golden Gate Yacht Club will be open from 0900 hours. Sailors are invited to the clubhouse for complimentary morning coffee and pastries.
- 14.2. Following each race, no host bar and Sailor's Buffet will be served in the clubhouse.
- 14.3. GGYC Guest docks are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

15. AWARDS

- 15.1. The Series Winner will be awarded the Seaweed Soup Trophy to be displayed at their Yacht Club for the year as well as first, second and third place trophies to each division or scored one-design class following the final race of the regatta on March 3, 2012.

COURSE SHEET

Course #									Nautical Miles
1	X	1	2	X					3.0
2	X	1	2	1	2			X	6.0
3	X	1	2	1	2	1	2	X	9.4
4	X	1	18	1	18			X	10.4
5	X	2	1	X				X	3.0
6	X	2	1	2	1			X	6.0
7	X	6	16	6	16			X	6.4
8	X	16	6	16	6			X	6.4
9	X	16	18	16	6			X	9.3
10	X	18	1	2				X	6.9
11	X	6-P	4-S	18-S				X	7.7
12	X	6-P	4-S	2-S				X	6.3
13	X	6-P	4-P	A-P				X	5.6
14	X	6-P	4-P	A-P	17-P	A-P		X	8.9
15	X	16-S	17-S	6-S				X	5.5
16	X	16-S	17-S	18-S				X	7.4
17	X	16-S	17-S	18-S	16-S	6-S		X	8.9
18	X	16-S	17-S	6-S	17-S	6-S		X	8.7
19	X	16-S	17-S	A-S	17-S	6-S		X	8.5
20	X	ALC-P	LAB-P					X	4.0
21	X	LAB-S	ALC-S					X	4.0
22	X	21-S						X	4.1
23	X	21-P						X	4.1

NOTES:

1. FOR COURSES # 1- 10, ALL MARKS WILL BE LEFT TO STARBOARD EXCEPT WHEN A RED PENNANT IS DISPLAYED AT THE WARNING SIGNAL IN WHICH CASE ALL MARKS WILL BE LEFT TO PORT.

2. THE COURSE SHEET MAY BE AMENDED DURING THE COURSE OF THE REGATTA.

MARKS:

S = STARBOARD

P = PORT

A - YELLOW SPHERE "A" OUTER BUOY St. FRANCIS YACHT CLUB

X - YELLOW AND BLUE SPHERE "X" GOLDEN GATE YACHT CLUB

ALC – ALCATRAZ ISLAND

LAB – LITTLE ALCATRAZ BUOY

1 - INFLATABLE MARK SET NORTH OF CRISSY FIELD

2 - INFLATABLE MARK SET NORTHWEST OF THE HYDE STREET PIER

4 - R "2" FL R 4 SEC PT. KNOX

6 - YELLOW CAN "M" 200 YDS NORTH OF FT. MASON DOCKS

16 - YELLOW CAN "C" .2 NM EAST OF FORT POINT (BLACKALLER BUOY)

17 - RB "HR" 1QK FL R HARDING ROCK

18 - GR "BR" FL (2+1) G 6S BELL BLOSSOM ROCK

21 – G "1" FL ^ SEC. .65 NM.NORTH EAST OF ALCATRAZ ISLAND

Obstructions, Restrictions:

For safety reasons, each of the lines bounded by the following two points is an obstruction:

- (a) Anita Rock Light (Light List 4290) and an unmarked buoy (located 150 yards NW of Anita Rock Light)
- (b) Anita Rock Light (Light List 4290) and the closest point ashore.
- (c) Unmarked buoy (located 150 yards NW of Anita Rock Light) and the closest point ashore.
- (d) The "H" Beam Piling (located approximately 200 yards west of StFYC) and the closest point ashore.
- (e) The South Tower of the Golden Gate Bridge and the closest point ashore.
- (f) The Green Bell buoy off the west end of Alcatraz Island and the closest point ashore.
- (g) The Green buoy (#3) south of Point Blunt, Angel Island and the closest point ashore.
- (h) The west-most end Pier 45 and the east-most end of the Aquatic Park breakwater.

Boats are prohibited from sailing across any of these lines while racing.

STARTING ORDER SHEET

Scheduled Start	Division	Division Flag
1135 HRS	PHRF 1 (29 AND UNDER)	A
1140 HRS	PHRF 2 (30 – 54)	B
1145 HRS	PHRF 3 (54 – 99)	C
1150 HRS	PHRF 4 (100 AND ABOVE)	D
1155 HRS	WETA FLEET	E
1200 HRS	IOD FLEET	F
1205 HRS	CATALINA 34 FLEET	G
1210 HRS	KNARR FLEET	H
1215 HRS	FOLKBOAT FLEET	J
1220 HRS	MULTIHULL FLEET	K