



## J/Fest

St. Francis Yacht Club

April 21-22, 2012

### 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 & C). The J/120 class will be sailing under Fleet Five class rules, and the J/105 class will be sailing under Fleet One class rules.
- 1.2** For the J/105 Fleet One and J/120 Fleet Five, RRS 44.1 is modified as follows: A boat may take a penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. The penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty unless she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing within the zone of a rounding or finishing mark, in which case the penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty. Starting marks are not rounding marks.
- 1.3** All competitors are required to wear a life jacket or other adequate personal flotation device while racing. RRS 40 is changed as follows: The "Y" flag will not be displayed.
- 1.4** Add new rule A4.3: "A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing* may take an After Race Scoring Penalty (ARSP) penalty after she has is no longer racing and prior to the start of a protest hearing involving the incident. Her penalty shall be 30% calculated as described in rule 44.3(c), but not more than that of a DNF score. However, if she caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire."  
Note that if a protestee chooses to take an ARSP, the protestor may then agree to withdraw the protest. If the protestor does not, a protest committee shall hear the protest.

#### 2. ENTRIES

Eligible boats shall complete registration online ([www.stfyc.com](http://www.stfyc.com)) prior to 1000 hours on April 22, 2011.

#### 3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1** A Competitors' Meeting will be held at StFYC Saturday, April 21<sup>th</sup> at 1000 hours in the StFYC Starting Line Room.
- 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, 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 may 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

- 4.1** For all one-design classes, five races are scheduled in the series as follows:

<u>RACE</u>	<u>DAY &amp; DATE</u>	<u>TIME OF FIRST WARNING SIGNAL</u>
1	Saturday – April 21 <sup>th</sup>	1100 Hours
2	Saturday – April 21 <sup>th</sup>	Immediately Following Race 1
3	Saturday – April 21 <sup>th</sup>	Immediately Following Race 2
4	Sunday – April 22 <sup>th</sup>	1100 Hours
5	Sunday – April 22 <sup>th</sup>	Immediately Following Race 4

## 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.

## 7. THE START

7.1 The Starting Line will be between staffs displaying orange and yellow striped flags on the Starting Line Mark Boats.

7.2 For all one-design classes, the class flag will be a white flag with a black class insignia. For the J/Handicap division, the class flag will be a white flag with a black letter “A”.

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 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).

## 9. THE FINISH

9.1 For Courses A – D, 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 Courses for E – H, 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 ½ hours. A boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in her class will be scored “Did Not Finish” by the Race Committee. This Changes RRS 35.

## 11. PROTEST ARBITRATION

The provisions of Attachment C – Protest Arbitration apply.

## 12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be written on Standard U.S. SAILING Protest Forms. Protest Forms are available at the Jury Desk located opposite the Official Notice Board. For all divisions and classes, protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the Jury Representative at the Jury Desk within 60 minutes after the arrival of the last Race Committee Signal Boat ashore. This time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

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

12.3 In an effort to make the arbitration and protest hearing process more user-friendly, the Jury will use a pager system to informally alert parties of impending hearings. Upon filing a protest or learning they are a party to a protest, parties should obtain a pager (coaster) from the Jury Representative at the Jury Desk. The Jury will attempt to page the parties approximately five minutes before the hearing is to begin. Pagers will be returned to the Jury Representative at the Jury Desk, or if the Jury Desk is closed, to the Jury at the hearing, and parties failing to return pagers will be charged for the cost of the pager. Failure of the Jury to make a page or failure of a party to hear a page shall not be grounds for redress. Except for RRS 69, at the discretion of the Jury, hearings will take place as scheduled, with or without the presence of all parties.

12.4 A request to reopen a hearing on the last day of racing must be delivered to the reception desk of the

StFYC (inside the “regatta” entrance of the club) within 60 minutes of the parties to the protest receiving the Jury’s decision (oral or written). This changes RRS 66.

**13. RESTRICTED AREAS**

**13.1** The line between the following objects and the closest point ashore are defined as continuing obstructions:

- (a) The “H” Beam (located approximately 200 yards west of StFYC).
- (b) Anita Rock and its Buoy “AR”.
- (c) The South Tower of the Golden Gate Bridge.
- (d) The Bell Buoy off the west end of Alcatraz Island.
- (e) The buoy south of Point Blunt on Angel Island.
- (f) All breakwaters in the vicinity of Fisherman’s Wharf and Aquatic Park.
- (g) Round orange buoy set off of Piers 39 and 45 (if set).
- (h) Round orange buoy set north of the StFYC Harbor entrance (if set).

**13.2** The above restricted areas are defined as obstructions.

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

**14. 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).

**15. 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.

**16. PRIZES**

Trophies will be awarded based upon class participation.

**Additional Notices**

**BERTHING & TRAILER STORAGE**

- All yachts competing in the event may be moored free of charge at the StFYC guest docks one night prior to the beginning of racing and one night after racing concludes.
- Trailers for boats which are not regularly assigned to dry storage at the StFYC need to obtain an overnight parking permit from the StFYC Race Office. Trailers without a permit may be towed. All trailers should be stored at the direction of the Dockmaster.

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

<b>MARK</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>1</b>	Inflatable yellow buoy set as a Windward Mark
<b>1o</b>	Inflatable red buoy set as an Offset Mark
<b>3g</b>	Two inflatable yellow buoys set as a Leeward Gate (boats must pass between the two gate marks)
<b>Change of Course Mark</b>	Inflatable yellow buoy with a black band

<b>COURSE</b>	<b>ROUNDING ORDER</b>
<b>A</b>	Start → 1(p) → 1o(p) → 3g → 1(p) → 1o(p) → 3g → Finish (upwind)
<b>B</b>	Start → 1(s) → 1o(s) → 3g → 1(s) → 1o(s) → 3g → Finish (upwind)
<b>C</b>	Start → 1(p) → 1o(p) → 3g → 1(p) → 1o(p) → 3g → 1(p) → 1o(p) → 3g → Finish (upwind)
<b>D</b>	Start → 1(s) → 1o(s) → 3g → 1(s) → 1o(s) → 3g → 1(s) → 1o(s) → 3g → Finish (upwind)
<b>E</b>	Start → 1(p) → 1o(p) → 3g → 1(p) → 1o(p) → Finish (downwind)
<b>F</b>	Start → 1(s) → 1o(s) → 3g → 1(s) → 1o(s) → Finish (downwind)
<b>G</b>	Start → 1(p) → 1o(p) → 3g → 1(p) → 1o(p) → 3g → 1(p) → 1o(p) → Finish (downwind)
<b>H</b>	Start → 1(s) → 1o(s) → 3g → 1(s) → 1o(s) → 3g → 1(s) → 1o(s) → Finish (downwind)

**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. An After Race Scoring Penalty (ASRP) shall not be available to a boat for violating any part this attachment, 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.

**ATTACHMENT C**  
**PROTEST ARBITRATION**

- B1.** A brief arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest involving a rule of Part 2 or rule 31. One representative of each *party*, who was on board at the time of the incident, will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be permitted. Note that an arbitration meeting will be terminated or not held if: (1) all the *parties* to a protest are not represented, (2) more than two parties are involved, (3) a boat may have caused injury or serious damage, (4) a boat may have gained a significant advantage in the race or series, (5) the arbitrator deems the incident inappropriate for arbitration.
- B2.** After hearing the testimony, the arbitrator will offer one of the following opinions:
- (a) The protest committee would find the protest is invalid. Subject to acceptance by the protestee, the arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
  - (b) The protest committee would find that no boat broke a *rule*, or that a boat or boats took an adequate on-the-water-penalty. Subject to acceptance by the protestee, the arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
  - (c) The protest committee would find that one or more boats represented in the arbitration meeting broke a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and failed to take an adequate on-the-water penalty. The arbitrator will offer each(both) boat(s) the option to accept an After-Race Scoring Penalty, or to retire. Subject to acceptance by the protestee, the arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
  - (d) A protest hearing is appropriate.
- B3.** The protest committee will schedule a protest hearing for any protests that are not withdrawn. Any boat that accepted an After-Race Scoring Penalty (ARSP) as described in the Sailing Instructions will not be penalized further as a result of the protest hearing, unless the protest committee concludes that the boat caused injury or serious damage, gained a significant advantage in the race or series, or broke a *rule* other than a rule of Part 2 or rule 31.
- B4.** If a protest is withdrawn, no protest hearing will be held.