



ALDO ALESSIO REGATTA

St. Francis Yacht Club

May 17-19, 2013

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 Aldo Alessio Perpetual Deed of Gift. For one-design classes: the respective class rules will apply, except J/105 Fleet One Class rules and J/120 Fleet Five Class rules will replace the National Association Class Rules. For IRC Divisions: the IRC Rule 2013, Parts A, B and C shall apply. The Ocean Race will not require compliance with the Offshore Yacht Race Association's Minimum Equipment List. However, all competitors are strongly encouraged to comply with all official safety requirements and to carry appropriate safety equipment.
- 1.2 RRS 40 is changed as follows: Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except when below deck or briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.3 IRC boats that fail to supply a rating certificate as required in the NOR and compete in the event shall be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

2. ENTRIES

Eligible boats shall complete registration online (www.stfyc.com) prior to 0930 hours on May 16, 2013.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 A Competitors' Meeting will be held at StFYC on Friday, May 17 at 0930 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 0945 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. 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 RRS 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.
- 3.7 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water. A change is in effect when the RC signal boat displays code flag L over A with one sound signal. This means "come within hail" of the RC Signal Boat to receive oral changes to the Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee may give oral changes to the Sailing Instructions to each boat by VHF or loud hailer and require acknowledgement.

4. NUMBER & SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 For the IRC Division, six races are scheduled, with one race on Friday, three races on Saturday, and two races on Sunday. For the J/105 and J/120s, five races are scheduled, with three races on Saturday and two races on Sunday.
- 4.2 The scheduled Warning Signal for the first race each day is 1100 hours.

5. RACING AREA

The intended racing area will be the Central San Francisco Bay and its approaches.

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. RESTRICTED AREAS

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

- a) The "H" Beam piling (located approximately 200 yards west of the St. Francis YC) and the closest point ashore.
- b) Anita Rock Light and a yellow buoy "AR" (located approximately 100 yards northwest of the Anita Rock Light).
- c) Anita Rock Light and the closest point ashore.
- d) The yellow buoy "AR" (located approximately 100 yards NW of Anita Rock Light) and the closest point ashore.
- e) The Green Bell Buoy off the west end of Alcatraz Island and Alcatraz Island.
- f) The South Tower of the Golden Gate Bridge and the closest point ashore.
- g) The Green Buoy (G"3") south of Point Blunt-Angel Island and the closest point ashore.
- h) The westernmost end of Pier 45 and the easternmost end of the Aquatic Park breakwater.
- i) If set, a round orange/red buoy off of Piers 39, Pier 45, or the SF Marina entrance and the closest point ashore for each.
- j) The southern end of the SF Marina entrance Wave Attenuator and the closest point ashore.
- k) The northern end of the SF Marina entrance Wave Attenuator and the closest point ashore.

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

8. THE START

8.1 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the Starting Line Signal Boat and a Red Inflatable cone OR an orange and yellow striped flag on the pin boat.

8.2 A boat that starts later than four minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35.

8.3 Class Flags for one-design classes will be a black class insignia on a white rectangular background.

8.4 Class Flags for Handicap Classes will a black letter on a white rectangular background corresponding to their division letter as follows:

- a) IRC A – "A"
- b) IRC B – "B"
- c) IRC C – "C"

9. 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 or 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).

10. THE FINISH

10.1 For Friday race courses with "RD" finishing line will be between STFYC outer mark "A" and a yellow placard on the StFYC Race Deck (RD). StFYC inner mark "B" must be left to the south.

10.2 On Friday, the Time Limit is four hours. A boat failing to finish within four hours, or within 60 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes, will be scored DNF by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 35.

10.3 For Saturday and Sunday race courses with "UW" upwind finishes, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on a Race Committee boat and an orange buoy located approximately 200 yards upwind of Mark 1.

10.4 For Saturday and Sunday race courses with "DW" downwind finishes, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the Starting Line Signal Boat and an orange buoy, opposite the starting line.

10.5 On Saturday and Sunday, the Time Limit for each race is 90 minutes. A boat failing to finish within 90 minutes, or within 30 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes, will be scored DNF by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 35.

11. COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC, SAFETY

- 11.1** Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with the U.S. Inland Navigation Rules Act of 1980.
- 11.2** 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.
- 11.3** 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.
- 11.4** A boat may be penalized independently under any paragraph of this SI. A violation of any part this sailing instruction 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.

12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1** Protests and requests for redress shall be written on Standard US SAILING Protest Forms. Protest Forms are available at the St. Francis Yacht Club Jury Desk. For Saturday and Sunday, protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the representative at the Jury Desk within 60 minutes after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks. For Friday, protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the representative at the Jury Desk within 60 minutes after the last finisher in her fleet. The protest filing times will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.
- 12.2** The time, place, and parties to all protest and redress hearing(s) will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board within 30 minutes after the close of filing time in 12.1 above. This serves as notification as per RRS 63.2.
- 12.3** 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 announcement of the Protest Committee's decision (oral or written). This changes RRS 66.

13. DISPOSAL OF WASTE OR TRASH

Boats observed breaking RRS 55 are 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. Sacrificial rubber bands and yarn are not considered trash. This changes RRS 55, 60.1(a) and 64.1(a).

14. SCORING

- 14.1** One race must be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2** Each boat's final score will be the sum of her scores for all races. This changes RRS A2.

15. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded based upon participation.

Additional regatta information

BERTHING, HAUL OUT & TRAILER STORAGE

Competitors' boats may be moored free of charge at the StFYC guest docks one night prior to the first race and the night following the conclusion of racing.

ATTACHMENT A
OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF MARKS AND COURSES FOR FRIDAY

MARK	DESCRIPTION
"RG"	Pt. Bonita Buoy – FI (2+1) R 6s Bell
R"2"	Red can to the east of Alcatraz – FI R 6s Bell
A	Outer mark (yellow sphere) off St. Francis Yacht Club
B	Inner mark (yellow can) off St. Francis Yacht Club
3Tg	Red Inflatable cones set as a leeward gate placed .7NM at 40 degrees MAG from #18-Green/Red "BR" FI
16	Yellow Can "TB" (Tom Blackaller) .2 NM East of Fort Point
17	Green/Red "HR" 1 Qk FI R at Harding Rock
18	Green/Red "BR" FI Bell at Blossom Rock
3	Yellow Inflatable cone placed .5 NM at 55 degrees MAG from North tower of Golden Gate Bridge
8	Red "4" FI R 4 sec. Horn, 1.0 NM East of Point Blunt
X	Yellow can set North of the Golden Gate Yacht Club
6	Yellow sphere "M" 200 yards North of Fort Mason piers
10	Red "6" FI R 4 sec. Bell, 1.1 NM Northeast of Point Blunt
7	Red "2" FI R 6 sec., .9 NM Northwest of Treasure Island

COURSE	ROUNDING ORDER
A	Start → "RG"(p) → 18(p) → 16(p) → Finish Line RD
B	Start → "RG"(p) → R"2"(p) → 16(p) → 18(p) → 16(p) → Finish Line RD
C	Start → 16(s) → 17(p) → 3(p) → X(p) → 16(p) → Finish Line RD
D	Start → 16(s) → 17(s) → 18(s) → 6(s) → 8(p) → 16(p) → Finish Line RD
E	Start → 16(s) → 17(s) → 18(p) → 10(p) → 3(p) → X(p) → 8(p) → 3(p) → 16(p) → Finish Line RD
F	Start → 16(p) → 18(p) → 8(p) → 3(p) → X(p) → 7(p) → 16(p) → Finish Line RD
G	Start → 16(s) → 17(s) → 18(s) → 16(s) → 18(s) → 16(s) → 6(s) → Finish Line RD

ATTACHMENT B
OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF MARKS AND COURSES FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

MARK	DESCRIPTION
1	Inflatable yellow buoy set as a Windward Mark
1o	Inflatable red buoy set as an Offset Mark to be rounded in the same direction as the Windward Mark
3g	Two inflatable yellow buoys set as a Leeward Gate
3Tg	Red Inflatable cones set as a leeward gate placed .7NM at 40 degrees MAG from #18-Green/Red "BR" Fl Bell at Blossom Rock (boats must pass between the two gate marks)

COURSE	ROUNDING ORDER
A	Start → 1(p) → 1o → 3g → 1(p) → 1o → Finish DW
B	Start → 1(s) → 1o → 3g → 1(s) → 1o → Finish DW
C	Start → 1(p) → 1o → 3g → 1(p) → 1o → 3gate → Finish UW
D	Start → 1(s) → 1o → 3g → 1(s) → 1o → 3gate → Finish UW
E	Start → 1(p) → 1o → 3g → 1(p) → 1o → 3g → 1(p) → 1o → Finish DW
F	Start → 1(s) → 1o → 3g → 1(s) → 1o → 3g → 1(s) → 1o → Finish DW
G	Start → 1(p) → 1o → 3Tg → 1(p) → 1o → Finish Line DW
H	Start → 1(s) → 1o → 3Tg → 1(s) → 1o → Finish Line DW
I	Start → 1(p) → 1o → 3Tg → 1(p) → 1o → 3Tg → 1(p) → 1o → Finish Line DW
J	Start → 1(s) → 1o → 3Tg → 1(s) → 1o → 3Tg → 1(s) → 1o → Finish Line DW