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# SAUSALITO YACHT CLUB



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Women Skippers Regatta May 16, 2015

### 1. RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 A skipper will disqualify her boat and notify the race committee if at any time while racing a man touches the helm.
- 1.3 RRS 46 is changed: “The woman skipper that entered the boat shall be the person in charge”.
- 1.4 RRS 61.2(d) is changed: “The skipper shall be the protestor’s representative”.
- 1.5 The division in which a boat starts can be changed only notice in writing to the WSR PRO prior to the signal boat leaving the SYC dock.

2. SAFETY: Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway (see US Dept. of Commerce chart 18649 for designated narrow channels and fairways of SF Bay) or fishing or other vessel 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 (RC) or a 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 RRS 61.1(a) & (b) have been fulfilled or exclusions referenced in RRS 60.2(a) have been met.

a) Propulsion: To comply with this section and to avoid impeding such a vessel, a competitor may utilize auxiliary power without being obligated to retire (in accordance with RRS 42.3(b)) for only as long as required to clear a channel expeditiously. In so doing, she shall notify the RC as soon as possible. She shall then be subjected to a scoring penalty of two (2) places worse than she would have received, however, she shall not be scored worse than DNF.

b) Personal safety is the responsibility of each individual while racing. Wearing a personal flotation device (PFD) is not a requirement of this race but it is encouraged. However, the RC may fly the Y flag in which event a PFD is required to be worn by all racers.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS: Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside the SYC clubhouse.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SI) will be posted before 0900 on Saturday, May 16, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on Friday, May 15.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE: Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flag pole adjacent to the clubhouse. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than one hour after the AP flag is lowered.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

#### Warning Signals

<u>Time</u>	<u>Fleet</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
1200 First Warning	Div. A	Spinnaker	A
1210	Div. C	Non Spinnaker	C

7. COURSES: Courses are described in Appendix A of these SI.

8. ON THE WATER COMMUNICATIONS: RRS 25 is amended to allow on-the-water communications between the RC and competitors on VHF 69. The RC will communicate OCS and the signaled course for the race. The inability of a competitor to hear a hail for OCS or any other information shall not relieve her of her responsibility nor shall it be grounds for redress. RRS 90.2(c) is amended to allow oral changes to the SI on the water. In the event the RC needs to communicate oral changes it shall raise the "L" flag and attempt to hail competitors on VHF 69.

9. RACING AREA COURSES AND MARKS: The intended start venue is the Knox/Yellow Bluff area. Courses will use temporary (drop) and fixed government marks. Courses will be optimized for prevailing conditions.

10. START LINE: The start line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and an inflatable mark.

11. FINISH LINE: The race days' choice of finish line will be announced at the skippers meeting. The two choices consist of the following:

11.1 Between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and an inflatable mark, or

11.2 Between the SYC flagpole displaying an orange flag and an inflatable mark East of the club.

12. TIME LIMIT: The time limit will be 1600 hours for all boats. Boats finishing after this time limit shall be scored DNF. This modifies RRS 35.

13. PROTESTS: Written protests shall be submitted to the WSR PRO on an official USSA form.

a) If the finish is between the race signal boat and an inflatable mark, within 30 minutes after the signal boat arrives at the SYC dock, or

b) If the finish is off the SYC race deck, within 20 minutes after the last boat finishes or 1600 hours, whichever is earlier.

Protests shall be heard 30 minutes after the filing deadline, or as soon thereafter as a protest committee can be assembled.

14. SCORING: The "Time on Time" method of scoring will be used.

15. CHECK-IN AND RETIRE: All boats shall show their sail number to the RC signal boat by sailing past prior to the first warning signal. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

16. PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded at the SYC clubhouse immediately following racing and the hearing of protests, if any:

16.1 Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each division.

16.2 The SYC Woman Skippers Trophy will be awarded to a SYC skipper of each division.

16.3 The Woman Skippers Trophy (bay area wide) will be awarded to the overall winners in the spinnaker and non- spinnaker divisions.

16.4 The All-Women Team trophy will be awarded to the All-women Team in each division

**Appendix A to the Sailing Instructions**  
Sausalito Yacht Club 2015 Women Skipper Regatta  
Race Committee will use VHF Channel 69

Courses Using Temporary and Fixed Marks (Distances are Approximate)

Course 1	Start - 15P - 8P - Finish	6.9 nm
Course 2	Start - 15P - 6P - 15P - Finish	7.8 nm
Course 3	Start - 6S - 2S - Finish	6.6 nm
Course 4	Start - 16S - 2S - Finish	6.1 nm

**Mark Descriptions**

- 2** Sausalito Channel Mark “2”
- 6** YRA Mark 6, known as “Ft Mason”, yellow column “M” 200 yards north of Fort Mason.
- 8** R “4”, Fl Red 4 sec Horn 1.0 nm East of Pt Blunt, Angel Island.
- 15** Inflatable mark located 0.2 nm West of Yellow Bluff
- 16** YRA Mark 16, known as “Blackaller” 0.5 nm East of Ft Point