



SAN FRANCISCO BAY CHALLENGE

St. Francis Yacht Club

June 6-7, 2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1** The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, including *Appendix B Windsurfing Competition Rules* and *Appendix F Kiteboard Racing Rules*.
- 1.2** The following prescriptions will not apply: RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4.
- 1.3** All competitors shall wear wetsuits with a minimum thickness of 3/2mm, which covers the knees and has short sleeves as minimum coverage.
- 1.4** Competitors in the Kite classes shall wear their assigned numbered jersey at all times while racing.
- 1.5** Competitors in the Windsurf class shall have sail numbers on both sides of their sail and shall wear their issued racing bib in the distance race.
- 1.6** For safety purposes, each competitor shall check in with the StFYC race office as soon as possible after the distance race. Failure to check in will be grounds for a score of DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

2. ENTRIES

Competitors shall complete register online (www.stfyc.com) prior to 1145 hours on Saturday, June 6th.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1** A sailor's meeting will be held at 1145 hours on Saturday, June 6th on the StFYC race deck.
- 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 1145 hours on the day they are to 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.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1** On Saturday, June 6th one distance race will be held. The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1300 hours.
- 4.2** On Sunday, June 7th three to five course or slalom races will be held. The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1300 hours.
- 4.3** On Sunday, June 7th no race will be started after 1600 hours.

5. RACING AREA

Races will be conducted on the San Francisco Bay.

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 class flag for the Formula and Hydrofoil Kites will be a white flag with the black class insignia. The class flag for the Windsurf class will be a white flag with the colored class insignia.
- 7.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the signal boat and an orange round buoy set to port.
- 7.3** **For the distance race**, each competitor shall sail past the stern of signal boat prior to the warning signal of each race, so that her sail number or bib number may be recorded and acknowledged. Boats failing to check in may be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 7.4** A competitor shall not start later than four minutes after her starting signal. A competitor that starts later than four minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35.

8. RECALLS

The race committee may hail the sail/jersey number(s) of the competitor (s) identified on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal. The failure of a hail, the failure of a competitor 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 the distance race**, the finish line will be between the StFYC outer Buoy "A" and a yellow placard on the StFYC race deck.
- 9.2** **For the course races**, the finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the race committee signal boat and a white round buoy set to starboard.

10. TIME LIMIT FOR EACH RACE

- 10.1** The time limit for the distance race is 120 minutes.
- 10.2** For the kite class, competitors failing to finish within 90 minutes after the first competitor in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 10.3** For the Windsurf class, competitors failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first competitor in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 10.4** The time limit for each course race is 30 minutes. A competitor failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first competitor sails the course shall be scored DNF by the race committee. This changes RRS 35.

11. COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC, SAFETY

- 11.1** As stated in the RRS preamble to the Part 2 rules, when a competitor sailing under these rules meets a vessel that is not, she shall comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) or government right-of-way rules. This supplements, but does not replace the rules of Part 2.
- 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 competitor, 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 a 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 competitor 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 competitor shall promptly comply with the signal unless compliance would create an unsafe condition. If a competitor fails to comply with such a signal, the race committee shall protest the competitor, in which case the protest committee shall assume that the course alteration would not have created an unsafe condition, and the protested competitor shall have the burden of proving otherwise.

- 11.4** Competitors may not take a penalty under rule 44 for breaking any part of this SI, and a resulting disqualification shall not be excludable under rule A2. The StFYC shall cooperate with and provide relevant information to the Coast Guard or other governmental authority regarding investigations of competitors impeding ship traffic or violating U.S. Inland Navigation Rules (33 CFR 83).

12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1** Protests and requests for redress will be written on standard US SAILING protest forms Windsurfers and IKA protest forms for the Kites. Protest forms are available at the StFYC race office, and shall be lodged with the race office within 60 minutes of the last finish in the last race of the day. This time limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- 12.2** The time and place of all hearing(s), the competitor(s) protesting, competitor(s) being protested and boat(s) requesting redress will be posted on the official notice board within 90 minutes of the last finisher in the last race of the day. This shall serve as notification as per RRS 63.2.
- 12.3** A request to reopen a hearing must be delivered to the front desk of StFYC within 30 minutes of the parties to the protest receiving the jury's decision (oral or written). This changes RRS 66.
- 12.4** Infringements of sailing instructions 1.2-1.5 shall not be grounds for protest from one competitor to another, but may result in action from the jury and or race committee.

13. SCORING

- 13.1** The distance race on Saturday will be scored separately from the course races on Sunday.
- 13.2** If fewer than four races are completed, a competitor's series score shall be the total of her race scores. If four or more races are completed, a competitor's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

14. DROPPING OUT

It is each competitor's responsibility to notify the race committee at the earliest possible opportunity after dropping out. Competitors who drop out must either inform a race committee boat, go to the race office to check in, or call the race office at 415-655-7756.

15. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded based on participation.

ATTACHMENT A
OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF MARKS AND COURSES

MARK	DESCRIPTION
Start	The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the signal boat and an orange round buoy set to port.
1	Inflatable yellow buoy set as a windward mark near Presidio Shoals
2	Inflatable yellow buoy attached to a stationary boat near Point Cavallo
17	Green/Red "HR" 1 Qk Fl R at Harding Rock
3	Inflatable yellow buoy set as a leeward mark near Ft. Mason
Finish	<p>For the distance race, the finish line will be between the StFYC outer Buoy "A" and a yellow placard on the StFYC Race Deck.</p> <p>For the course races, the finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the race committee signal boat and a white round buoy set to port.</p>

COURSE	ROUNDING ORDER
	p = Round to Port s = Round to Starboard
A	Start → 1(p) → 3(p) → Finish
B	Start → 1(p) → 3(p) → 1(p) → 3(p) → Finish
C	Start → 1(s) → 2(s) → 17(s) → 3(s) → Finish
D	Start → 1(s) → 17 (s) → 3(s) → Finish
E <i>Distance Course</i>	Start - Head west to a yellow inflatable mark set north of Presidio shoal buoy, round the yellow inflatable to port - Head East to a yellow inflatable <u>buoy set north of the eastern most gap</u> in the Berkeley Pier, round the yellow inflatable to port - proceed to the Finish Line between the StFYC outer Buoy "A" and a yellow placard on the StFYC Race Deck.
F <i>Distance Course</i>	Start - Head west to a yellow inflatable mark set north of Presidio shoal buoy, round the yellow inflatable to port - Head East to a red inflatable <u>buoy set at the western end</u> of the Berkeley Pier, round the yellow inflatable to port - proceed to the Finish Line between the StFYC outer Buoy "A" and a yellow placard on the StFYC Race Deck.