

# THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB and THE ST. FRANCIS YACHT CLUB



## 2017 CHAMPAGNE CUP April 15, 2017

### NOTICE OF RACE

**Organizing Authority: The San Francisco Yacht Club and St. Francis Yacht Club**

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Rule 40 is changed as follows: All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 1.3 US Sailing prescription to rules 60.3 and 63.2 shall not apply.
- 1.4 All boats shall fly their respective burgee while racing. Boats identified by the race committee not complying with this requirement will receive, without a hearing, a five-minute scoring penalty. This changes rules 60.1, 63.1 and A5.
- 1.5 The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

#### **2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 The Champagne Series is open to members of The San Francisco Yacht Club and St. Francis Yacht Club. All boats shall be at least 18 feet in length and have a keel.
- 2.2 Current Northern California PHRF certificates **are required** (except as exempted in NOR 2.3) and shall be submitted to the SFYC race office prior to racing. NCPHRF certificates may be obtained through the YRA at: [http://www.yra.org/PHRF/get\\_a\\_ncphrf\\_certificate.html](http://www.yra.org/PHRF/get_a_ncphrf_certificate.html).
- 2.3 One-Design fleet boats sailed under standard configuration need not provide a certificate.
- 2.3 All boats must be owned or chartered by a SFYC or StFYC member or the spouse of a member. Both the skipper and the helmsman are required to be SFYC or StFYC members or spouses of members.
- 2.4 Eligible boats shall enter in either the Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker division by completing a single registration online at [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org) > On the Water > Racing > Schedule. Only online entries will be accepted. There is no entry fee.
- 2.4 Each yacht club shall have at least two boats registered in each division.

### **3 DIVISIONS**

- 3.1 The Spinnaker Division includes boats designed and rated with spinnakers and which will be sailed with spinnakers during the series. The Spinnaker Division also includes boats designed and rated without spinnakers, such as the Star, Alerion, and Knarr classes.
- 3.2 The Non-Spinnaker Division includes boats whose NCPHRF rating is with spinnakers, but **choose** to race without spinnakers during the series.
- 3.3 Each Division may be split into two fleets, depending on registration numbers. Fleet splits will be made no later than 1700 hours on April 13, based on NCPHRF ratings.

### **4 RACE SCHEDULE**

Two races are scheduled, with the first warning signal at noon.

### **5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available at either club and on their websites, [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org) and [www.stfyc.com](http://www.stfyc.com), by 1700 hours on April 13.

### **6 VENUE AND COURSES**

- 6.1 The intended racing area will be in the vicinity of the west side of Angel Island and the Central Bay, with the start offshore of Pt. Knox. Courses may use some fixed marks listed in the YRA mark list for the Central Bay.
- 6.2 The courses will be described in the sailing instructions.

### **7 SCORING**

- 7.1 Scoring for each race will be NCPHRF Time-on-Time calculated with the formula  $TCF=A/(B+PHRF)$ , where TCF is the time correction factor that the PHRF rating is multiplied by, and  $A=B+(\text{fleet's middle rating})$ . The B Factor used for each race will be as follows for the average of the wind speeds observed on the signal boat at the start and on the finish boat when the first boat finishes:  
25+ knots = 480  
18-24 knots = 515  
12-17 knots = 550  
8-11 knots = 575  
Under 8 knots = 600
- 7.2 Both races will count towards a boat's series score.
- 7.3 The top three boats' scores from each yacht club in each division will be combined into an overall team score. The yacht club with the lowest combined score will be declared the overall winner. If a yacht club has only two boats in any division the other yacht club shall only count its top two boats in that division.

### **8 BERTHING**

Berthing will be available free of charge at the SFYC guest docks in front of the Club after racing and over Saturday night after the regatta party.

### **9 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 9.1 Competitors should monitor VHF USA channel 65A for on the water communication with the race committee.
- 9.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

### **10 PRIZES**

- 10.1 The top three boats in each division will be awarded bottles of champagne after racing.

10.2 The winning yacht club will be awarded the Champagne Cup Perpetual Trophy.

**11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death, sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta.