



## JESSICA CUP

St. Francis Yacht Club

October 16-17, 2010

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 RRS 40 is changed as follows: All competitors are required to wear life-jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy while racing. The "Y" flag will not be displayed.

#### 2. Entries

Eligible boats shall complete registration online ([www.stfyc.com](http://www.stfyc.com)) prior to 1000 hours on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Entries will be assigned to a division based upon the number of entries of their traditional design and construction. Division assignments will be posted by 1900 hours on Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### 3. Communication with Competitors

- 3.1 A Competitors' Meeting will be held at StFYC Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 1030 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 Any 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 it takes 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 VHF radio broadcasts may be made by the Race Committee on Channel 69. In emergencies, competitors may contact the Race Committee on this VHF channel.

#### 4. Schedule of Races

Three races are scheduled in the series with Race #1 and #2 on Saturday, and Race #3 on Sunday. The first warning signal will be at 1150 hours on Saturday and 1250 on Sunday.

<u>Race#</u>	<u>Order / Division</u>	<u>Numeral</u>	<u>Warning Signal</u>
1	Marconi	1	1200 hours
	Farallon Clipper	2	
	L 36	3	
2	Immediately following Race #1. Order of starts will be the same as Race #1.		
3	Marconi	1	1300 hours
	Farallon Clipper	2	
	L 36	3	

## 5. Racing Area

The intended racing area will be the San Francisco City Front.

## 6. Courses, & Marks & Class Signals

6.1 The courses and marks and Class Flags are described on Attachment A – Official Description of Marks and Courses.

6.2 A Code Flag designating the course will be displayed from the Race Deck no later than the Warning Signal for each division.

## 7. The Start

7.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with divisions starting at 5-minute intervals in the order stated on the attached Course Sheet and in SI 4. The warning for the succeeding division may be made with the starting signal of the preceding division. Times shall be taken from the visual signal; failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Visual Signal (Sound Signal)</u>	<u>Minutes to Start</u>
Warning	Display Division Numeral Pennant (gun)	5
	Display Course Code Flag	
Preparatory	Display P or I, Z, or black flag (gun)	4
	Lower preparatory flag (horn)	1
Start	Lower Division Numeral Pennant (gun)	0

7.2 The Starting Line will be the StFYC “A” Buoy (outer buoy) and a yellow vertical panel on the Race Deck of the StFYC. The Direction of the start is described per 7.3 and 7.4 below

7.3 Courses **A** through **O** - The start shall be from East to West leaving Mark “A” to Starboard

7.4 Courses **Q** through **W** - The start shall be from West to East leaving Mark “A” to Port

7.5 A boat shall not start later than 4 minutes after her starting signal. A boat that starts later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35.

7.6 StFYC “B” Buoy (inner buoy) must be left to the south when starting.

## 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 loud hailer or VHF Channel 69. 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.

## 9. The Finish

9.1 The Finish Line will be between StFYC “A” Buoy (outer buoy) and a yellow vertical panel on the Race Deck of the StFYC.

9.2 The finish direction for all courses shall be East to West leaving Mark “A” to Starboard

9.3 StFYC “B” Buoy (inner buoy) must be left to the south when finishing.

## 10. Time Limit for Each Race

The Time Limit for each race will be 3½ hours. A boat failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat in her class will be scored “Did Not Finish” by the Race Committee. This Changes RRS 35.

## 11. Protests

11.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be written on Standard US SAILING Protest Forms. Protest Forms are available at the St. Francis Yacht Club **Front Desk**. Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the Race Committee Representative at the Front Desk within 60 minutes after the last finishing boat after the last race of the day. This time limit will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board. This time limit will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.

- 11.2** The time and place of all protest hearing(s), the boat(s) protesting, boat(s) being protested and boat(s) requesting redress will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board within 90 minutes after the last finishing boat after the last race of the day. This shall serve as notification as per RRS 63.2
- 11.3** 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 posting of the Protest Committee's decision (oral or written). This changes RRS 66.

**12. Restricted Areas**

- 12.1** Boats shall not pass through the areas bound by the following objects and the closest point ashore:
- (a) The "H" Beam (located approximately 200 yards west of the St. Francis YC).
  - (b) The Bell Buoy off the west end of Alcatraz Island and the Point Blunt Buoy.
  - (c) All breakwaters in the vicinity of Fisherman's Wharf and Aquatic Park.
  - (d) Round orange buoys set off of Piers 39, Pier 45, and the SF Marina entrance (if set).
  - (e) Anita Rock and its buoy.
- 12.2** The above restricted areas are defined as obstructions.
- 12.3** A boat that breaks this rule may not correct her error and shall retire. This changes RRS 28.1.

**13. Scoring**

- 13.1** 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.
- 13.2** The Jessica Cup Committee will handicap boats based on available measurement data. The final handicaps & class divisions will be posted by 1900 hours on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**14. Berthing**

Competitor's Boats 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 at the direction of the StFYC Dockmaster.

**15. Prizes**

Trophies will be awarded based upon class participation. The Jessica Cup will be awarded to the top boat 40' and above in the Marconi division and the Rascal Cup will be awarded to the top boat under 40' in the Marconi division.

## ATTACHMENT A - OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF MARKS AND COURSES

STARTING ORDER	NUMERAL PENNENT
Division 1 Marconi	1
Division 2 Farallon Clipper	2
Division 3 L 36	3

Course							Distance	
A	Start	16p	6p				Finish	3.3
B	Start	16p	Ap	16p	6p		Finish	5.3
C	Start	16p	18p				Finish	6.2
D	Start	16p	18p	16p	6p		Finish	9.5
E	Start	16p	18p	16p	18p		Finish	12.4
F	Start	16p	6p	17s	6s		Finish	6.9
G	Start	16s	17s	18s			Finish	7.4
H	Start	16s	17s	18s	16p	6p	Finish	10.7
J	Start	16s	17s	18s	16p	18p	Finish	13.6
K	Start	16s	17s	6s			Finish	5.5
L	Start	YBp	16p	6p			Finish	6.4
M	Start	YBs	17s	16p	6p		Finish	7.7
N	Start	16s	17p	YBp	18s		Finish	9.9
O	Start	YBs	18s	16p	6p		Finish	11.1
Q	Start	6p	16p	6p			Finish	3
R	Start	18p					Finish	4.2
S	Start	18p	16p	Xp			Finish	6.4
T	Start	6p	16p	18p	Xp	6p	Finish	9.6
U	Start	6p	17p	16p	6p		Finish	6.8
V	Start	6p	17p	6s			Finish	5
W	Start	6p	YBp	16p	17s	6s	Finish	9.5

Mark	Description
16	(Blackaller) #16 Yellow Can "Tom Blackaller" .2 NM East of Ft. Point.
17	(Harding) #17 Red Green "HR" 1 QK Fl. Red at Harding Rock
6	(Fort Mason) #6 Yellow Sphere "M" 200 yards North of Ft. Mason Docks
18	(Blossom Rock) #18 Red Green "BR" Fl. (2+1) G 6s Bell
YB	(Yellow Bluff) #15 Yellow "Y" East of Yellow Bluff – a temporary inflatable yellow cone set in the vicinity of Yellow Bluff.
X	Yellow Sphere 'X' located North of Golden Gate Yacht Club
A	StFYC "A" Buoy (outer buoy)

## **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 Jury 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.
- B3** A Race Committee boat may signal a boat to alter course to avoid impeding or the possibility of 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 Jury 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. A violation of any part this attachment shall not be exonerated by a Scoring Penalty. 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.