

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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THE ELITE KEEL REGATTA

May 19 & 20, 2012

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: The San Francisco Yacht Club, Belvedere, California

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Rule 40 is deleted and replaced with: "All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment." Note that Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 1.3 For the Express 27 class, Rule 44.1 is changed as follows: A boat may take a penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31. The penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty unless she may have broken a rule of Part 2 within the zone of a rounding, gate or finishing mark, in which case the penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside on The SFYC deck..

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Rule 90.2(c) is amended to allow oral changes to the Sailing Instructions on the water. In the event the Race Committee needs to communicate oral changes, they shall raise the "L" flag and attempt to hail competitors on VHF channel 65.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole located adjacent to the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 **Saturday, May 19, 2012** - Three (3) races are scheduled.
Sunday, May 20, 2012 – Two (2) Races are scheduled.

5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1130 hours.

5.3 After the first race, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, a series of short sound signals and a radio announcement on VHF 65 may be made.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be standard numeral pennants:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag (Pennant)</u>
Etchells	One
Express 27	Two
Open 5.70	Three
IOD	Four
J-24	Five
Knarr	Six

Note: The Melges 24 fleet will not participate.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the vicinity of the Olympic Circle.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 **Attachment A** shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 There may be an Offset Mark “O” set 6-8 boat-lengths from the weather mark. If present, the offset mark is to be passed in sequence as designated in the course descriptions on Attachment A.

8.3 Marks GS & GP are a gate. If one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall round the one existing leeward mark to port.

8.4 The course to be sailed will be designated by placards displayed from the race committee signal boat.

9 MARKS

9.1 All marks will be inflatable buoys.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26. Classes may be started in any order, although in the first race each day expect that classes will be started in the order listed in instruction 6 above.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and an inflatable mark to port of the signal boat.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and an inflatable mark. The RC finish boat (Protector) is different from the RC signal boat.

On DOWNWIND FINISHES, boats are encouraged to adjust their sails to make sail numbers visible to the Race Committee.

13 TIME LIMITS

Boats in a fleet failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in the fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rules 35 and A4.1.

14 AFTER RACE SCORING PENALTY

A boat that may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2 or Rule 31 while *racing* may take a penalty after she is no longer racing and prior to the start of a protest hearing involving the incident. Her penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty of 30% calculated as described in Rule 44.3(c), but not more than that of a DNF score. However, if she caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms will be available at the Regatta Table in the clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered to the race committee representative at the Regatta Table within the protest time limit, which shall be one hour after the committee boat returns to the dock. The return time will be posted on the official notice board.

15.2 For protests involving a rule of RRS Part 2, an arbitration hearing will be held prior to the protest hearing. (See Attachment B.) This procedure changes Rule 63.1.

15.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties, the location, and the time such hearings will commence.

15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).

15.5 Rule 66 is changed so that on the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

(a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;

- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

16 SCORING

16.1 Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. No scores will be excluded.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Check-in and check-out: Boats are requested to check in with the race committee by sailing by the committee boat, on starboard tack, prior to the first warning signal. Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the race committee.

17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

18.1 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.

18.2 The Race Committee may broadcast information about the day's racing on VHF 65. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats or failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes Rule 62.

19 PRIZES

19.1 Prizes will be awarded after the racing on Sunday, May 20, on the SFYC deck.

19.2 Unclaimed prizes will be held at the Race Council Office for a period of one month only. Call at (415) 789-5647 to be sure someone will be in the office for pickup.

20 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 or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

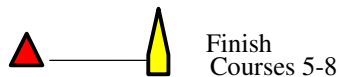
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**NOTE: PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR PARKING PASSES
IF YOU ARE PARKING IN THE SFYC LOT.**

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Attachment A – Courses



Marks

- W1 – Weather Mark 1 (Red)**
- W2 – Weather Mark 2 (Yellow)**
- O – Offset Marks**
- GS & GP – Leeward Gate Marks (Red)**

Marks W1 and W2 are rounding marks

Courses

- 1 – Start –W1(p) - O(p) – Finish Downwind**
- 2 – Start –W1(p) - O(p) - G –W1(p) - O(p) - Finish Downwind**
- 3 – Start –W2(p) - O(p) – Finish Downwind**
- 4 -- Start –W2(p) - O(p) - G –W2(p) - O(p) - Finish Downwind**
- 5 – Start –W1(p) – O(p) -- G – Finish**
- 6 – Start –W1(p) - O(p) -- G – W1(p) - O(p) – G - Finish**
- 7 – Start –W2(p) - O(p)) – G – Finish**
- 8 -- Start –W2(p) - O(p) - G –W2(p) - O(p) – G - Finish**

ATTACHMENT B

PROTEST ARBITRATION

- B1. An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest involving a rule of Part 2. One representative of each party, who was on board at the time of the incident, will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be permitted. Note that an arbitration meeting will be terminated or not held if: (1) all the parties to a protest are not represented, (2) more than two parties are involved, (3) a boat may have caused injury or serious damage, (4) a boat may have gained a significant advantage in the race or series, (5) the arbitrator deems the incident inappropriate for arbitration.
- B2. After hearing the testimony, the arbitrator will offer one of the following opinions:
- (a) The protest committee would find the protest is invalid. Subject to acceptance by the protested party, the arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - (b) The protest committee would find that no boat broke a rule. Subject to acceptance by the protested party, the arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - (c) The protest committee would find that one or more boats represented in the arbitration meeting broke a rule of Part 2. The arbitrator will offer each (both) boat(s) the option to accept a Scoring Penalty, or to retire. Subject to acceptance by the protested party, the arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - (d) A protest hearing is appropriate.
- B3. The protest committee will schedule a protest hearing for any protests that are not withdrawn. Any boat that accepted an After-Race Scoring Penalty (ARSP) as described in the Sailing Instructions will not be penalized further as a result of the protest hearing, unless the protest committee concludes that the boat caused injury or serious damage, gained a significant advantage in the race or series, or broke a rule other than a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31.
- B4. If a protest is withdrawn, no protest hearing will be held, and the protest cannot be the subject of a request for redress or appeal. This changes Rule 63.1.