

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Windjammers Race

Friday, August 31, 2012

1. SPONSORSHIP

The Organizing Authority for this event is the San Francisco Bay Windjammers. It is hosted by the Santa Cruz and St. Francis Yacht Clubs.

2. RULES

2.1 This race shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2.2 Standard NCPHRF ratings will be used.

2.3 See SI 12 for Minimum Equipment Requirements.

2.4 From sunset to sunrise the rules of Part 2 are replaced by the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS, COLREG 72) or the Inland Navigation Rules (33 CFR 83).

2.5 Whether or not the Y flag is displayed, competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing and on deck. This changes RRS 40.1.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

Yachts meeting the eligibility requirements described in the Notice of Race may enter by completing the online registration process (www.windjammersrace.org) prior to 1700 hours, Wednesday, August 29, 2012. Completed Float Plans may be e-mailed to jasiegel@earthlink.net or faxed to the StFYC Race Office (415.563.8670). Boats are required to complete, sign, and deliver the attached Float Plan to the St. Francis Yacht Club Race Office not later than 1700 hours, August 29, 2012. Boats failing to comply with this requirement will be scored DNC. This document can be downloaded from www.windjammersrace.org.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Prior to the start of the race, official notices will be posted on the Official Race Bulletin Board located in the hallway adjacent to the regatta entrance to the St. Francis Yacht Club. After the start of the race, official notices will be posted on the Official Race Bulletin Board located on the deck of the Santa Cruz Yacht Club.

5. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0800 hours on August 31, 2012. Code flag "L" will be flown from the StFYC race deck to signify that changes are posted.

6. THE COURSE

From the Starting Line to the finish line in Santa Cruz.

6.1 The "H" Beam (located approximately 200 yards west of the St. Francis Yacht Club) and Anita Rock (and its buoy) shall be left to port.

6.2 The South Tower of the Golden Gate Bridge shall be left to port.

6.3 All rocks visible at mean low water, immediately adjacent to Marin County or San Francisco shorelines, shall be left to shoreward.

6.4 The Mile Rocks Lighthouse shall be left to port.

6.5 Ano Nuevo buoy (R"24" FI R 6s Whistle) must be left to shoreward.

6.6 The "H" Beam, Anita Rock (and its buoy), the South Tower of the GGB, and rocks referenced above are defined as obstructions.

7. THE START





7.1 The starting line will be between the St. Francis Yacht Club outside yellow sphere (StFYC A) and a yellow placard located on the StFYC race deck. The inside (StFYC B) sphere, must be left to the south. StFYC B is not part of the Starting Line but serves as a limiting buoy to keep yachts in safe water.

7.2 Yachts must check in via radio during the hour prior to the first Warning Signal. Contact the Race Committee on VHF channel 69, giving yacht name and sail number. The Race Committee must acknowledge the check-in to make it valid. Entries who fail to achieve a valid check-in, or check-in late, may have 60 minutes added to their elapsed time. The Race Committee may remind boats of their check in requirement over VHF channel 69. This changes RRS 41 and A5.

7.3 Yachts whose Warning Signal has not been made are requested to remain further than 100 yards away from the Starting Line and keep clear of all yachts whose Warning has been signaled.

7.4 OCS boats that do not properly restart will have 30 minutes added to their elapsed times, except a yacht starting more than 15 minutes early will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.2 and A5.

7.5 Starting Signals: Friday August 31, 2012.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Signal</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Flag</u>
0855 0856 0900	Warning Preparatory Start	Cruising Division	M 
	Warning	PHRO1 (DWL < 199, PHRF <67)	A 
	Warning	PHRO2 (DWL < 199, PHRF >66)	C 
	Warning	PHRO3 (DWL > 199, All PHRFs)	D 

See http://www.yra.org/OYRA/dwl_ratio.html for definition

7.6 Divisions will be started independently in accordance with RRS 26. After the first start, Warning Signals for subsequent divisions will occur not earlier than one minute after the preceding start. While an attempt will be made to start divisions in the order shown above, the Race Committee may alter the starting order for any reason. The class flag raised at the Warning Signal will determine starting order. It is the responsibility of each competitor to observe class flags and start correctly.

- 7.7 The Race Committee may communicate starting order and countdown signal times over VHF channel 69. This changes RRS 41.
- 7.8 Final division breakdowns/starting assignments will be posted on the Official Race Bulletin Board located in the hallway adjacent to the side entrance of the St. Francis Yacht Club not later than 1200 hours Thursday, August 30, 2012. This breakdown will also be sent electronically to e-mail addresses supplied with entries.

8. RECALLS

- 8.1 Individual Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The Race Committee may hail OCS boats (premature starters) on VHF channel 69. The failure of a hail, the failure of a boat to hear the hail, or the order of hails shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 41 and RRS 62.1(a).
- 8.2 General Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2. A new Warning Signal for that class will be displayed one minute after the lowering of code flag "First Substitute." Subsequent class sequences will follow.

9. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be an imaginary line between the end of the Municipal Wharf in Santa Cruz and a temporary mark approximately 150 yards off the wharf and approximately in line with the RW "SC" Whistle Buoy. The temporary mark shall be left to starboard. Yachts are requested to notify the Finishing Committee on VHF Channel 69 as they're approaching the Finish Line.

10. TIME LIMIT

Boats not finishing by 1000 hours on September 1, 2012 will be scored DNF.

11. SCORING PENALTY

The Turns Penalty, RRS 44.2 does **not** apply. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, **will** apply. The penalty shall be three (3) places, but not worse than a DSQ score. When taking a penalty, boats shall comply with the yellow flag and notification requirements required by RRS 44.3(b).

12. MINIMUM EQUIPMENT

- 12.1 Yachts must meet the OYRA Minimum Equipment Requirement. These requirements can be found on the YRA web site:
<http://www.yra.org/OYRA/docs/OYRA-2006-minequipment.pdf>
- 12.2 Life rafts, while recommended, are not required.
- 12.3 MER 3.06 requiring two exits is waived for boats less than 35 feet LOA without a forward hatch.
- 12.4 MER 5.01 is changed to read: Each crewmember shall have an adequate personal flotation device.
- 12.5 Participants are subject to random, post-race inspections to verify compliance.

13. RETIRING FROM THE RACE

Yachts retiring from the race shall notify the Race Committee via VHF Channel 69 of their withdrawal. If contact cannot be made via VHF radio, the Race Committee at the Santa Cruz Yacht Club shall be notified via telephone (831.425.0690) at the first reasonable opportunity. Failure to notify the Race Committee may be grounds for rejecting future entries to the Windjammers Races.

14. CRUISING DIVISION

Cruising Division (Division B) yachts are permitted to motor for the length of time calculated for the yacht to travel 20 miles at a speed equal to $(1.3 \times \sqrt{\text{waterline length}})$. In addition, yachts entered in the Cruising Division are permitted to use motors from their preparatory signal to the GG Bridge. This shall not count toward a yacht's total motor allowance.

Yachts with engines running and/or a white steaming light shall be considered under power with respect to right of way rules. In order to qualify for a trophy, those competing in Division B (Cruising Division) must maintain a Motoring Log (attached) and submit it to the Santa Cruz Yacht Club Office within two hours of completing the race.

15. TIME ALLOWANCE

The distance used for Cruising Division is 47 miles sailing at the PHRF rating and 20 miles motoring at the stipulated speed.

16. SCORING

For the Cruising Division standard PHRF time-on-distance calculations will be used. For other divisions, PHRF time-on-time calculations (based on NorCal PHRF standard ratings) will be used. The race committee will use 650 as a numerator and will determine, at its sole discretion, the denominator (B factor) based on race-day conditions.

17. INTERFERENCE WITH COMMERCIAL VESSELS

Yachts must not interfere with commercial vessels or tugs and their tows or naval vessels. Yachts so doing and endangering their own safety or that of the commercial vessel are subject to protest by the race committee and/or protest by competitors and possible disqualification.

18. PROTESTS

All protests shall be filed on USSA protest forms submitted to the Race Committee at the Santa Cruz Yacht Club office by 1030 hours September 1, 2012. Protest hearings will take place as soon as possible after 1030 hours. Parties to the protest will be notified of the time and place of the hearing by notice on the Official Race Bulletin Board at the SCYC. It is the competitors' responsibility to be aware of the schedule and location of hearings.

19. AWARDS

Trophy presentation will commence at approximately 1200 hours, Saturday, September 1, 2012 at the Santa Cruz Yacht Club.

20. DOCKING

20.1 In San Francisco: the St. Francis Yacht Club requires all boats that wish to use the docks at the St. Francis Yacht Club to sign in with the Dockmaster or the front desk. There is no charge for docking 48 hours before the race. Boats arriving more than 48 hours before the start of the race are subject to docking fees. All boats and equipment must be removed from the visitor docks prior to the start of the Windjammers Race.

20.2 In Santa Cruz: complimentary berthing will be provided Friday and Saturday nights. Boats will be rafted on end ties. An official of the Windjammers Committee will direct boats to the appropriate end tie. Gate and shower keys will be available for a refundable deposit. Automobile parking permits will also be available. The Windjammers Committee will monitor VHF 69. The Santa Cruz Port District can be reached on VHF channel 09.

20.3 Because of America's Cup activities, automobile parking at the StFYC will be extremely difficult and is limited to the west parking lot.

MOTORING REPORT

Vessel Name: _____
Skipper: _____
Navigator: _____
Vessel Waterline Length: _____
Calculated Motoring Speed: _____ (1.3 x square root WL)
Allowed Motoring Time: _____ hrs _____ min _____ sec (20 NM / Calc Speed)

MOTORING LOG

Start Time _____ Stop Time _____ Duration _____ hrs _____ min _____ sec
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Start Time _____ Stop Time _____ Duration _____ hrs _____ min _____ sec
TOTAL _____ hrs _____ min _____ sec
Finish Time _____

We certify that these times are accurate and are within the allowed motoring handicap for our vessel (signed):

Skipper: _____

Navigator: _____

This signed report must be turned in to the Windjammers Race Committee (at the Santa Cruz Yacht Club Office) within two hours of finishing, in order to qualify for a trophy.