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SAUSALITO YACHT CLUB

Sunset Series 2013 – Sailing Instructions Championship Race

Sunday October 27, 2013 – first Warning Signal at 1200

1. **RULES:** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the US Sailing Prescriptions, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. All boats will race non-spinnaker.
2. **SAFETY:** Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway, (see US Dept. of Commerce chart 18649 for designated narrow channels and fairways of SF Bay) or fishing or other vessel with restricted ability to maneuver. Boats identified by sail number who endanger their own safety or that of the commercial or government vessel will be subject to protest by the Race Committee (RC) or a contestant and face possible disqualification. A protest for allegations of the above will be heard by a protest committee whether or not the requirements of RRS61.1 (a) & (b) have been fulfilled or exclusions referenced in RRS 60.2(a) have been met. A DSQ for a safety violation shall be considered as disqualification not excludable (DNE).
 - a. **Propulsion:** To comply with this section and to avoid impeding such a vessel, a competitor may utilize auxiliary power without being obligated to retire (in accordance with RRS 42.3(h)) for only as long as required to clear a channel expeditiously. In so doing, she shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. She shall then be subjected to a scoring penalty of 2 places worse than she would have received, however she shall not be scored worse than Did not Finish.
 - b. **Personal safety** is the responsibility of the each individual while racing. While wearing a personal flotation device (PFD) is not a requirement of this regatta, it is encouraged. For any particular race in the Series, the Race Committee may fly the Y Flag which indicates a PFD is required to be worn by all racers.
3. **ENTRIES:** Entry is open to the “podium finishers” (1st, 2nd and 3rd places) in Divisions A, C, D and E in the 2013 Spring and Summer Sunset Series final standings.
4. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors or changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at the SYC clubhouse. Notices shall not be posted later than 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect. Notices to competitors may also be posted on the SYC website [race page](#) , but the official notice board shall prevail.
5. **SCHEDULE OF RACES:** One non-spinnaker race will be run and is to be signaled using code flag “A” (alpha). A race abandoned due to conditions on the race course may be rescheduled utilizing a Notice to Competitors. There will be a single start. The warning signal is at 1200.
6. **ON THE WATER COMMUNICATIONS:** RRS 25 & 60.1(b) are amended to allow for on-the-water radio communications between the RC and racing boats on VHF channel 71. The RC may hail OCS and the signaled course for the race. The inability of a competitor to hear a hail for OCS or any other information shall not relieve her of her responsibility, nor shall it be grounds for redress. RRS 90.2(c) is amended to allow oral changes to the Sailing Instructions on the water. In the event the RC needs to communicate oral changes, they shall raise the “L” flag and attempt to hail competitors on VHF channel 71.
7. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at SYC clubhouse deck. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than one hour after the AP flag is lowered.

8. RACING AREA COURSES AND MARKS: The intended racing venue start is the Knox/Yellow Bluff area. Temporary (drop) mark courses and courses using fixed government marks will be used. Courses will be optimized for prevailing conditions. See Course Descriptions – Appendix A to these Sailing Instructions.
9. START LINE: The START line will be between the staff with an Orange Flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an inflatable mark. It will be In the Knox / Little Harding area.
10. FINISH LINE: The FINISH line will be between the staff with an Orange Flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an inflatable mark near the Sausalito Channel marker – Daymark “2” Fl R in the channel East of Sausalito.
11. RESTRICTED START FINISH LINE: The Start & Finish lines are restricted. After the first leg boats shall not pass through the start line. Boats shall not cross the finish line until she has completed the last leg of the course. Boats violating this restriction may not unwind their course and shall retire immediately and be scored DNF.
12. TIME LIMIT: The time limit is 1600 hours.
Boats finishing after this time limit shall be scored DNF. This modifies Rule 35.
13. PROTESTS: Written protests shall be submitted to the SYC Race Chair on an official USSA form. Protests must be received within one hour of the time the Signal Boat ties up at the SYC dock. Protests shall be heard as soon as possible. Pending protests will be posted on the SYC official notice board.
14. SCORING: Finishing positions will be established by corrected time, using time-on-time corrections, as determined by NC PHRF handicaps. “Cat Rigged” boats (such as *Wylie* and *Nonsuch* makes) will be assessed -18 second adjustments to their handicap ratings to more closely approximate the non-spinnaker classification. SCORING discrepancies shall be reported to RC using the Scoring Discrepancy form, available from the club office.
15. CHECK-IN & RETIRE: All boats shall show their sail number to the Race Committee Boat by sailing past the committee boat prior to the first warning signal. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
16. PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded at the SYC Clubhouse at the conclusion of racing. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded. The Lischeske Perpetual trophy goes to the 1st place winner of the race. It will also be presented at the annual SYC meeting.
17. POST RACE: Sunset BBQ, complimentary draft beer and no-host bar will be available at the club.

Appendix A

<u>Courses</u>	<u>Distance (NM)</u>
1. Start – 15P – 8P – 12S – Finish	(8.15)
2. Start – 15P – Alcatraz P – 8P – 12S – Finish	(8.9)
3. Start – 15P – 8S – 18S – 12S – Finish	(9.95)
4. Start – 15P – 16P – 8P – 12S – Finish	(10.5)
5. Start – 16P – 18P – 12S – Finish	(9.3)
6. Start – 16P – 8P – 12S – Finish	(10.2)
7. Start – 2P – 16P – 8P – 12S – Finish	(10.3)
8. Start – 15P – 4P – 15P – 17P – 4P – 12S – Finish	(7.5)
9. Start – 15P – 17P – 4P – 15P – 12P – Finish	(6.15)

Mark Descriptions

- 2 Sausalito Channel entrance marker “2”
- 4 Temporary inflatable mark set west of Angel Island between Pt Stuart and Pt. Knox, to leeward of committee boat
- 8 R “4” Fl 4s Horn 1 nm East of Point Blunt
- 12 G “1” Fl G4s, “Little Harding Rock”
- 15 Temporary inflatable mark located approx. 0.75 mile east of Yellow Bluff
- 16 YRA Mark 16, known as “Blackaller”, 0.5 nm E of Ft. Point
- 17 RG “HR” FL (2+1) R 6 sec - “Harding Rock”
- 18 RG “BR” Fl (2+1)G6s Bell, “Blossom Rock”
- 19 R “8” Fl R2.5s approx. 1.5nm E of Pt Bluff

VHF CH 71
