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SAUSALITO YACHT CLUB

2016 Jaws Race – Sailing Instructions

Race date: March 26

First Warning Signal at 1200 hours

Pursuit Race – Staggered Starts

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2013 – 2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the US Sailing Prescriptions, the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions and Appendix A.

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).

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. The Race Committee may fly the Y Flag which indicates a PFD is required to be worn by all racers.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

Yachts with or without a valid PHRF certificate are eligible to enter. If no valid PHRF certificate is available, a handicap number may be assigned by the race committee. Competitors may enter and pay the entry fee online or by submitting a completed entry form including the entry fee to Sausalito Yacht Club before 1600 the day before the race.

4. CLASSES

The will be two classes or divisions – Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker.

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors or changes to these 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, including a last update for Appendix A. Notices to competitors may also be posted on the website, but the official notice board shall prevail.

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6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals will be displayed from the flagpole located at the SYC clubhouse.

7. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

The start and finish line will be between the staff on an orange flag on the clubhouse mast and an inflatable mark to the northeast of the club.

8. SCHEDULE and CLASS FLAG

1200 hours Warning signal – All boats. GPS time shall be used.

Races abandoned may be rescheduled utilizing a notice to competitors.

“J” is the class flag for both spinnaker and non-spinnaker boats. The J flag will remain displayed for the entire starting sequence.

9. STARTING SEQUENCE AND TIMES

This is a Pursuit Race. The high handicap boats start first with lower handicap boats to follow “in pursuit.” The handicaps are calculated in a “Time on Distance” method and are used to calculate the start times.

The table of start times for the various handicaps is listed in Appendix A. Appendix A will be completed after entries are closed and will be available on-line and at the club by 2000 hours on March 25.

Boats starting prematurely and that do not restart will be penalized by 5 minutes added to their finish time for each minute or partial minute they are over early. There will be no general recalls.

10. COURSE and MARKS

Start – 12 P – 8 S – 18 S – Finish 10.3 NM

Mark Descriptions:

- 8 R “4” FI Red 4 sec Horn 1.0 nm E of Pt. Blunt, Angel Isl
- 12 G “1” FL G 4 sec NW Harding Rock, "Little Harding"
- 18 GR “BR” FI(2+1) G 6s Bell “Blossom Rock” .9 nm E SE of Alcatraz Island

P means leave the mark to Port

S means leave the mark to Starboard

11. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race will be 1700 hrs for all boats to finish. Boats finishing after this time will be scored DNF. This modifies RRS 35.

12. PROTESTS

Written protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee Chair by 1730. The protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible.

13. SCORING

The first boat to finish in each division wins. The second to finish is second, and so on. Corrections will be made for OCS with no restart.

14. CHECK-IN & RETIRE

All boats are considered checked in by sailing through the start line when starting. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

15. COMMUNICATIONS

RRS 25 & 60.1(b) are modified to allow for on-the-water radio communications between the Race Committee (R/C) and racing boats on VHF channel 71. The R/C may hail boats that are OCS. 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 R/C needs to communicate oral changes, they shall raise the "L" flag and attempt to hail competitors on VHF channel 71.

16. AWARDS, TROPHIES & PARTY

Prizes for will be awarded at the SYC Clubhouse at the conclusion racing to those winners in attendance. All prizes will be awarded based on the number of participants in each division. The perpetual "Jaws" trophy will be shared by winners from each division as well as the winner of the concurrent Predicted Log Race for powered boats.

Hosted hors d'oeuvres will be provided at the club after the race. Also look for a few sharks in attendance...