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SAUSALITO YACHT CLUB

Lipton Cup 2016 Sailing Instructions

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.
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. For any particular race in the regatta, the Race Committee may fly the Y Flag which indicates a PFD is required to be worn by all racers.

3. **ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY:** The helmsperson and tactician of each yacht shall be properly enrolled members of the sponsoring club. Each yacht must be on each clubs' official list of yachts.
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 event website at: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/11682>
5. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:** No signals will be made ashore.
6. **RACING AREA COURSES AND MARKS:** The intended racing venue is the Knox/Yellow Bluff area. Temporary (drop) mark courses will be used. Courses will be optimized for prevailing conditions. Courses will be indicated by number pennants. See Course Descriptions – Appendix A to these Sailing Instructions.

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7. 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.

8. START AND FINISH LINE: The start and finish line will be between the staff displaying an Orange Flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an orange inflatable mark.

9. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

Race One	Saturday July 9, 2016	First Warning Signal: 11:30
Race Two	Saturday July 9, 2016	Following the completion of race one.
Race Three	Saturday July 9, 2016	Following the completion of race two.

11. CHECK-IN & RETIRE: All boats shall show their sail number to the Race Committee by sailing past the signal boat on a starboard tack prior to the first warning signal. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

12. FLEET FLAGS AND STARTING ORDER OF THE FIRST RACE:

Big Lipton: J105	Code Flag A
Larry Knight: Express 27	Code Flag C
Little Lipton: SF30	Code Flag D
Admirals: Cal 20	Code Flag E

13. SCORING: The Low Point scoring system applies. Three races are scheduled; a minimum of one race shall be completed to constitute a regatta. All scores count; no race shall be excluded. This modifies RRS Appendix A2. Scoring discrepancies shall be reported to RC using the Scoring Discrepancy form, available from the SYC Clubhouse.

14. TROPHIES: Perpetual trophies will be awarded for the First and Second Place participants in each series and entrusted to the winning clubs. Awards for the Lipton Series will be presented at the PICYA Delegates Meeting at Oakland Y.C.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS: Protests and requests for redress shall be written on Official U.S. Sailing Protest Forms. Protest Forms are available from the Regatta Chair. Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the Race Committee within one hour after the finish of the last race. This time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the SYC Clubhouse. Protests will be heard approximately 30 minutes after the Filing Deadline.

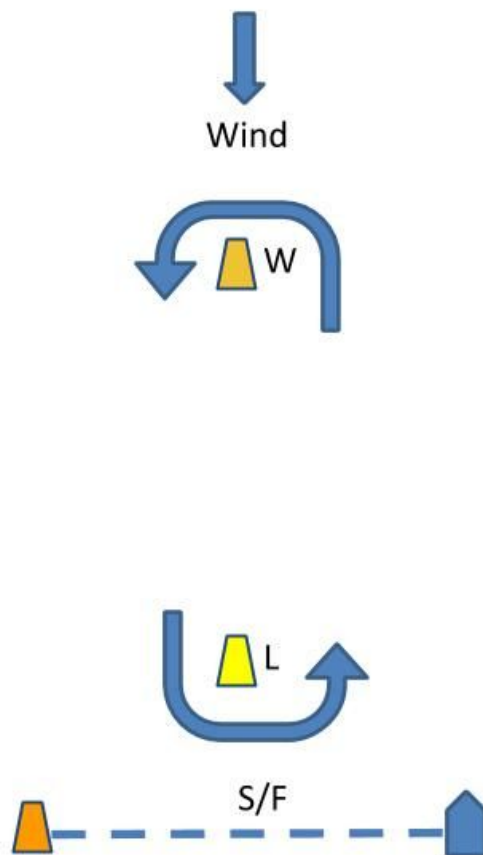
Bill Gargan, PICYA Lipton Regatta Chair

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Racers are invited to the SYC Clubhouse to enjoy regatta beer and snacks, as available.

Course Descriptions – Appendix A to the Sailing Instructions



W: Orange inflatable mark

L: Yellow inflatable mark

Roundings to Port, Finishes are Downwind

Course 1 S – W – F

Course 2 S - W - L – W – F

Course 3 S – W – L – W – L - W - F

Courses indicated by number pennants

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