



Sunset Series 2019

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Spring Series: May 7th – May 21nd – June 4th – June 18th

Summer Series: July 23th – August 6th – August 20st – September 3th

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 RRS 61.1 (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(i)) 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 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:** 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 the warning signal of each race. The division in which a yacht first starts shall not be changed during a series for SERIES entries. Single race entries do not have that restriction. Single race entries are not eligible for series prizes.
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 website, but the official notice board shall prevail.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES: One race will be run per day. Races abandoned due to conditions on the race course may be rescheduled utilizing a Notice to Competitors.

Warning	Fleet	Class	Flag
1830 First Warning	Division A	Spinnaker (PHRF 100 or less)	A
After the above	Division C	Spinnaker (PHRF greater than 100)	C
After the above	Division D	Non-Spinnaker	D

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 72. 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 72.
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 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 AND FINISH LINE: 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 inflatable mark.
10. RESTRICTED START FINISH LINE: For courses 4 to 13 **only** the Start/Finish line is restricted. After the first leg boats shall not pass through the start line. A boat 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 without a hearing.

11. RESTRICTED AREAS

For the purpose of RRS 18, 19 and 28, the following objects shall be left to shoreward:

Anita Rock and any buoy marking same, vertical 'H' beam off Water Quality Control Plant west of StFYC, bell buoy 7 off the west end of Alcatraz, and Point Blunt buoy off Angel Island. Above obstructions are not marks of the course. The South Tower of the Golden Gate Bridge must be left to the South at all times. Any rocks visible at Mean Lower Low water immediately adjacent to Contra Costa County, Marin County or San Francisco shorelines shall be left to shoreward, except for Mile Rock, The Brothers and Red Rock.

12. TIME LIMIT: The time limit for each race will be based on sunset. Specific Time Limits are per the following table:

Date	Time	Date	Time
May 7	2030	July 23	2100
May 21	2045	August 6	2045
June 4	2100	August 20	2030
June 18	2100	September 3	2000

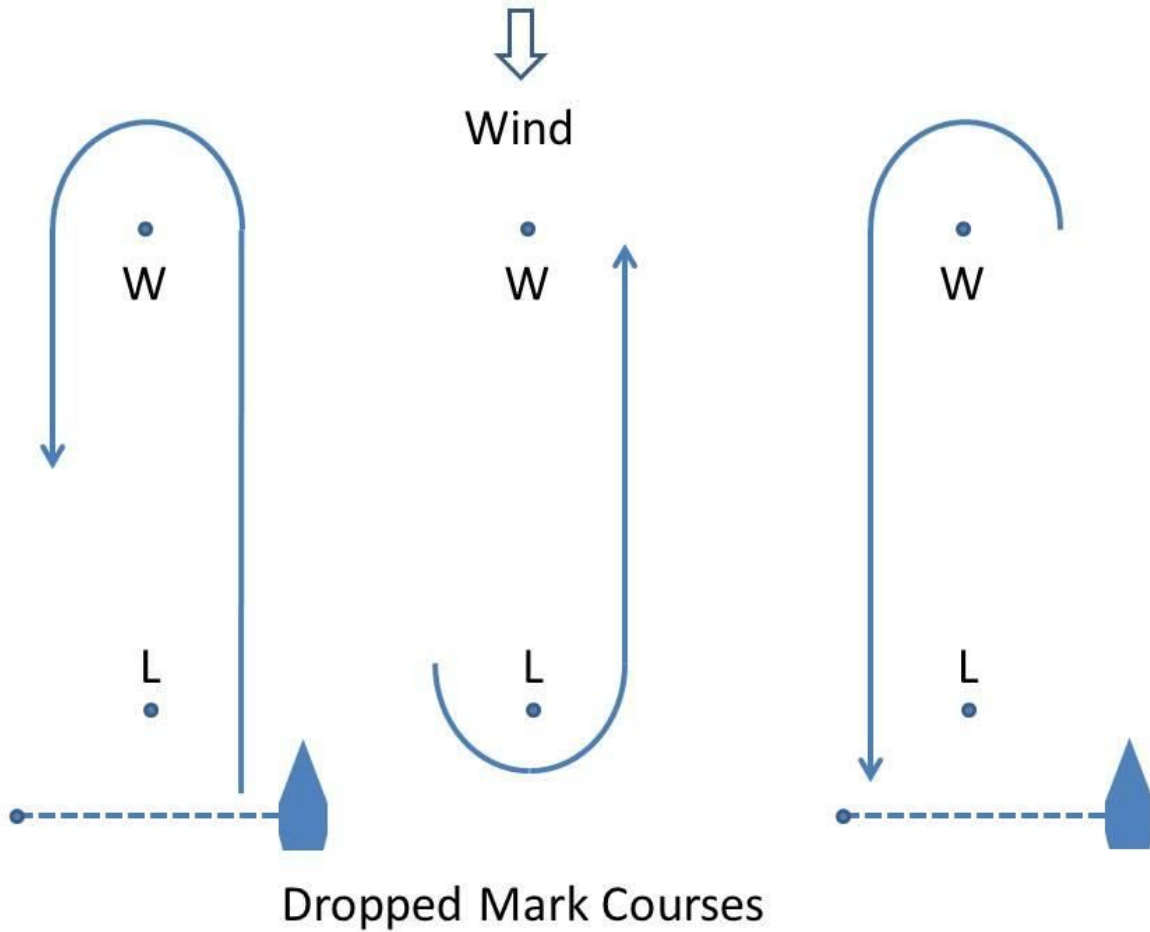
Boats finishing after these time limits shall be scored DNF. This modifies Rule 35.

13. PROTESTS: Written protests shall be submitted to the SYC Race Chair, PRO or RC Member on an official USSA protest form. Protests must be received within one hour of the time the Signal Boat ties up at the SYC dock. Protests shall be heard on the Tuesday following the race, in the evening. Pending protests will be posted on the SYC official notice board.
14. SCORING: The series will be scored as a series longer than a Regatta. A minimum of one race shall be completed to constitute a Series. If four races are completed, a boat's worst score shall be excluded each for the Spring and Summer Series. If less than four races are completed, the scores for all races for each Series will constitute the series score. This modifies RRS Appendix A2. The "Time on Time" method of scoring will be used. 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, on a starboard tack, prior to the first warning signal. A boat that retires from a race is requested to notify the race committee as soon as possible.
16. PRIZES: Prizes for individual races will be awarded at the SYC Clubhouse at the conclusion of each race day to those winners in attendance. All prizes will be awarded based on the number of participants in each division. Series and Perpetual Trophies for the Spring and Summer Series will be awarded at the completion of each series.

Appendix A

Race Committee will use VHF Channel 72

Dropped Mark Courses



Course 1	S – W – F
Course 2	S – W – L – W – F
Course 3	S – W – L – W – L – W – F

All Roundings to Port. The Start / Finish line is ***not restricted*** for these courses

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Courses Using Fixed and Temporary Marks (distances approximate and for reference only)

Course 4	S – 15P – F	1.5 nm
Course 5	S – 15P – 4P – F	2.9 nm
Course 6	S -- 15P -- 4P -- 15P -- F	4.9 nm
Course 7	S – 15P – 4P – 15P – 4P – F	5.8 nm
Course 8	S -- 15P -- 4P -- 15P -- 4P -- 15P -- F	7.8 nm
Course 9	S – 15P – 8P – F	6.9 nm
Course 10	S – 16P – 4P – F	5.7 nm
Course 11	S - 15P - 17P - 4P - 15P - 4P - F	6.1 nm
Course 12	S – 15P – 17P – 4P – F	3.3 nm
Course 13	S - 16S - 2S - F	6.1 nm

Code Flag “R” above the course flag indicates reverse course; marks are rounded in reverse order and to the opposite board. The start / finish line is **restricted** for these courses.

Mark Descriptions

2	Sausalito Channel entrance marker “2”
SYC4	Inflatable mark located west of Angel Island between Pt Stuart and Pt Knox, to leeward of the committee boat
6	YRA Mark 6, known as “Ft Mason” Yellow column “M” 200 yards North of Ft. Mason
8	R “4” FI Red 4 sec Horn 1.0 nm E of Pt. Blunt, Angel Island
12	G “1” FI G 4s Little Harding Rock
SYC15	Inflatable mark approx 0.5 nm NE of Yellow Bluff
16	YRA Mark 16, Yellow Column “C” 0.2 nm east of Fort Point “Blackaller”
17	RG “HR” FL (2+1) R 6 sec -- “Harding Rock”
18	GR “BR” FI(2+1) G 6s Bell “Blossom Rock” 0.9 nm E SE of Alcatraz Island