

**2021 Midwinter Series
South Beach Yacht Club
San Francisco, CA
NOTICE OF RACE**

1. RULES

The sailing component of the regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* except as modified by these NORs or the Sailing Instructions. Subsequent Health Orders related to Covid-19 may result in revisions to the Sailing Instructions.

1.1 All Prescriptions of the National Authority shall apply.

1.2 COVID 19 guidelines established by the City of San Francisco shall apply, and are incorporated in the NOR. Any Amendments that apply or extension of the Order may result in changes to these sailing instructions which will be posted as noted in 1.6.

Compliance constitutes the following:

- a. Boats may be single-handed or crewed by people who are co-habiting. These boats will display a Q flag at all times to demonstrate compliance.
- b. Sailors should not mingle on the docks prior to the race or after the race.
- c. When restrictions move into yellow zone in San Francisco, the following restrictions apply:
 - i. All boats are limited to under six people on board.
 - ii. All sailors must wear masks if not co-habiting.
 - iii. All sailors must wear sailing gloves or latex gloves.
 - iv. Sailors should not mingle on the docks prior to the race or after the race.
- d. On land, prior to and after the race, all crew members are expected to comply with the San Francisco guidelines for mask wearing and social distancing.

1.3 RRS 40 is deleted and replaced with "All Competitors shall wear Personal Floation Devices at all times while racing except for short periods of time to adjust or change clothing. Wet suits are not considered personal flotation devices." No Y flag shall be displayed.

1.4 All boats will be registered with Regatta Network to sail in this event.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the YRA classes. which have an overall length of at least 18 feet, with Northern California PHRF certificates from 2019 or 2020 (Many people have not received their certificates due to COVID delays). All boats must comply with the U.S. Coast Guard equipment requirements for recreational vessels including proper navigation lights.

2.2 Multihulls competing in the Multihull Division must have a valid 2019 BAMA Certificate

2.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the waiver & contact tracing form, the online registration form and send the required fee to South Beach Yacht Club, Pier 40, San Francisco, CA 94107.

2.4 Entries should be received by January 9, 2021, at which time registration closes. Due to the delay in getting a regatta up and running, we will accept race entries until February 10, 2021. Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions: all fees are paid and both entry forms and waivers are signed prior to the start of the race. The registration form must be signed by the boat's owner.

2.5 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply: None

3. FEES

3.1 Required fees are as follows:

Classes ALL Fee \$30/ race or \$100 for Regatta

3.2 Eligible boats must enter and pay on line at www.regattanetwork.com/event. Only online entries and payments will be accepted.

3.3 Single Race = \$30

3.3a Single race entries must be received no later than 1800 the day before the race.

3.3b Single race entries will not be eligible for series andn will be deleted from the results approximately 48 hours after the race.

4. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

4.1 Dates of Racing: Series consists of 4 races –

I. 1/9/2020; 2/13/2020; 3/13/2020; 4/10/2020

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration:

Day and date: On or prior to January 2, 2021

5.2 Dates of Racing:

Date January 9; February 13; March 13; April 10, 2021

5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race will be at 12:55 PM for the first warning signal and in the sailing instructions.

5.4 On the day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 3:30 PM

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The sailing instructions will be available after January 6, 2021 on South Beach yacht club website at www.southbeachyachtclub.org.

7. Courses and Racing Area

7.1 The races will be held in McCovey Cove and in the South Central waters of the San Francisco Bay.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 Courses will be Fixed Mark courses that begin and end in McCovey Cove. Details

and courses will be included with the Sailing Instructions. Courses may change to comply with changing guidelines from the City of San Francisco COVID guidelines.

9. DIVISIONS

9.1 Divisions will be assigned and shown on the Sailing Instructions

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 The scoring penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply. The penalty will be one place.

11. SCORING

12.1 The scoring system is as follows: PHRF Time on time correction will be used, corrected times will be calculated to the nearest second.

12.2 Scores will be posted online.

12.3 The series will be 4 races, with each boat having the ability to “throw-away” one race due to last minute race announcement.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 There will be no support boats.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

13.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to other boats.

13.2 All race signals will be announced on Channel 78. Rule 26 does not apply. Sound signals only will be used and the race will be conducted over the radio. Racers are instructed to stay off channel 78 except for safety communications and race announcements from the Race Committee.

14. PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

There will be first, second, and third place winner in each division for each race day. First place winners will be given a token prize. There will be first, second, and third place prizes for the winners of the Series. The winners will be posted on the SBYC Website after each race and the prizes will be distributed after each race, pending San Francisco guidelines at the time of each race. The Sailing Instructions will include this information.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16. INSURANCE

16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RACE COMMITTEE

1. SBYC will maintain races in a way to protect Race Committee Members. Each volunteer will be physically located during their shift at the end of the Pier. No more than 6 volunteer Race Committee Members will be present. Positions will include: Timer, Signals, 2 Spotter/Recorders, and a PRO & PRO Apprentice. Volunteers will remain 6 ft away from each other at all times, and wearing a mask at all times.
2. Before coming to boat: Wash hands upon start of shift. Disinfect timers, flags, horn and any other equipment that will be used for the race. At Finish Line, clipboard, horns, pens, timers, walkie talkie, etc. Wear mask. Maintain 6 feet distance. THERE WILL BE NO SHARING OF RADIOS.
3. End of shift, disinfect all equipment as it is put away.