



South Beach Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions
2021 Independence Day Pursuit Race
South Beach Yacht Club

1. RULES

1.1. Races will be governed by the rules as defined in current version of The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2a Additional Changes to Racing Rules applied:

1.2.1 The Starting Line is at the entrance to McCovey Cove. Therefore, boats will not enter McCovey Cove until 5 minutes prior to their Division Warning Signal.

1.2.2 Boats are allowed to keep their engines on until 1 minute prior to their designated start time.

1.2.3 Boats in subsequent Divisions shall not enter Mc Covey Cove until all boats from the prior Division have cleared McCovey Cove.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1. The Regatta is open to all boats with a valid Northern California PHRF certificate

2.2. Boats without a certificate will be assigned a PHRF rating at the sole and unappealable discretion of the Race Committee.

2.3. Eligible boats shall complete registration in Regatta Network in accordance with the Notice of Race.

3. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATION

3.1. Official Notices will be posted on the Independence Day Pursuit Race electronic bulletin board that can be found at Regatta Network.

3.2. Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the SBYC website, and emailed to entrants conforming to the Notices of Race (NOR) 7.3, by 5 PM the Friday before they will take effect.

3.3. Competitors should monitor VHF Channel 78 for official race signals and use Channel 72 for communication with the race committee.

4. Communication from the Race Committee shall not be considered outside help. This changes Rule 41.

5. Check in is required using Channel 72 to announce joining the race. No need to drive by the race committee for check-in. Boats are also encouraged to monitor VHF Channel 14 for updates on large vessel traffic while underway.

6. Racers not finishing the race or not finishing the race within the time limit are required to contact the Race Committee and inform them they are dropping out or will not be finishing

within the time limit. Unless directly and specifically acknowledged by the RC, skippers must leave a voicemail message or text message on 415-971-1127. If not able to report while underway, telephone contact must be made immediately after coming ashore.

4. SIGNALS

- 4.1. Class flags will not be used. This race will use sound signals and VHF radio voice over channel 78.
- 4.2. Class flags are not required to be flown from the backstay.

5. SCHEDULE AND NUMBER OF RACES

- 5.1. There will be two races:
 - 5.1.a. Delta Division - Spinnaker Boats
 - 5.1.b. Echo Division - Non Spinnaker Boats
- 5.2. The first warning is scheduled for 11:25. The Start time will be 12:00 for the first boat (s).

6. STARTING SEQUENCE

- 6.1. Boats will not come into Mc Covey Cove until 5 minutes prior to the Warning Signal for their division.
- 6.2. Boats are permitted to use their engines until 1 minute before their Start time.
- 6.3. Each boat will be provided with a time and will be expected to begin their race at their appointed time.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The race will be sailed in the South Bay Waters of San Francisco Bay located in the general area east of the South Beach Harbor.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. The marks, courses, and roundings are described in Attachment 1 – Courses
- 8.2. An announcement will be made about the direction of the roundings just after the warning signal.

9. THE START

- 9.1. The Start line will be a line between the orange flag at the end of Pier marking the entrance to South Beach Marina at the Mc Covey Cove and the San Francisco Port Graphic on the opposite side of McCovey Cove entrance.

10. RECALLS

- 10.1. The Race Committee may hail the sail number of the boat (s) identified On Course Side (OCS) of the starting line at the starting signal. The failure of a hail, the failure of a boat hearing the hail or the order of the hails shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a) & RRS 25.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The finish line will be the start line

12. TIME LIMITS

- 12.1.No races will be started after 15:30 and all races will be concluded by 16:30
- 12.2.A boat failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat in her division sails the course and finishes will be scored "DNF" by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.
- 12.3.The time limit for the first boat in each division to sail the course and finish shall be two (2) hours.

13. SCORING

- 13.1.Races will be scored as order crossing the finish line in each division.

14. PROTESTS

- 14.1.Protests and requests for redress shall be written on standard US SAILING Protest Forms. The protesting skipper will contact the Race Committee PRO to obtain a form online. The form shall be submitted in writing in accordance with RRS 61.2 and emailed to the Rear Commodore. rearcommodore@southbeachyachtclub.org not later than one hour after the Race Committee returns to the dock.
- 14.2.The protest will be heard the following Thursday at 1900 over an arranged zoom call unless rescheduled by the Chief Judge. This shall serve as proper notification per RRS 63.2.

15. COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC AND/ OR INTERFERENCE WITH OTHER VESSELS

- 15.1.Rule 9 of the Inland Rules of the Road applies. 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 shipping channels and fairways) A violation of Rule 9 is subject to protest by any competitor or the RC, and is not exonerated by an alternate penalty. RRS 60.3 is changed to add: "(d) call a hearing for an alleged breach of Rule 9 if notified by government, commercial or individual vessel of possible infraction. It shall also extend the time limit under RRS 61.3 to accept the information." A DSQ for violation of Rule 9 shall be considered a DNE.
- 15.2.The South Beach Yacht Club and the South Beach Yacht Club Race Committee shall cooperate with and provide information relevant to any investigations of impeding passage or violation of USCG Navigation Rules by the Coast Guard or other governmental authority.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1 Boats and competitors compete in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 – Decision to Race. The organizing authority, the South Beach Yacht Club, and/or any of their collective agents or representatives will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the Regatta.

ATTACHMENT 1: COURSES AND MARK DESIGNATIONS

The following courses Amend NOR that states only fixed marks will be used.

Delta Division Course: McCovey → SC1 → W → R → NAS1 → 33 → SC1 → McCovey

Echo Division Course: McCovey → SC1 → W → R → NAS1 → 33 → McCovey

Mark Descriptions

Mark	Mark Description	Mark	Mark Description
Start/Finish	The start/finish line will be in Mc Covey Cove between the end of the Pier and the SF Port Graphic on the opposite side from the Pier.	SC1	SC1 is a green & red buoy, "SC" FL G(2+1), approx. 1.0 nm ENE of Mission Rock Terminal
33	Oak Inner Harbor Entrance, "4" Fl R 4s	AS1	Yellow mark, approx. 0.25 nm East of BVBC
34	Red buoy "2" FL R 2.0s, approx. 0.5 nm east of Potrero Point	NAS1	NAS1 Alameda Channel Mark "1" FL G 4s Bell
L	A temporary leeward mark set downwind of the start/finish line.		

