

2023 Sunset Series

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Spring Series: May 2nd – May 16th – May 30th - June 13th

Summer Series: July 18th– August 1st– August 15th – August 29th

1. **RULES:** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current 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 obliged 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. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors or changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at the SYC clubhouse and on the event website. 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, but the official notice board shall prevail.
4. **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 |
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| 1830 | Division A | Spinnaker boats (PHRF < 100) | A |
| After the above | Division C | Spinnaker boats (PHRF >= 100) | C |
| After the above | Division D | All Non-Spinnaker boats | D |

5. 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. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
6. ON THE WATER COMMUNICATIONS: On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 72. The RC may hail OCS and the signaled course for the race. Failure to make such a hail or 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: No signals will be made from ashore.
8. COURSES AND MARKS: See Course Descriptions – Appendix A to these Sailing Instructions.
9. 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 17 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. These 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:

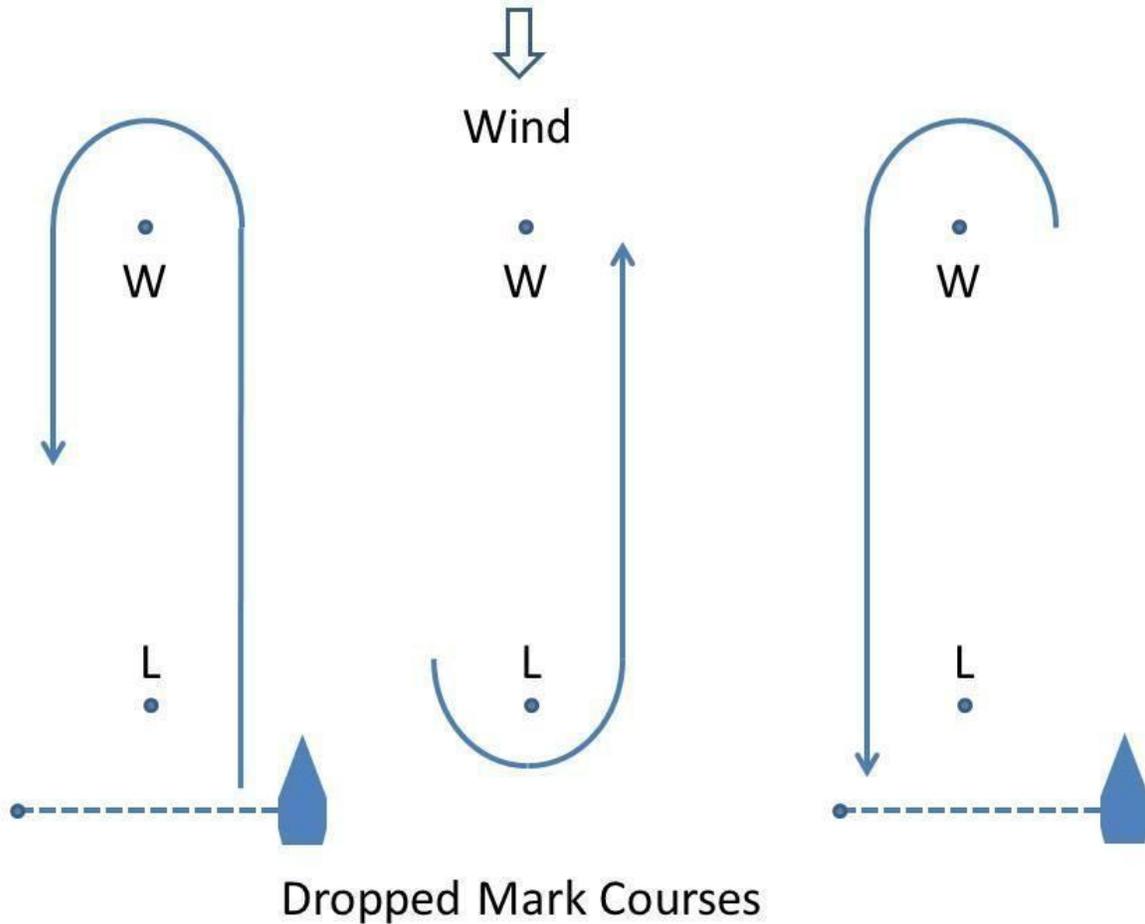
| Date | Time | Date | Time |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| May 2nd | 2000 | July 18th | 2030 |
| May 16th | 2015 | August 1st | 2015 |
| May 30th | 2030 | August 15th | 2000 |
| June 13th | 2030 | August 29th | 1945 |

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.

Appendix A

Race Committee will use VHF Channel 72



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| 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 courses 1-3.**

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

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| 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 |

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| 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 - 16P - 4P - F | 6.1 nm |
| Course 14 | S - 2P - F | 2.0nm |
| Course 15 | S - 2P - 17P - F | 3.5nm |
| Course 16 | S - 2P - 12P - 2P - F | 5.6nm |
| Course 17 | S - 2P - 6P - F | 6.8nm |

The start / finish line is restricted for courses 4-17. See Section 10.

Mark Descriptions (<http://yra.org/descriptionofmarks/>)

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| 2 | (YRA N) Sausalito Channel entrance marker “2” |
| 4 | (YRA 4) Lighted Red Nun Buoy near Pt Knox |
| 6 | (YRA 6), known as “Ft Mason” Yellow column “M” 200 yards North of Ft. Mason |
| 8 | (YRA 8) R “4” FI Red 2.5 sec Horn 1.0 nm E of Pt. Blunt, Angel Island |
| 12 | (YRA 12) G “1” FI G 4s “Little Harding” |
| 15 | YRA Mark known as “Hank Easom” located in the vicinity of Yellow Bluff, 37°50.491’ N, 122° 28.078’ W |
| 16 | (YRA16) Yellow Column “C” 0.2 nm east of Fort Point “Blackaller” |
| 17 | (YRA17) RG “HR” FL (2+1) R 6 sec -- “Harding Rock” |
| 18 | (YRA18) GR “BR” FI(2+1) G 6s Bell “Blossom Rock” 0.9 nm E SE of Alcatraz Island |