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# SAUSALITO YACHT CLUB

## **2023 Rear Commodore's Race – Sailing Instructions**

**September 24th, 2023**

**Warning Signal at 1200 hours**

**Pursuit Race – Staggered Starts, see Appendix A**

### **1. RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021 – 2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the US Sailing Prescriptions, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

### **2. SAFETY**

All participants are reminded of RRS Rule 3 (Decision to Race). 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 Rule 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(h)) 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 and compliance with Marin County health requirements is the responsibility of each individual while racing. While wearing a personal flotation device (PFD) is not a requirement of this race, it is encouraged. The Race Committee may fly the Y Flag which indicates a PFD is required to be worn by all racers.

### **3. CLASSES**

There will be two classes or divisions – Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker.

### **4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors or changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board at the SYC clubhouse. Notices shall not be posted later than 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect, including a last update for Appendix A. Notices to competitors may also be posted on the website, but the official notice board shall prevail.

### **5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals will be displayed from the flagpole located at the SYC clubhouse.

### **6. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES**

The start line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an inflatable mark in the Knox area of San Francisco Bay. The finish line will be off the SYC deck, between the SYC clubhouse mast with an orange flag and an inflatable mark to the northeast of the club. Boats shall keep clear of the start line until their start time shown in Appendix A.

### **7. CHECK-IN & RETIRE**

All boats are considered checked in by sailing through the start line when starting. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

### **8. SCHEDULE and CLASS FLAG**

1200 hours Warning signal – All boats. GPS time shall be used.

The starting times for each of 3 possible courses are in Appendix A of the Sailing Instructions. Races abandoned may be rescheduled utilizing a notice to competitors.

“J” is the class flag for both spinnaker and non-spinnaker boats. The J flag will remain displayed for the entire starting sequence.

### **9. STARTING SEQUENCE AND TIMES**

This is a Pursuit Race. The high handicap boats start first with lower handicap boats to follow “in pursuit.” The handicaps are calculated in a “Time on Distance” method and are used to calculate the start times.

The table of start times for the various handicaps is listed in Appendix A. Times are given for each of several potential courses. The chosen course will be displayed on the Race Committee signal boat prior to the first warning.

**Boats starting prematurely and that do not restart will be penalized by 5 minutes added to their finish time for each minute or partial minute they are over early. There will be no general recalls.**

## 10. COURSE and MARKS

### Course 1

YRA 12 P – YRA 16 P – YRA 8 P – YRA 12 S – Finish (10.9 NM)

### Course 2

Start – YRA 12P – YBI P – Finish (12.8nm)

### Course 3

Start -YRA 12P – YRA 16 P – YRA 18 P – YRA 8 P – YRA 12 S – Finish (11.6 nm)

Mark Descriptions:

YRA 8	R "4" FI Red 4 sec Horn 1.0 nm E of Pt. Blunt, Angel Island
YRA 12	G "1" FL G 4 sec NW Harding Rock, "Little Harding"
YRA 16	Yellow Column "C" 0.2 nm east of Fort Point "Blackaller"
YRA 18	GR "BR" FI (2+1) G 6s Bell "Blossom Rock" 0.9 nm E SE of Alcatraz Island
YBI	Yerba Buena Island

**P** means leave the mark to Port

**S** means leave the mark to Starboard

## 11. RESTRICTED AREAS

For the purpose of RRS 18, 19, 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. Charted restricted areas must be observed.

## 12. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the race will be 1600 hours for all boats to finish. Boats finishing after this time will be scored DNF. This modifies RRS 35.

## 13. PROTESTS

Written protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee by 1630. The protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible.

## 14. SCORING

The first boat to finish in each division wins. The second to finish is second, and so on. Corrections will be made for OCS with no restart.

## **15.COMMUNICATIONS**

RRS 25 & 60.1(b) are modified to allow for on-the-water radio communications between the Race Committee (R/C) and racing boats on VHF channel 71. The R/C may hail boats that are OCS. 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 R/C needs to communicate oral changes, they shall raise the "L" flag and attempt to hail competitors on VHF channel 71.

## **16.AWARDS, TROPHIES**

Prizes, including the Frank Mora perpetual trophy, will be awarded at SYC after the race, based on the number of participants in each division.

### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION** (not an official part of the SIs)

The SYC boat dock may be used for crew pick-up and drop-off. Boats may not remain at the dock.

**Appendix A**  
**Course 1 (10.9 nm)**  
**VHF Channel used is 71**  
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<b>Start</b>	<b>Sail#</b>	<b>Skipper</b>	<b>Boat Name</b>	<b>Class/Fleet</b>	<b>PHRF</b>
12:00:00	5174	David Kornmeyer	Sea Smoke	Non-Spinnaker	249
12:09:16	293	Steve Hocking	Impulse	Spinnaker	198
12:14:43	135	Rich Lauman	Mistral	Non-Spinnaker	168
12:22:53	28890	Patrick Broderick	NANCY	Spinnaker	123
12:22:53	42	Bob Lalanne	Leilani	Non-Spinnaker	123
12:31:04	469	Greg Arkus	Streaker	Spinnaker	78
12:32:09	195	John Kalucki	Lindo	Non-Spinnaker	72

**Appendix A**  
**Course 2 (12.8 nm)**  
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<b>Start</b>	<b>Sail#</b>	<b>Skipper</b>	<b>Boat Name</b>	<b>Class/Fleet</b>	<b>PHRF</b>
12:00:00	5174	David Kornmeyer	Sea Smoke	Non-Spinnaker	249
12:10:53	293	Steve Hocking	Impulse	Spinnaker	198
12:17:17	135	Rich Lauman	Mistral	Non-Spinnaker	168
12:26:53	28890	Patrick Broderick	NANCY	Spinnaker	123
12:26:53	42	Bob Lalanne	Leilani	Non-Spinnaker	123
12:36:29	469	Greg Arkus	Streaker	Spinnaker	78
12:37:45	195	John Kalucki	Lindo	Non-Spinnaker	72

**Appendix A**  
**Course 3 (11.6 nm)**  
**VHF Channel used is 71**  
**2023 Rear Commodore's Pursuit Race**  
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<b>Start</b>	<b>Sail#</b>	<b>Skipper</b>	<b>Boat Name</b>	<b>Class/Fleet</b>	<b>PHRF</b>
12:00:00	5174	David Kornmeyer	Sea Smoke	Non-Spinnaker	249
12:09:51	293	Steve Hocking	Impulse	Spinnaker	198
12:15:39	135	Rich Lauman	Mistral	Non-Spinnaker	168
12:24:21	28890	Patrick Broderick	NANCY	Spinnaker	123
12:24:21	42	Bob Lalanne	Leilani	Non-Spinnaker	123
12:33:03	469	Greg Arkus	Streaker	Spinnaker	78
12:34:13	195	John Kalucki	Lindo	Non-Spinnaker	72