

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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THE ELITE KEEL REGATTA

May 18 & 19, 2013

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: The San Francisco Yacht Club, Belvedere, California

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Appendix T Section B (POST RACE PENALTIES) shall apply.
- 1.3 For the Melges 24, Melges 20, and F-18 classes, rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty
- 1.4 For the Express 27, Etchells, Open 5.70, and Knarr classes, Appendix T Section A (PENALTIES WHILE RACING) shall apply. The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'
- 1.5 All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes rule 40.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside on The SFYC deck.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Rule 90.2(c) is amended to allow oral changes to the Sailing Instructions on the water. In the event the Race Committee needs to communicate oral changes, they shall raise the "L" flag and attempt to hail competitors on VHF channel 65.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole located adjacent to the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 **Saturday, May 18, 2013** - Three (3) races are scheduled, with the first warning signal at **1100** hours.
Sunday, May 19, 2013 – Two (2) Races are scheduled, with the first warning signal at **1130** hours.
- 5.2 After the first race, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, a series of short sound signals and a radio announcement on VHF 65 may be made.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be standard numeral pennants:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag (Pennant)</u>
F-18	One
Melges 20	Two
Melges 24	Three
Express 27	Four
Etchells	Five
Open 5.70	Six
IOD	Seven
J/24	Eight
Knarr	Nine

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the vicinity north of the Berkeley Olympic Circle.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 **Attachment A** shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 Marks 3a & 3b and marks 4a & 4b are gate marks. If one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall round the one existing leeward mark to port.
- 8.3 The course to be sailed will be designated by placards displayed from the race committee signal boat.

9 MARKS

All marks will be inflatable buoys.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26. Classes may be started in any order, although in the first race each day expect that classes will be started in the order listed in instruction 6 above.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat

and a yellow inflatable mark to port of the signal boat.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will replace the original mark with a yellow inflatable buoy and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. All subsequent marks will remain red but may be moved to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with the original mark.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and an orange ball. The RC finish boat (Protector) for Courses 1, 2 and 3 is different from the RC signal boat. The finish line for Courses 4 and 5 will be on the opposite side of the signal boat from the starting line.

On DOWNWIND FINISHES, boats are encouraged to adjust their sails to make sail numbers visible to the Race Committee.

After finishing, especially on Courses 1, 2, and 3, please proceed directly to the starting area and prepare for the next start.

13 TIME LIMITS

Boats in a fleet failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in the fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rules 35 and A4.1.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms will be available at the Regatta Table in the clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered to the race committee representative at the Regatta Table within the protest time limit, which shall be one hour after the committee boat returns to the dock. The return time will be posted on the official notice board.

14.2 Appendix T Section D (ARBITRATION) shall apply.

14.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties, the location, and the time such hearings will commence.

14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).

14.5 Rule 66 is changed so that on the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

(a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;

- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

15 SCORING

15.1 Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. No scores will be excluded.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 Check-in and check-out: Boats shall check in with the race committee, either by sailing by the committee boat, on starboard tack, prior to the first warning signal, or by calling on VHF channel 64 before starting. Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the race committee.

16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATION

17.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

17.2 The Race Committee may broadcast information about the day's racing on VHF 65. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats or failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes Rule 62.

18 PRIZES

18.1 Prizes will be awarded after the racing on Sunday, May 19, on the SFYC deck.

18.2 Unclaimed prizes will be held at the Race Council Office for a period of one month only. Call at (415) 789-5647 to be sure someone will be in the office for pickup.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 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.

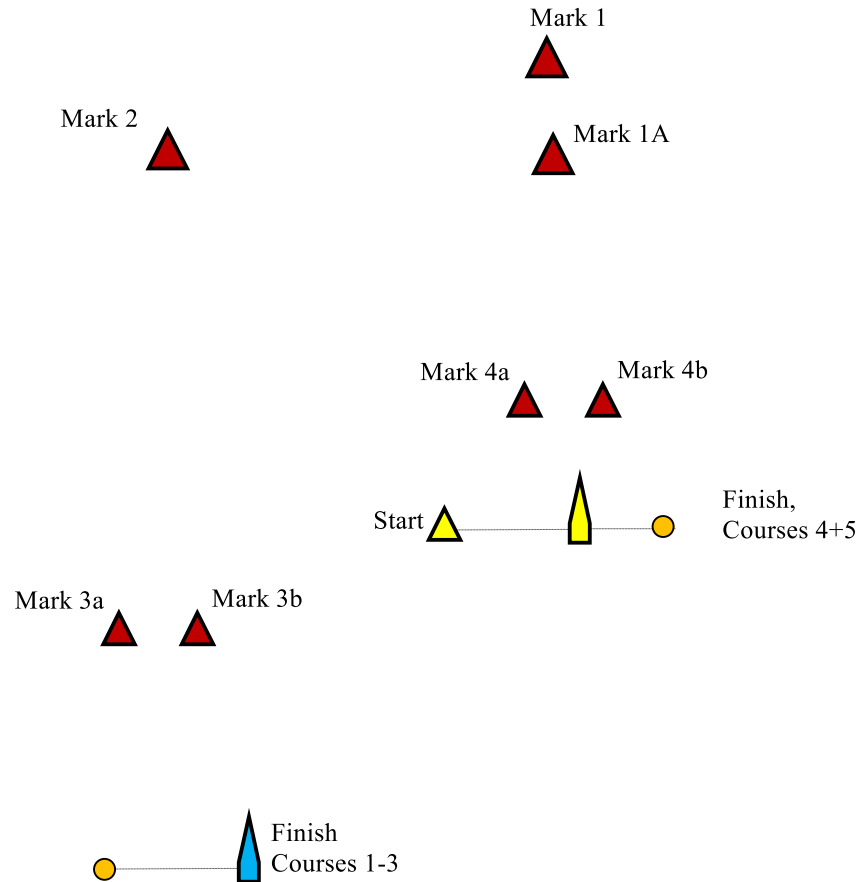
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**NOTE: PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR PARKING PASSES
IF YOU ARE PARKING IN THE SFYC LOT.**

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Attachment A – Courses



Marks

1 – Weather Mark 1

1A – Weather Mark to Leeward of Mark 1

2 – Weather Mark 2

3a & 3b – Leeward Gate Marks for Courses 1, 2 & 3

4a & 4b – Leeward Gate Marks for Courses 4 & 5

Marks 1, 1A, and 2 are rounding marks

Courses

1 Start – 1(p) - 2(p) – 3a/3b(gate) - 2(p) – Finish

2 Start – 1(p) - 2(p) – 3a/3b(gate) - 2(p) – 3a/3b(gate) - 2(p) – Finish

3 Start – 1(p) – 4a/4b(gate) – 1(p) - 2(p) – 3a/3b(gate) - 2(p) – Finish

4 Start – 1A(p) – 4a/4b(gate) – 1A(p) – Finish

5 Start – 1A(p) – 4a/4b(gate) – 1A(p) – 4a/4b(gate) – 1A(p) – Finish