



Sunset Series 2014

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Spring Series: April 29th – May 13th – May 27th – June 10th – June 24th

Summer Series: July 22nd – August 5th – August 19th – September 2nd – September 16th

1. **RULES:** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The 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 RRS61.1 (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** is the responsibility of the 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. **ENTRIES:** Competitors may enter and pay the entry fee online or by submitting a completed entry form including the entry fee to Sausalito Yacht Club before the warning signal of each race. The division in which a yacht first starts shall not be changed during a series for SERIES entries. Single race entries do not have that restriction.
4. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors or changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at the SYC clubhouse. 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 website, but the official notice board shall prevail.

5. 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.

Time of Warning Signal	Fleet	Class	Flag
1830	Divisions A, S, M	Spinnaker <100, Sport Boats & Multi-hull	A
1835	Division C	Spinnaker >99	C
1840	Division D	Non-spinnaker <167 PHRF	D
1845	Division E	Non-spinnaker >167 PHRF	E

6. ON THE WATER COMMUNICATIONS: RRS 25 & 60.1(b) are amended to allow for on-the-water radio communications between the RC and racing boats on VHF channel 71. The RC may hail OCS and the signaled course for the race. 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 71.
7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE: Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at SYC clubhouse deck. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than one hour after the AP flag is lowered.
8. RACING AREA COURSES AND MARKS: The intended racing venue is the Knox/Yellow Bluff area. Temporary (drop) mark courses and courses using fixed government marks will be used. Courses will be optimized for prevailing conditions. See Course Descriptions – Appendix A to these Sailing Instructions.
9. START AND FINISH LINE: 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: The Start/Finish line is restricted. After the first leg boats shall not pass through the start line. Boats 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.
11. 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
April 29 th	2030	July 22 nd	2100
May 13 th	2030	August 5 th	2045
May 27 th	2045	August 19 th	2030
June 10 th	2100	September 2 nd	2000
June 24 th	2100	September 16 th	2000

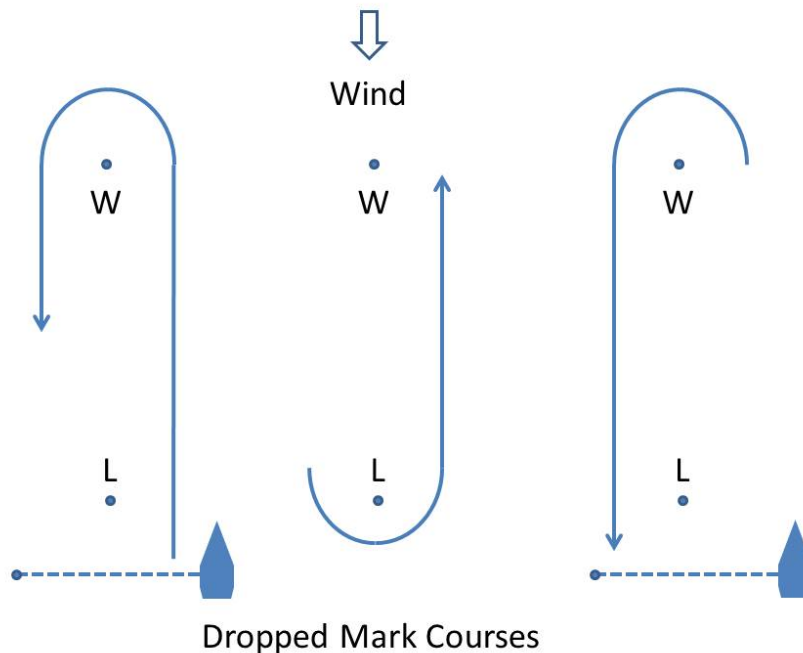
Boats finishing after these time limits shall be scored DNF. This modifies Rule 35.

12. PROTESTS: Written protests shall be submitted to the SYC Race Chair on an official USSA form. Protests must be received within one hour of the time the Signal Boat ties up at the SYC dock. Protests shall be heard as soon as possible. Pending protests will be posted on the SYC official notice board.
13. SCORING: The series will be scored as a series longer than a Regatta. A minimum of one race shall be completed to constitute a Series. If five races are completed, a boat's worst score shall be excluded each for the Spring and Summer Series. If less than five races are completed, the scores for all races for each Series will constitute the series score. This modifies RRS Appendix A2. The "Time on Time" method of scoring will be used. Scoring discrepancies shall be reported to RC using the Scoring Discrepancy form, available from the club office.
14. CHECK-IN & RETIRE: All boats shall show their sail number to the Race Committee Boat by sailing past the committee boat prior to the first warning signal. A boat that retires from a race is requested to notify the race committee as soon as possible.
15. PRIZES: Prizes for individual races will be awarded at the SYC Clubhouse at the conclusion of each race day to those winners in attendance. All prizes will be awarded based on the number of participants in each division. Series Trophies for the Spring and Summer Series will be awarded at the completion of each series. Perpetual trophies will be presented at the SYC Annual Meeting.

Appendix A

Race Committee will use VHF Channel 71

Dropped Mark Courses



All Roundings to Port – Finishes are Downwind

Course 1	S – W – F
Course 2	S – W – L – W – F
Course 3	S – W – L – W – L – W – F

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

Course 4	S – 15P – F	1.5 nm
Course 5	S – 15P – 4P – F	2.9 nm
Course 6	S – 15P – 4P – 15P – 4P – F	5.8 nm
Course 7	S – 15P – 8P – F	6.9 nm
Course 8	S – 15P – 6P – 15S – F	7.8nm
Course 9	S – 16P – 4P – F	5.7 nm
Course 10	S – 15P – 17P – 4P – F	3.3 nm
Course 11	S - 15P - 17P - 4P - 15P - 4P - F	6.1 nm
Course 12	S - 12P - 8P - F	5.5 nm
Course 13	S - 16S - 2S - F	6.1 nm
Course 14	S - 6S - 2S - F	6.6 nm
Course 15	S - 15P - 6P - 4P - F	7.1 nm

Mark Descriptions

2	Sausalito Channel marker “2”
4	Inflatable mark located west of Angel Island between Pt Stuart and Pt Knox, to leeward the committee boat
6	Yellow column “M” 200 yards North of Ft. Mason
8	R “4” Fl Red 4 sec Horn 1.0 nm E of Pt. Blunt, Angel Island
12	G “1” Fl G 4 sec - “Little Harding”, also known as “Raccoon Strait Lighted Buoy 1”
15	Inflatable mark located 0.75 East of Yellow Bluff
16	YRA Mark 16, known as “Blackaller” 0.5 nm east of Ft. Point
17	RG “HR” Fl (2+1) R 6 sec -- “Harding Rock”
18	GR “BR” Fl(2+1) G 6s Bell “Blossom Rock” 0.9 nm E SE of Alcatraz Island