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# SAUSALITO YACHT CLUB

## 2014 Twin Island Series – Sailing Instructions

Race dates: April 19th – July 19th – October 18th

First Warning Signal at 1200 hours

### 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. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

Yachts with a valid PHRF certificate are eligible to enter. 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 1200 the day of each race. Yachts may enter the Series or a single race.

### 4. CLASSES

There will be two classes or divisions – Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker. Once a boat is entered in a division she may not change to the other division.

### 5. 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.

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## 6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the SYC clubhouse. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than one hour after the AP is lowered.

## 7. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

The starting line will be in the Knox area of SF Bay between the staff of an orange flag on the SYC committee boat and an inflatable mark.

The finish line will be between the staff on an orange flag on the SYC clubhouse mast and an inflatable mark to the northeast of the club.

## 8. SCHEDULE and CLASS FLAG

Races abandoned due to conditions on the race course may be rescheduled utilizing a notice to competitors.

1200 hrs Warning - Division A - Code Flag "A" - Spinnaker Boats

1205 hrs Warning - Division C - Code Flag "C" - Non-Spinnaker Boats

## 9. COURSE and MARKS

### 1. EITHER

Start – 15P - Angel Island S – Alcatraz S – 15S – Finish

- OR -

Start – 15P - Alcatraz P - Angel Island P – 15S – Finish

(10.1nm)

### 2. EITHER

Start - 15P - Angel Island P - Red Rock P - 15S - Finish

- OR -

Start - 15P - Red Rock S - Angel Island S - 15S - Finish

(15.3nm)

Mark Descriptions:

**15** – Inflatable mark located off of Yellow Bluff

**Alcatraz** – Island with conspicuous prison like buildings

**Angel Island** – Wooded island located north of Alcatraz

**Red Rock** - a protuberance 0.8nm WNW of Richmond Long Wharf

## 10. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race will be 1700 hrs for all boats to finish. Boats finishing after this time will be scored DNF. This modifies RRS 35.

## 11. PROTESTS

Written protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee Chair by 1730. The protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible.

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## 12. SCORING

This series shall be scored as a series longer than a regatta. A minimum of one race is required to be completed to constitute a series. All races will be counted in the series score. The "Time on Time" method of scoring will be used. Single race participants will not have their scores counted in the Series totals.

## 13. 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 shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## 14. 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.

## 15. AWARDS, PERPETUAL TROPHIES

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 prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the series on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The perpetual "Twin Island" trophy for the April race and the "Decker" trophy for the Series winner will be presented at the SYC Annual Meeting.