



FALL DINGHY REGATTA

St. Francis Yacht Club
October 25-26, 2014

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Racing rule 40 is changed as follows: Competitors in all fleets except Kiteboard and Windsurf shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Competitors in the Kiteboard and Windsurf classes shall wear wetsuits with a minimum thickness of 3/2mm, which cover the knees and have short sleeves as minimum coverage. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions.
- 1.3 Kiteboarders shall wear numbered jerseys.
- 1.4 Formula Windsurfers must have sail numbers visible on all sails.

2 ENTRIES

Eligible boats shall complete registration online prior to 1000 hours on October 25th.

3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 A Competitors' Meeting will be held at StFYC on Saturday, October 25th at 1000 hours.
- 3.2 Official Notices will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located in the hallway adjacent to the side (Regatta) entrance of StFYC.
- 3.3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1000 hours on the day they are to take effect, except any changes to Sailing Instruction 4, Number and Schedule of Races, will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before they take effect.
- 3.4 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the StFYC Race Deck.
- 3.5 When signal flag AP is displayed from the race deck, the time for the warning signal will be made no earlier than 30 minutes after the lowering of the AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 3.6 Questions regarding the Sailing Instructions may be submitted in writing to the Race Committee. Questions and written responses will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.

4 NUMBER & SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 Six races are scheduled for all classes, with three races intended on Saturday and three races intended on Sunday. The Race Committee can run up to four races on one day.
- 4.2 The first warning signal for all classes except Formula Kite, Hydrofoil Kite and Formula Windsurf will be 1130 hours on Saturday and 1100 hours on Sunday. For the Formula Kite, Hydrofoil Kite and Formula Windsurf classes, the first intended warning signal will be 1430 on Saturday and 1400 on Sunday.
- 4.3 The race committee may elect to combine fleets in a start and will signal combined starts by flying class signal flags in combination.

5 RACING AREA

- 5.1 Races will be conducted on the San Francisco City Front.
- 5.2 Two intended course venues will be used. ALPHA Course Area will be set on the San Francisco City Front west of the StFYC race deck. BRAVO Course Area will be set on the San Francisco City Front east of the StFYC race deck. CHARLIE Course Area will be set West of Alcatraz Island.
- 5.3 The course area assignments for each fleet will be posted by 1000hrs each day. These assignments can be orally changed by the race committee on the water at any time.

6 COURSES & MARKS

- 6.1 The courses and marks are described in Attachment A – Official Description of Marks and Courses.
- 6.2 No later than the Warning Signal, a placard designating the course will be displayed from the Signal Boat.

- 6.3 No later than the Warning Signal, a flag designating the mark rounding direction will be displayed from the Signal Boat. If a red flag is displayed, all marks shall be rounded to port. If a green flag is displayed, all marks shall be rounded to starboard.
- 6.4 In the event that the offset is not in place, the single windward Mark 1 shall be rounded in the direction defined in the course selection description.

7 THE START

- 7.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the starting line signal boat and a red inflatable cone.
- 7.2 A boat that starts later than 4 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35.
- 7.3 Class Flags will be as follows:

F-18:white flag with black class insignia
505:white flag with black class insignia
Finn:white flag with black class insignia
Laser Standard:white flag with red class insignia
Laser Radial:green flag with red class insignia
Club 420:white flag with black class insignia
Formula Windsurf: ...white flag with colored class insignia
Hydrofoil Kite:white flag with black letter "A"
Formula Kite:white flag with black letter "B"

8 RECALLS

The Race Committee may hail the sail number(s) of the boat(s) identified on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal. The failure of a hail, the failure of a boat hearing the hail or the order of the hails shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

9 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the starting line signal boat and an orange buoy, opposite the starting line.

10 TIME LIMIT FOR EACH RACE

- 10.1 *Except for Windsurf and Kite Classes* the time limit for each race is 70 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 10.2 *For Windsurf and Kite Classes* the time limit for each race is 30 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

11 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 For safety reasons, each of the lines bounded by the following two points is an obstruction:
- (a) The northern end of the SF Marina entrance Wave Attenuator and the closest point ashore.
 - (b) The southern end of the SF Marina entrance Wave Attenuator and the closest point ashore.
 - (c) The "**H**" **Beam piling** (located approximately 200 yards west of the St. Francis YC) **and the closest point ashore**.
- 11.2 Boats are prohibited from sailing across any of these lines while racing.

12 COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC, SAFETY

- 12.1 As stated in the RRS preamble to the Part 2 rules, when a boat sailing under these rules meets a vessel that is not, she shall comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) or government right-of-way rules. This supplements, but does not replace the rules of Part 2.
- 12.2 If a commercial vessel has sounded five blasts, and/or the vessel or the Coast Guard identifies an offending boat, the Race Committee shall protest the boat, in which case the Protest Committee shall assume that the identified boat has impeded passage or violated the U.S. Inland Navigation Rules, and the identified boat shall have the

burden of proving otherwise. In the case of a complaint by a Vessel Traffic or the Coast Guard, the protest time limit shall be extended up to two days after the conclusion of the regatta. This changes RRS 60.2(a) and 61.3.

- 12.3** A Race Committee boat may signal a boat to alter course to avoid impeding the passage of commercial vessels by making a sound signal (horn or whistle) and pointing Code Flag V at the boat. The signaled boat shall promptly comply with the signal unless compliance would create an unsafe condition. If a boat fails to comply with such a signal, the Race Committee shall protest the boat, in which case the Protest Committee shall assume that the course alteration would not have created an unsafe condition, and the protested boat shall have the burden of proving otherwise.
- 12.4** Boats may not take a penalty under rule 44 for breaking any part of this SI, and a resulting disqualification shall not be excludable under rule A2. The StFyc shall cooperate with and provide relevant information to the Coast Guard or other governmental authority regarding investigations of boats impeding ship traffic or violating U.S. Inland Navigation Rules (33 CFR 83).

13 PROTESTS

- 13.1** Protest Forms are available at the St. Francis Yacht Club Jury Desk.
- 13.2** For all fleets, except the Kiteboards and Formula Windsurfers, protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the Race Committee Representative at the Jury Desk within 60 minutes after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks. The protest filing times will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board. For the Kiteboard and Formula Windsurf classes, protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the Race Committee Representative at the Jury Desk within 60 minutes after the last finisher, in the last race of the day, in their respective class.
- 13.3** The time, place, and parties to all protest and redress hearing(s) will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board within 30 minutes after the close of filing time in 13.2 above. This shall serve as notification as per RRS 63.2.
- 13.4** A request to reopen a hearing on the last day of racing must be delivered to the Front Desk of the St. Francis Yacht Club within 60 minutes of the announcement of the Protest Committee's decision (oral or written). This changes RRS 66.

14 SCORING

- 14.1** One race must be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2** If fewer than five races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. If five or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

Additional Notices

BERTHING, HAUL OUT & TRAILER STORAGE

- Competitors' Boats may be stored on the lawn east of the St. Francis Yacht Club from Friday evening through Sunday, at the direction of the Dockmaster.
- If you plan on leaving a trailer in the City parking lot, an overnight parking permit must be obtained from the Race Office.

**ATTACHMENT A
OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF MARKS AND COURSES**

| MARK | DESCRIPTION |
|-------------|---|
| 1 | Inflatable yellow buoy set as a Windward Mark |
| 1o | Inflatable red buoy set as an offset |
| 3 | Inflatable yellow buoy set as a Leeward Mark (located approximately 200 yards upwind of the Starting Line) |

| COURSE | ROUNDING ORDER (reference SI 6.3 for rounding direction) |
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| 1 | Start → 1 → 1o → Finish (downwind) |
| 2 | Start → 1 → 1o → 3 → 1 → 1o → Finish (downwind) |
| 3 | Start → 1 → 1o → 3 → 1 → 1o → 3 → 1 → 1o → Finish (downwind) |