

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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2007 International Regatta for Nordic Folkboats

September 16–22, 2007

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). This invitational regatta is classified as Category A.
- 1.2 The penalty for any infringement of the Class Rules, once racing commences, is to be at the sole discretion of the Jury, in consultation with a non-competing Class Representative of the Folkboat Class Association.
- 1.3 RRS 40.1 is deleted and replaced with: “All competitors shall wear life jackets or adequate personal buoyancy while racing.” Note that Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 1.4 RRS 35 and A4.1 are changed as per instruction 13
RRS 61.1(b) and 62.1(a) are changed as per instruction 14.3
RRS 62.1 is changed as per instructions 5 and 17
- 1.5 The damage deposit for borrowed boats is per incident. Should an incident occur, a new damage deposit must be submitted.

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

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 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.

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 BOATS

5.1 Foreign entrants will sail boats borrowed from owners in the San Francisco Bay Folkboat Association. Boats will be prepared and managed by the Folkboat Technical Committee.

5.2 Boat assignments for foreign entrants will be decided by a drawing on Sunday, September 16, and will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

5.3 Borrowed boats shall be raced "as is". Competitors may not seek redress for errors or omissions on the part of the Organizing Authority in preparing the boats. This changes RRS 62.1.

5.4 The boats supplied to the competitors shall not be modified in any way with the exception of the following:

5.4.1. Wind indicators may be taped or tied anywhere on the boat

5.4.2. Chafing tape may be used anywhere above the waterline

5.4.3. Teams may use their own sails.

5.4.4. Other modifications approved by the Technical Committee.

5.5 All equipment provided with the borrowed boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat when racing. The penalty for not complying with the above instructions will be disqualification from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken.

5.6 Decisions concerning the use of spare boats will be made by the Race Committee, in conjunction with the Folkboat Technical Committee.

5.7 Boat Condition Declarations, for borrowed boats only – Each skipper will be provided with Boat Condition Declaration forms for reporting boat conditions. A Declaration shall be completed, indicating the condition of each boat sailed that day, and handed in to the Folkboat Technical Committee representative after the last race of each day. A skipper that does not submit a Declaration by the close of the protest period will be scored DNF for the last race of that day. Any breakdown of gear, loss of equipment or damage, whether materially affecting the boat's performance or not, must be stated in the Declaration. Failing to do so will be regarded as a violation of these rules and will subject the skipper to protest and possible disqualification. In case of discrepancies, the report shall be signed by the Folkboat Technical Committee representative and the skipper before the boat is considered properly returned.

5.8 Where practical, and if there are any problems, please contact the Folkboat Technical Committee using VHF 65, before leaving the boat.

5.9 Boat bottoms may not be cleaned during the regatta.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 There will be a Competitors' Meeting/Briefing at 0930, Monday September 17, in the Commodore's Room of SFYC.

6.2 One tune-up and seven races are scheduled as follows:

Date	First Warning Signal	No. of Races	Venue
Monday, Sept 17	1200	Tune-up	Olympic Circle
Tuesday, Sept 18	1200	2	Olympic Circle
Wednesday, Sept 19	1200	2	Knox Area
Friday, Sept 21	1200	2	S.F. City Front
Saturday, Sept 22	1200	1	Olympic Circle

6.3 After the first race each day, the warning signal for the succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, a series of short sound signals and a radio announcement may be made on VHF Channel 65.

6.4 At the discretion of the Race Committee, three races may be held in one day.

7 CLASS FLAGS

The Class flag will be the Folkboat Class Insignia on a white background.

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 The course to be sailed will be designated by placards displayed from the race committee signal boat.

8.3 There may be an Offset Mark "O" set 3-5 boat-lengths from the weather mark. If present, the offset mark is to be passed in sequence as designated in the course descriptions on Attachment A.

8.4 If there is a leeward gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If one of the leeward gate marks is missing, boats shall round the one existing leeward mark to port.

9 MARKS

All Marks will be red/orange inflatable marks.

10 THE START

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a red/orange inflatable mark, or the starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on two race committee mark boats.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and a red/orange inflatable mark.

13 TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may be assigned a finish position. This changes RRS 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 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.

14.3 A race committee member intending to protest a boat for an incident during the race will attempt to hail "Protest" to that boat. Redress will not be given if such a hail is not made or is delayed. This changes RRS 61.1(b) and 62.1(a).

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

14.5 RRS 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 Four (4) 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.

16 SAFETY

16.1 Check-in and check-out: Boats are requested to check in with the race committee by sailing by the committee boat, on starboard tack, prior to the first warning signal. Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the race committee.

16.2 For control and safety, all boats shall monitor VHF Channel 65.

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

16.2 Boats shall comply with U.S. Coast Guard regulations. Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel that can only safely navigate within a narrow channel, or commercial vessels with restricted ability to maneuver. Boats violating this rule face protest and disqualification. The preamble to RRS Part 2 applies. A disqualification for safety is DNE.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATION / ELECTRONIC AIDS

- 17.1** The Race Committee may use VHF 65 to communicate information about course selection, time to start, the class position relative to the starting line, and the sail numbers of boats that are OCS or have violated RRS 30. Neither failure of the Race Committee to communicate the sail numbers of recalled boats in a timely manner, nor failure of a recalled boat to receive or hear transmitted information, will be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 17.2** Only electronic tactical compasses and VHF radios are permitted. No other electronic navigational or tactical aids, or knotmeters, are permitted.

18 BREAKDOWNS

- 18.1** The skipper of a borrowed boat that is requesting special consideration due to a breakdown shall make every reasonable attempt to display code flag Q (yellow) from the backstay promptly after the breakdown first occurs and shall keep it flying until acknowledged by the Race Committee. Boats suffering a breakdown must finish the race if at all possible, provided that further serious damage to the boat will not be incurred.

18.2 Awarding of Breakdown Points

18.2.1 If a borrowed boat is disabled through an accident or failure of equipment which in the later opinion of the Jury is through no fault of the contestant, or is the innocent victim of a foul, such boat shall make every reasonable attempt to promptly display her breakdown flag from her backstay and make every reasonable effort to start, continue, or finish the race. If she is unable to finish, or is able to do so only at less than normal speed, the Jury may, in its sole discretion, take one of the following actions:

- 18.2.1.1 Order the race re-sailed.
- 18.2.1.2 Score such boat as if it were unimpaired.
- 18.2.1.3 Await completion of the regatta and award points totaling the average of the scores made by the contestant in all other races sailed.
- 18.2.1.4 Take other action determined to be the most fair and equitable.

19 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded after the racing, at the Trophy Dinner on Saturday evening. Daily prizes will be awarded on the SFYC deck after each day's racing, except for the Tune-up race.

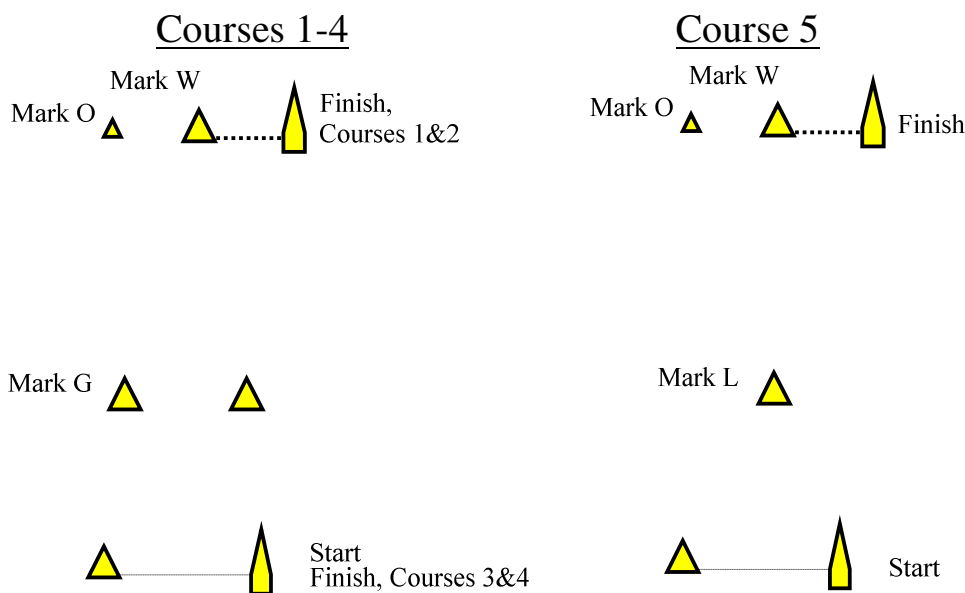
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ATTACHMENT A

INTERNATIONAL REGATTA FOR NORDIC FOLKBOATS September 16-22, 2007

COURSES



MARKS

W – Weather Mark

O – Offset Mark

G – Leeward Gate

L - Leeward Mark

COURSES

1 Start – W(p) – O(p) – G – Finish

2 Start – W(p) – O(p) – G – W(p) – O(p) – G – Finish

3 Start – W(p) - O(p) - G - W(p) - O(p) – Finish

4 Start – W(p) - O(p) - G - W(p) - O(p) – G - W(p) - O(p) – Finish

5 Start – W(p) – O(p) – L(p) – W(p) – O(p) – L(p) - Finish

NOTE: If a Green Flag is displayed at the Start:

- Mark W and Mark O will be rounded to Starboard. (Mark O will be relocated to the right of Mark W.)
- If only one Mark G is present, it shall be rounded to Starboard.

Restricted Areas: The following markers shall be left to shoreward: Anita Rock and any buoy marking same, and the vertical ‘H’ beam off the Water Quality Control Plant west of St.FYC.