

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB 2009 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RULES

1. ELIGIBILITY:

1.1 All boats must be keelboats of at least 18 feet in length. All boats must be owned or chartered by a San Francisco Yacht Club member. The skipper is required to be a San Francisco Yacht Club member.

1.2 All boats must have a valid San Francisco Bay PHRF certificate, or the Race Committee will assign a PHRF rating that is not subject to redress. One design boats will be assigned the SF Bay PHRF rating for that class.

2. DIVISIONS:

2.1 Spinnaker Division will also include boats designed without spinnakers, such as the Wyliecat and Knarr.

2.2 Non-Spinnaker Division will include boats whose SF Bay PHRF Rating is with spinnakers, but will race without spinnakers or other exotic sails. Non-Spinnaker Division boats will have 6 seconds per mile added to their SF Bay PHRF rating.

2.3 One-Design classes will get a separate start if five or more like boats are registered (but will not be eligible for perpetual trophies).

3. BURGEE:

All boats must fly The San Francisco Yacht Club burgee, from the time they start racing until the finish. There will be a five-minute penalty added to the finish time of each boat failing to comply. All burgees must be flown properly, or the skipper buys drinks for all other skippers in that division, plus the Race Committee.

4. RACES:

The Club Championship Series consists of a minimum of seven and a maximum of nine scheduled races. Each boat's Series score will be a total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores. The races are: Rosenblum (1), Anniversary Cup (1 or 2), Peter Mitchell (1), Herb Ross (1), July 4th (1 or 2), and Wosser Cup (2). The number of races for the Anniversary Cup and the July 4th regattas will be based on conditions that day.

5. COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC, SAFETY

5.1 Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with USCG Navigation Rules. If a commercial vessel has sounded five blasts, and the vessel or the Coast Guard identifies the boat by sail number, the Race Committee shall protest the boat, in which case the Protest Committee shall assume that the identified boat has impeded passage or violated USCG Navigation Rules, and the identified boat shall have the burden of proving otherwise. In the case of a complaint by 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 61.3. Compliance with RRS 60.2(a) shall not be required.

5.2 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 comply with such a 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.

5.3 A boat may be penalized under the above Rule 5.1 even if it does not violate Rule 5.2, and a boat may be penalized under the above Rule 5.2 even if it does not violate Rule 5.1. A violation of any part of this Rule 5 shall not be excludable under RRS A2. The San Francisco Yacht Club will cooperate with and provide information relevant to any investigations of impeding passage or violation of USCG Navigation Rules by the Coast Guard or other government authority.

6. YOUTH CHALLENGE

There will be a Youth Challenge award for each event. This award will go to the first place boat entered by the SFYC Youth Sailing Program.

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