

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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THE ELITE KEEL REGATTA

May 16 & 17, 2009

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).
- 1.2 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.

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 0900 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. RRS 90.2(c) is amended to allow oral changes to the Sailing Instructions on the water. In the event the Race Committee needs to communicate oral changes, they shall raise the "L" flag and attempt to hail competitors on VHF channel 65.

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 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Saturday, May 16, 2009** - Three (3) races are scheduled.
Sunday, May 17, 2009 – Two (2) Races are scheduled.

5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1130 hours.

5.3 After the first race, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, a series of short sound signals and a radio announcement may be made.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be standard numeric signal flags:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
Melges 24	One
Etchells	Two
Express 27	Three
J-24	Four
Knarr	Five

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the vicinity of the Olympic Circle.

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.

9 MARKS

All Marks will be red/orange inflatable marks.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26. The Warning Signal for succeeding classes will be with or after the starting signal for the preceding class. Classes may be started in any order, although in Race 1 expect that classes will be started in the order listed in instruction 6 above.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a red/orange inflatable mark to port of the committee boat.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

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. For downwind finishes, the finish line will be located on the starboard side of the signal boat.

13 TIME LIMITS

Boats in a fleet failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat in the fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. 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 For protests involving a rule of RRS Part 2, an arbitration hearing will be held prior to the protest hearing. (Refer to instruction 15.)

14.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.

14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 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 ARBITRATION

15.1 Parties to a protest involving a rule of RRS Part 2 shall attend an arbitration hearing per instruction 14.2 above. At the posted time, one designated representative from each boat will testify before an arbitrator. No witnesses will be allowed.

15.2 After hearing the testimony of each representative, the arbitrator shall make one of the following decisions:

(a) No rule was broken or the protest is invalid. If the protesting party agrees, the protest is then withdrawn and cannot be reopened or appealed.

(b) At least one rule was broken by one or more of the parties involved. The representative of the offending boat(s) has the option of accepting a penalty equal to 30% of the number of starters for that race (rounding .5 upward; an adjusted score will not be greater than the number of starters in that race), or of submitting the matter to the jury for a full hearing. If the penalty is accepted, the matter is closed and cannot be reopened, appealed, or redressed. There will then be no hearing before the protest committee. This changes RRS 63.1.

(c) The protest shall be referred to the jury for a full hearing.

15.3 If the protest is referred to the jury, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the jury hearing the protest, be called as a witness, or be present in the jury room; nor will he discuss the testimony or his decision with the members of the jury.

16 SCORING

16.1 Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. No scores will be excluded.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 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.

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

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

The Race Committee may broadcast information about the day's racing on VHF 65. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats or failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.

19 PRIZES

19.1 Prizes will be awarded after the racing on Sunday, May 17, on the SFYC deck.

19.2 Unclaimed prizes will be held at the Race Council Office for a period of one month only. Call at (415) 789-5647 to be sure someone will be in the office for pickup.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

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Attachment A – Courses



Marks

W – Weather Mark
O – Offset Mark
G – Leeward Gate Marks

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)-G -W(p)-O(p)-G -Finish**
- 4 – Start – W(p) –O(p)– Finish Downwind**
- 5 – Start - W(p) -O(p) -G-W(p)-O(p)- Finish Downwind**