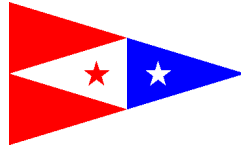


# THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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## MIDNIGHT MOONLIGHT MARITIME MARATHON Saturday August 17, 2024

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (NOR ATTACHED AT END)

#### 1 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted by 1600 hours on August 16.

#### 2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside on the west wall of the SFYC Clubhouse.
- 2.2 The NOR, SIs, and amendments thereto will also be posted online at [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org)
- 2.3 The race committee will attempt to hail boats observed OCS at the start. 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 redress. This changes rule 62.
- 2.4 Except in an emergency, or when retiring from a race, or as requested in SI 2.6 below, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 2.5 **[DP] Boats are requested to communicate with the race committee three times; (1) by text (415-595-8364) when competitors reach the Carquinez Bridge, (2) by VHF USA channel 65A when crossing under the Richmond Bridge approaching the finishing line, and (3) by VHF USA channel 65A when they are approximately 5 minutes away from the finishing line. Please include your sail number in all communications.**

#### 3 THE COURSE

- 3.1 The course is from the starting line, set off Point Stuart in Raccoon Strait, around the center pier of the Carquinez Bridge, to the finish line set in the vicinity east of Tiburon peninsula, just north of Bluff Point. Castro Rock Buoy "2CR" (Fl R 4sec) shall be left to the east. Point San Pablo Buoy "2" (Fl R 4 sec) shall be left to the east. Pinole Shoal Channel restricted area bounded by Channel Marks 8, 10, 12 and 14 shall be left to the north.
- 3.2 The course length is 34 nautical miles.

#### 4 THE START

- 4.1 Boats shall start at or after their listed starting time. Times will be GPS time, and boats may request the race committee to verify their time by VHF.
- 4.2 The starting line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee

boat and the course side of a nearby yellow inflatable buoy.

## **5 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between the green channel marker on the shoreline at the south tip of Bluff Point (Tiburon): Fl G 4s 20ft 4M “5” and a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat anchored approximately 1/3 mile east-southeast of that channel marker. An orange flashing light will be located on the boat. The race committee may shine a spotlight on approaching boats to identify them. The failure or absence of any of the described lights shall not be grounds for redress.

## **6 TIME LIMIT**

- 6.1 The time limit for boats to sail the course and finish shall be 0100 hours on Sunday, August 18. Boats failing to finish by this time will be scored DNF.
- 6.2 Boats not completing the course shall report to the race committee as soon as possible and no later than 0100 hours on August 18. The race committee will monitor USA VHF channel 65A and will be available by cell phone at **415-595-8364** (text is best).

## **7 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 7.1 Hearing requests shall be submitted by email to [race@sfyc.org](mailto:race@sfyc.org), by 0900 hours on August 18.
- 7.2 Hearings will be scheduled, in the approximate order of submission, online at a time scheduled by the protest committee during the week following the race.

## **8 FURTHER INFORMATION**

PRO – Jeff Zarwell  
SFYC Race Office, 415-789-5647, [race@sfyc.org](mailto:race@sfyc.org)

--- End of Sailing Instructions ---

# **NOTICE OF RACE**

**Organizing Authority: The San Francisco Yacht Club, Belvedere, California**

## **1 RULES**

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Boats shall carry all safety and emergency equipment required by the YRA (for SF Bay racing) and the US Coast Guard, **INCLUDING RUNNING LIGHTS**. The race committee may file a protest against any boat observed in violation of these requirements.
- 1.3 Rule 40.1 will apply at all times when boats are in the racing area, and on their way to and from the racing area.

## **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available by 1600 hours on August 14 at The San Francisco Yacht Club and on the website, [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org).

## **3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The official notice board is located on the west wall of the SFYC clubhouse. Notices will also be posted online at [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org). Hearing notices will be posted on a separate online platform, with links in the sailing instructions.
- 3.2 On the water the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel USA 65A.
- 3.3 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, or when retiring from a race or as requested to do so in the sailing instructions, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## **4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 The race is open to all boats that are equipped for racing at night.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by registering online at [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org) > On the Water > Regattas.
- 4.3 No entries will be accepted after 1600 hours on August 16.

## **5 FEES**

The entry fee is \$40, if received by 1600 hours on August 14. The entry fee will become \$60 after this time.

## **6 SCHEDULE**

- 6.1 Boats will start at staggered starting times, based on their individual handicaps from highest to lowest, beginning at 1600 hours. This is a “pursuit race.”
- 6.2 Starting times for boats entered will be posted at SFYC on the official notice board and on the website, [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org), by 1600 hours on August 16.
- 6.3 The time limit for boats to sail the course and finish is 0100 hours on Sunday, August 18. Boats that do not finish by this time will be scored DNF (this changes RRS 35).

## **7 VENUE**

The race will start off of Point Stuart in Raccoon Strait, race to the Carquinez Bridge, and finish near the south tip of Bluff Point (Tiburon). The course length is 34 nautical miles.

**8 SCORING**

- 8.1 One-design fleet boats with active one-design fleets in the Bay Area will be assigned their one-design class NCPHRF base rating.
- 8.2 All other boats shall have a current NCPHRF certificate or BAMA multihull rating, and will receive that rating.
- 8.3 Winners and finishing places will be determined by the order of finish.

**9 BERTHING**

Please contact [forrest@sfyc.org](mailto:forrest@sfyc.org) if berthing is needed, as space will be very limited. Boats without prior reservation will be turned away.

**10 RISK STATEMENT**

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk and subject to the terms and conditions of the SFYC liability waiver.

RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and1 fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

**11 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$100,000 per incident or the equivalent.

**12 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded depending on the number of entries. Trophies may be picked up at the SFYC Race Office, or can be shipped to winners upon request.

**13 FURTHER INFORMATION**

SFYC Race Office: 415-789-5647, [race@sfyc.org](mailto:race@sfyc.org)

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**SOCIAL EVENTS AND SPECIAL CLUB RULES**

- The SFYC bar will be open for no-host service until midnight, and hot food will be provided to finishers who arrive at the Clubhouse before midnight.
- All competitors must also abide by all of the special Club rules in effect, while on Club property (ie: docks, parking lot, clubhouse/deck, etc).