

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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Belvedere Classic Regatta and Great SF Schooner Race

Saturday, August 23, 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(NOR attached at end of SIs)

1 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted by 1600 hours on August 22 on The San Francisco Yacht Club website, www.sfyc.org, and on the official notice board.

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. The NOR, SIs, and amendments thereto will be posted online at www.sfyc.org.
- 2.2 The race committee may use VHF USA channel 65A to communicate information about the races.
- 2.3 The race committee will attempt to hail boats observed OCS at the start by VHF. 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 announcing a desire to protest, 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.

3 COURSE AND MARKS

3.1 The race course for each fleet is as follows. (P) and (S) indicate leaving marks to Port or Starboard, respectively.

- Classics 1 and Classics 2: Start - 15(P) - 18(P) - 8(P) - Alcatraz(S) - 12(S) - Finish
- Schooners: Start - 12(P) - 18(P) - 8(P) - Alcatraz(S) - 12(S) - Finish

3.2 **Mark Descriptions** - 8, 12, 15, 18 and Alcatraz are rounding marks. KX is the start and finishing line mark.

8	R4	R "4" Fl 4s Horn 1 nm East of Point Blunt
15	Hank Easom	YRA Mark 15, " Hank Easom " (Yellow Column "YB" approx. 0.5 nm East of Yellow Bluff (Sausalito vicinity))
12	Little Harding Rock	G "1" Fl G4s, southwest of Angel Island
17	Harding Rock "HR"	RG Fl (2+1) R6s
18	Blossom Rock	RG "BR" Fl (2+1) G6s Bell (1 nm SE Alcatraz)
KX	Knox	Red inflatable WSW of Pt Knox (Angel Island)

4 OBSTRUCTIONS

Boats shall not pass between these buoys and the closest point ashore:

- a) the bell buoy off the west end of Alcatraz
- b) the Pt. Blunt buoy off Angel Island

5 THE START

- 5.1 The starting line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat, anchored between Knox and Point Stuart, and the course side of a red inflatable buoy (KX).
- 5.2 The Classics are divided into two divisions, split at PHRF 196, as posted on the starting times document, and their races will be started using RRS 26, with pennant number 1 for Classics 1 division PHRF <196, and pennant number 2 for Classics 2 division PHRF >196, as their class flags.
- 5.3 The Schooners shall start by crossing the starting line at or after their posted start time, beginning at 1230 hours. Time should be taken from GPS time. The race committee will attempt to provide your starting time on request on the water using VHF USA channel 65A. However, it is each boat's responsibility to start at the proper time.
- 5.4 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and boats whose preparatory signal has been made. Boats shall not cross the starting line except when preparing to start or starting.
- 5.5 Schooners starting prematurely by less than one (1) minute will be penalized two (2) minutes in calculating their elapsed time and finish scoring. This penalty replaces the requirement to comply with rule 30.1 to sail to the pre-start side of the starting line before starting. This changes rule 29.1.
- 5.6 Schooners starting prematurely by more than one (1) minute will be scored Did Not Start unless they return to the pre-start side of the starting line and pass through the starting line again. The race committee will attempt to notify a boat starting prematurely by more than one (1) minute via radio communication on VHF USA channel 65A. This changes rule 29.1.
- 5.7 Flag W will indicate a postponement for the Schooners and the start times have been changed. New start times will be calculated from the new first start time, which will be displayed on the signal boat and announced over VHF radio. This changes RRS Race Signals.

6 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat, anchored between Knox and Point Stuart, and the course side of a red inflatable buoy (KX).

7 PENALTY SYSTEM

A yacht that has broken rule 31 or a rule of Part 2 of the RRS may, after getting well clear of other boats, exonerate herself by taking a one-turn penalty before reaching the next mark of the course. The penalty turn shall consist of a 360-degree turn in the same direction that includes one tack and one gybe. This changes rule 44.1.

8 TIME LIMIT

- 8.1 The time limit shall be 1700 hours. Any boat not finishing by 1700 hours will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rule 35 A4, and A5.
- 8.2 Boats not completing the course shall attempt to contact the race committee as soon as possible by VHF USA channel 65A.

9 HEARING REQUESTS

- 9.1 All boats intending to protest shall inform the protested boat by hailing immediately and then by the display of a red flag as soon as possible. This changes rule 61.1.
- 9.2 A protesting boat is required to notify the race committee by VHF USA channel 65A of her intention to protest at the time she finishes. This changes rule 61.3.

- 9.3 Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the SFYC Race Office. Protest forms will be available there. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 9.4 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The time limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- 9.5 Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.
- 9.6 Hearings will be held at 1900 hours on the Tuesday following the regatta, unless rescheduled by the Chief Judge.
- 9.7 A request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered to the Club Race Office within 24 hours of being informed of the protest committee decision. Requests may be made by email. The Race Office email address is race@sfyc.org. This changes rule 66.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The non-schooners Classics will be scored with their assigned rating using Time-on-Time calculations with the formula $TCF=A/(B+rating)$, where TCF is the time correction factor that the rating is multiplied by, and $A=B+(\text{fleet's middle rating})$. The B Factor used will be as follows for the average of the wind speeds observed on the signal boat at the start and on the finish boat when the first boat in each division finishes:
 - 20+ knots = 500
 - 10-19 knots = 550
 - Under 10 knots = 575
- 10.2 Schooner starting times are calculated based on handicaps and starting times are staggered so that the finishing places will be determined by the order of finish, except for boats penalized under SI 5.5.

11 PRIZES

The awards ceremony will take place on the SFYC Deck following the conclusion of the race. The top two finishers in each division will receive take-home trophies.

12 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 and 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.

----- 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 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty.
- 1.3 Attention is directed to the fact that the racing rules do not govern the navigation of non-participating vessels, which may be met during the course of the race. Participants should exercise due caution that there be no violation of the applicable International or Inland Navigation Rules.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions, NOR, and any amendments thereto will be available at The San Francisco Yacht Club and on the website www.sfyc.org, by the Wednesday evening preceding the regatta.

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.
- 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, 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 Belvedere Classic Regatta is open to two types of yachts:
 - “Classic” - Yachts of classic design, built in wood or metal, and GRP boats designed over 50 years ago. 30 foot minimum length overall.
 - “Spirit of Tradition” (SOT) - Yachts designed on or after 1 January 1975 whose rudders are separated from the trailing edge of the keel, and whose design embodies an appreciation of classic yacht or traditional workboat shapes and aesthetics. There are no restrictions on rigging, equipment, or construction materials and methods. 30 foot minimum length overall.
- 4.2 The Great SF Schooner Race is open to all sailing vessels with 2 or more masts, with the foremast equal to or smaller than the mainmast.
- 4.3 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the online registration found at www.sfyc.org > On the Water > Regattas.
- 4.4 No entries will be accepted after 1800 hours on August 20.

5 FEES

The entry fee is \$150.

6 DIVISIONS & HANDICAPS

- 6.1 Handicap ratings will be developed by the SFYC race committee for boats without NCPHRF ratings. Belvedere Classic Regatta divisions may be split at the discretion of the race committee after the close of registration. All schooners will race in a pursuit style race with starts based on their handicaps.
- 6.2 Assigned ratings and divisions shall not be subject to requests for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

7 RACE SCHEDULE

- 7.1 One race is scheduled for each division. The warning for the first Belvedere Classic Regatta division is

scheduled at 1215 hours. Schooners will start at posted start times after the Belvedere Classic Regatta start(s).

7.2 Starting times for boats and divisions will be posted by 1700 hours on August 22 at SFYC on the official notice board and on the website: www.sfyc.org.

8 VENUE AND COURSE

The racing area will be in the vicinity of Point Knox west of Angel Island. The courses will be described in the sailing instructions, and will be “Bay Tour” type.

9 SCORING

9.1 Winners and finishing places for schooners will be determined by the order of finish.

9.2 Classic and SOT finishing places will be calculated by finish time using time-on-time rating calculations.

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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 GUEST BERTHING

The SFYC guest docks will be open to all boats from August 22-24. If requested during registration, berthing will be assigned as entries are received, based on availability.

13 PRIZES

The overall schooner division winners will be awarded the Great Schooner Perpetual Trophy. Keeper Trophies will be awarded to first and second place finishers in each of the divisions.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

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

Race Chairs: John Swain (seaswain@me.com), Alan Olson & Angie Lackey Olson (angie.lackey.olson@gmail.com)

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All racers are invited to a no-host BBQ on the Corinthian deck on Saturday after the awards presentation. Tickets may be purchased on site by credit card only.

Friday	1700 hours	Skippers’ Reception in the Commodores’ Room with complimentary hor d’oeuvres and beverages.
Saturday	1215 hours	Racing begins. After racing, the awards presentation will be on

the Corinthian Deck.

Sunday

0830 hours

No-host breakfast will be available in the SFYC main dining room.

PARKING

Parking in the SFYC lot will be restricted during the regatta. Two parking passes will be issued per boat. Passes may be picked up at the Race Office on Saturday morning.