

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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Elite Fleet Invitational Regatta

May 17-18, 2025

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 For the J/105 fleet the J/105 Fleet One rules shall apply.
- 1.3 For the J/88 fleet the J/88 Fleet Three rules shall apply.
- 1.4 Rule 40.1 will apply at all times when boats are in the racing area.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available by 1700 hours on May 14 on the website 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. 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, 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 regatta is open to the following classes:
 - J/105, J/88, Moore 24, Knarr, Folkboat, Olson 25, Melges 24
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration found at www.sfyc.org > On the Water > Regattas.
- 4.3 If fewer than 6 boats are registered in any class by 1700 hours on May 14 that class will be canceled from the regatta and refunds issued.
- 4.4 No entries will be accepted after 1700 hours on May 16.

5 FEES

The entry fee is as follows if received by 1700 hours on May 14. A \$50 late fee will be charged after 1700 hours on May 14.
J/105 and J/88 - \$210
Moore 24, Knarr, Olson 25, Melges 24, and Folkboat - \$145

6 SCHEDULE

Saturday – 3 races are scheduled with the first warning signal at 1200 hours. 2 races are scheduled

for the Knarr class.

Sunday – 2 races are scheduled with the first warning signal at 1200 hours. No warning signal will be made after 1530 hours.

7 VENUE

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

8 COURSES

The courses and marks will be described in the sailing instructions. All marks will be inflatable buoys.

9 SCORING

9.1 Two races must be completed to constitute a series.

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

10 BERTHING

SFYC guest docks will be available from May 16 through May 19 on a first come, first served basis.

11 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.

12 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.

13 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats in each class.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

PRO: Jeff Zarwell

Regatta Chair: Paw Andersen: pawhammerlund@gmail.com, 650-450-0253

SFYC Race Office: Helen Galli, race@sfyc.org, 415-789-5647

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SOCIAL EVENTS AND SPECIAL CLUB RULES

- After the racing on Saturday beer, wine, a taco bar and snacks will be served for competitors in the Cove House. After racing on Sunday beer, wine, and light snacks will be served during the trophy presentation.
- All competitors must also abide by any of the special Club rules that may be in effect, while on Club property (ie: docks, parking lot, clubhouse/deck, etc).

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 Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.