

# THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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## Catch Me If You Can - Women Skippers Edition by The SFYC Auxiliary September 19, 2020

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Rule 40 is changed as follows: All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. 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 west wall of the SFYC Clubhouse. The NOR, SIs, and amendments thereto will be posted online at [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org).

#### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0800 hours on the day of the race..

#### **4 SCHEDULE**

- 4.1 Starting times will be posted on the official notice board and the SFYC website, [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org), by 1600 hours on September 18.
- 4.2 The slowest boat in each group will start first, at 1300 hours. Subsequent starts will be at the times posted.
- 4.3 All times will be GPS time.

#### **5 THE COURSE**

- 5.1 There will be two courses. Boats with ratings 120 and lower will sail Course 1 and boats with ratings 123 and higher will sailing Course 2, as described in SI 5.2.
- 5.2 The course is from the starting line, in the vicinity west of Point Knox on Angel Island, around the following marks in the order listed and the direction specified, finishing back at the starting area.

##### Course 1 (10 miles)

- “Blackaller” (to port)
- YRA 8 (to port)

- YRA 12 “Little Harding” (to starboard)  
Course 2 (7.5 miles)
- A red SFYC inflatable buoy (to port), set in the vicinity of Yellowbluff, approximately 1 mile from the starting line
- YRA 8 (to port)
- YRA 12 “Little Harding” (to starboard)

## **6 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

Boats shall not pass between the bell buoy off the west end of Alcatraz Island, or the Point Blunt buoy and the closest point ashore of each. These are obstructions.

## **7 THE START**

- 7.1 The starting line is between two red inflatable buoys set in the vicinity west of Point Knox on Angel Island. (One of the buoys may be replaced by a race committee boat flying an orange flag, the staff of which would then be that end of the starting line.)
- 7.2 It is each boat’s responsibility to start at the proper time, as listed in the start times document.

## **8 THE FINISH**

- 8.1 The finishing line will be the same as the starting line.
- 8.2 Note your finish time (GPS time) and text it to 415-272-9091 as soon as practicable, along with boats’ names very close in front and behind if possible.

## **9 TIME LIMIT**

- 9.1 The time limit for the race shall be 1630 hours. Boats failing to finish by this time will be scored DNF.
- 9.2 There may be no on the water race committee, so boats failing to finish by the time limit, or retiring before this time, are requested to text 415-272-9091 with that information.

## **10 PROTESTS**

- 10.1 Protests shall be in writing and lodged at The San Francisco Yacht Club Front Desk no later than 1730 hours on race day. Protests may also be submitted by email to [race@sfyc.org](mailto:race@sfyc.org) by 1730 hours on race day.
- 10.2 Protests will be held, in the approximate order of submission, online the following week, as scheduled by the protest committee. The protest committee will schedule and describe the online system.

## **11 SCORING**

Starting times are calculated based on handicaps; therefore, finish places will be determined by the order in which the boats cross the finishing line within the time limit.

## **12 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with USCG Right-of-Way Navigation Rules. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation.

## **13 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 13.1 There may be no race committee on station, but boats are requested to monitor VHF channel 65A in order to communicate with each other in the event of an emergency.

13.2 Except in an emergency, or when retiring from the race, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

**14 PRIZES**

No trophies will be awarded.

**15 GUEST BERTHING**

The guest docks will be available for all boats after the race, on a first come first served basis.

**16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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

**17 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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**SOCIAL EVENTS AND SPECIAL CLUB RULES**

- There will be no social events associated with this regatta.
- The Site-Specific Protection Plan states: “No congregating will be permitted before or after the [race].”
- 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).