

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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

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 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.
- 1.3 The sailing instructions may change additional racing rules.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all monohull sailboats over 18 feet long with a **maximum crew of 4 total**, and a valid NCPHRF certificate (except for boats in classes with established NCPHRF one-design ratings and fleets). **Spinnakers shall not be used during the race.**
- 2.2 Current Northern California PHRF certificates shall be submitted to the SFYC Race Office prior to racing. For any boat that does not have a current NCPHRF certificate, a NCPHRF rating will be assigned at the sole discretion of the race committee. Assigned ratings shall not be grounds for redress.
- 2.3 All boats shall be owned or chartered by an SFYC woman Member, defined as SFYC women Members and females in a Member's family as defined in The San Francisco Yacht Club House Rules and Regulations (3b), and she shall be the skipper. All other crewmembers shall be SFYC women Members, or as approved by the SFYC Auxiliary Committee:
 - (a) women with a completed and submitted application for SFYC membership, or
 - (b) female family members, under the age of 30, of an SFYC Member.**One male SFYC Member is permitted to crew on each boat.**
- 2.4 Eligible boats shall enter by completing registration online at www.sfyc.org > On the Water > Regattas. Only online entries will be accepted. There is no entry fee.
- 2.5 Skippers and all crewmembers on all boats shall provide their names and contact information when registering in order to agree to the online waiver in the registration process.
- 2.6 Skippers shall read, and by registering agree to, the online Marin County Health Order Acknowledgement in the registration process, and thereby shall sail with crew that meets all included current requirements, and operate their boat following these requirements, which may be to reduce crew size. It is each boat's responsibility to meet those requirements.
- 2.7 No entries will be accepted after 1800 hours on September 16.

3 SCHEDULE

- 3.1 This is a pursuit race. Boats will start at staggered starting times, based on their individual

handicaps from highest to lowest, beginning at 1300 hours.

- 3.2 Starting times for boats entered will be posted at SFYC on the official notice board and on the website, www.sfyc.org, by 1600 hours on September 18.

4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on September 16, at The San Francisco Yacht Club and on the website, www.sfyc.org.

5 VENUE

The racing area will be in the vicinity of Racoon Strait and the central San Francisco Bay..

6 COURSES AND MARKS

The course and marks will be described in the sailing instructions, and may include SFYC inflatable marks and YRA permanent marks. The course will be approximately 7.5 to 12 miles long, and will be determined on September 16.

7 SCORING

- 7.1 Boats in classes with established NCPHRF one-design ratings and fleets will be assigned their one-design class NCPHRF base rating. All other boats shall provide a current copy of their NCPHRF certificate, and will receive that rating.
- 7.2 The winner and finishing places will be determined by the order of finish.

8 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 8.1 Competitors should monitor VHF USA channel 65A for on the water communication with the race committee.
- 8.2 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 communications that is not available to all boats.

9 PRIZES

No trophies will be awarded.

10 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.

11 FURTHER INFORMATION

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