

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



Anne McCormack Invitational Cup April 4, 2026

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 40.1 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 1800 hours on April 1 on the website www.sfyc.org > On the Water > Regattas.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The official notice board is located on the west wall of the SFYC clubhouse. The NOR and sailing instructions, and amendments thereto, will also be posted online at www.sfyc.org > On the Water > Regattas. Hearing notices will be posted on a separate online platform, with links from the above website and 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 all monohulls over 18 feet in length, skippered and crewed entirely by women.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration found at www.sfyc.org > On the Water > Regattas in Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker Divisions. The Spinnaker Division also includes boats designed and rated without spinnakers, such as the Knarr and Bird classes, and all other classes listed as “No NonSpin” in the NCPHRF Base Rating Report available on the YRA website.
- 4.3 Current Northern California PHRF certificates **are required prior to racing**, except for boats in classes with established NCPHRF one-design ratings, which will be assigned that base rating. NCPHRF certificates may be obtained through the YRA at <https://yra.org/onlinephrfapp/>.
- 4.4 NCPHRF’s Part 1 RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR HANDICAPPING suggestion on rating modifications for non-spinnaker fleets **will not be in effect** and all boats racing in non-spinnaker fleets shall be scored with their assigned NCPHRF certificate rating, or the one-design class base rating, if applicable. Boats that do not have a current certificate or meet the one-design rating criteria will not be scored.
- 4.5 If more than 5 one-design boats are entered by 1700 hours on April 3, the OA may create a separate fleet for that class.

4.6 No entries will be accepted after 1700 hours on April 3.

5 FEES

The entry fee is \$60, if received by 1700 hours on April 1. After that time a \$25 late fee will be charged.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 There will be a Skippers' Meeting at 1000 hours at the SFYC Cove House.

6.2 Two races are scheduled.

6.3 The first warning signal is scheduled at 1200 hours.

7 VENUE

The racing area will be in the vicinity of Knox, west of Angel Island, and the central Bay.

8 COURSES

The courses and marks will be described in the sailing instructions, and may include SFYC inflatable marks and YRA permanent marks.

9 SCORING

9.1 Scoring will be NCPHRF Time-on-Time calculated with the formula $TCF=A/(B+rating)$, where TCF is the time correction factor that the rating is multiplied by, and $A=B+(fleet's\ middle\ rating)$. 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

9.2 All races will count towards the regatta score, no scores will be excluded.

10 BERTHING

SFYC guest docks will be available from April 4-5.

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

13.1 The Anne McCormack Perpetual Trophy will be jointly awarded to the winners of each Division.

13.2 Take home trophies will be awarded to the top two boats in each Division.

13.3 The trophy presentation will be at the SFYC Cove House after racing.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

PRO: Forrest Gay

Regatta Chair: Beth Newman, munnbeth@gmail.com

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

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SOCIAL EVENTS AND SPECIAL CLUB RULES

- After the racing beer, wine and light snacks will be served for competitors at the SFYC Cove House.
- All competitors must abide by all of the regular and special Club rules in effect, while on Club property (ie: docks, parking lot, clubhouse/deck, etc).
- Guest Crew: guest privileges are available to non-members participating in a Club hosted Regatta, and to allow competitors as guests, without a member, who have been posted and received guest cards.