

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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Elite Fleet Invitational Regatta

May 16-17, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

Amendment 1 (highlighted in section 9)

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 13 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 (1065).
- 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, J/70, J/24, Moore 24, Olson 25, Melges 24, Express 27, Express 37.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration found at www.sfyc.org > On the Water > Regattas.
- 4.3 No entries will be accepted after 1700 hours on May 15.

5 FEES

The entry fee is as follows if received by 1700 hours on May 13. A \$50 late fee will be charged after 1700 hours on May 13.
J/105, Express 37, J/88 - \$220
Express 27, J/70, Moore 24, Olson 25, Melges 24, J/24 - \$185

6 SCHEDULE

Saturday – 3 races are scheduled with the first warning signal at 1200 hours.
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 regatta may be run on two race courses based on fleet participation numbers. 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 Except for the Moore 24 class a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, no scores will be excluded.

9.3 For the Moore 24 class when fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10 BERTHING

SFYC guest docks will be available from May 15 through May 18 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: Forrest Gay, Jeff Zarwell Regatta Chair: Cameron Tuttle, cameronftuttle@gmail.com
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 there will be a regatta party with beer, wine, a taco bar and snacks 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.

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