

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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Elite Fleet Invitational Regatta and Moore 24 PCCs May 16-17, 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Amendment 1 (highlighted in section 2.4)

(NOR attached at end of SIs)

1 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors, other than those related to hearings, will be posted on the official notice board located outside on the west wall of the SFYC Clubhouse.
- 2.2 Notices related to hearings will be posted at:
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/schedules/14858/event>
- 2.3 The NOR, SIs, and amendments thereto will also be posted online at www.sfyc.org
- 2.4 The race committee will use VHF USA channel 65A (1065) to communicate information about the races for the J/105, J/88 and Melges 24 classes and VHF USA channel 63A (1063) for the Moore 24, Olson 25 and J/24 classes.
- 2.5 The race committee will attempt to hail boats observed OCS at the start. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats, or failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.
- 2.6 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.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole located adjacent to the Clubhouse.
- 3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

4 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be the following numerical pennants:

<i>Fleet</i>	<i>Flag</i>
J/105	one
J/88	two
Melges 24	three
Moore 24	four
Olson 25	five
J/24	six

5 COURSES

- 5.1 There will be two course areas. The J/105, J/88 and Melges 24 classes will race on the southern course, with red main marks and a signal boat flying a pink flag. The Moore 24, Olson 25 and J/24 classes will race on the northern course, with yellow main marks and a signal boat flying a bright green flag.
- 5.2 The courses are described in **Attachment A**. The course to be sailed will be designated by numeral placards displayed on the race committee signal boat.

6 MARKS

- 6.1 All rounding marks and gates are inflatable buoys.
- 6.2 The starting line mark is an inflatable yellow buoy for the J/105 class.
The starting line mark is a small inflatable red buoy for the J/88, Melges 24, Moore 24, Olson 25 and J/24 classes.
- 6.3 The finish line mark is a green buoy for the J/105, J/88 and Melges 24 classes.
The finish line mark is an orange ball for the Moore 24, Olson 25 and J/24 classes.
- 6.4 The following marks are rounding marks and shall be left to port, except for the gate:
- J/105, J/88 and Melges 24 classes - W (red); O (red offset); G (2 red, comprising a gate)
 - Moore 24, Olson 25 and J/24 classes - W (yellow); O (red offset); G (2 yellow, comprising a gate)
- 6.5 If the offset mark is missing it shall be disregarded. If one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall leave the remaining mark to port.

7 THE START

- 7.1 The starting line for the J/105 class is between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the yellow starting line mark.
- 7.2 The starting line for the J/88, Melges 24, Moore 24, Olson 25 and J/24 classes is between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the small red starting line mark.

8 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

9 THE FINISH

- 9.1 The DOWNWIND finishing line is between a staff or halyard displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the finish line mark, on the opposite side of the signal boat from the starting line.
- 9.2 The UPWIND finishing line is between a staff or halyard displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and Mark W as shown in Attachment A.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Appendix V1 applies.

11 TIME LIMITS

The time limit for each class for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes rules 35 and A4 and A5.

12 HEARING REQUESTS

- 12.1 The hearing request time limit is one hour after the signal boat docks, as determined by the PRO.
- 12.2 Hearing requests may be submitted to the SFYC Race Office, or may be created and submitted

online at https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event_id=14858 if requested to do so on the official notice board. This changes rule 61.3.

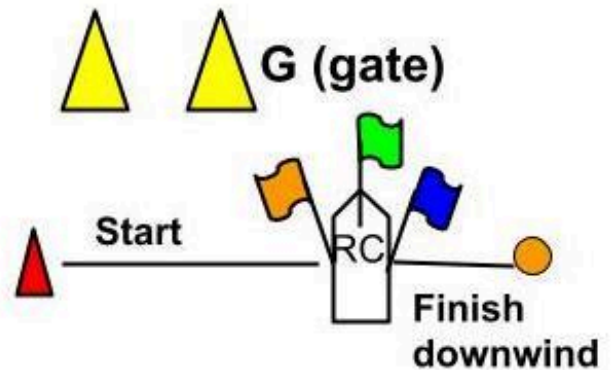
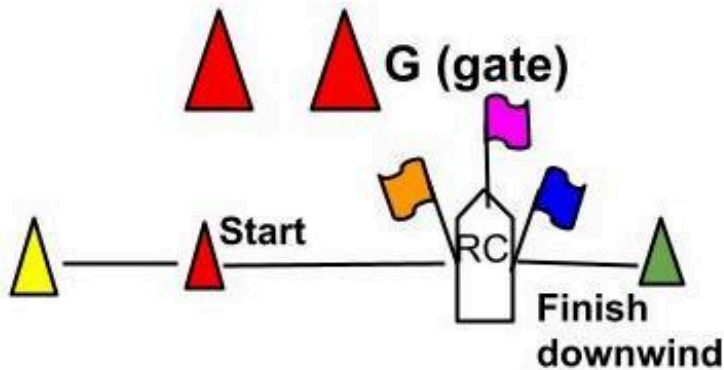
- 12.3 Notices will be posted on <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/decisions/14858/event> as soon as possible to inform competitors of a hearing in which they are parties.
- 12.4 Hearings will be scheduled as soon as possible following the regatta at the direction of the Chief Judge, and will be held in person or on Zoom.
- 12.5 RRS 62.2(a), 66.2(a), and the US prescription to RRS 63.2 do not apply.

Attachment A

J/105, J/88 and Melges 24 classes



Moore 24, Olson 25 and J/24 classes



Courses

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| 3) Start-W-O-G-Finish Upwind | (1.5 laps) |
| 4) Start-W-O-G-W-O-Finish Downwind | (2 laps) |
| 5) Start-W-O-G-W-O-G-Finish Upwind | (2.5 laps) |

--- End of Sailing Instructions ---

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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