

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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2025 FIREWORKS FOLLY PURSUIT RACE

Friday, July 4

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted by 1600 hours on July 3.

2 THE COURSE

2.1 The course will be from the starting line, around the following marks:

- YRA 16 “Blackaller” to port
- YRA 8 to port

Finishing by crossing the finishing line.

2.2 The course is 11 nautical miles long.

3 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.

4 THE START

4.1 Boats shall start at or after their listed starting time. Boats should use GPS time when starting. There will be no starting signals made.

4.2 The starting line is between the green channel marker (Fl G 4s 15ft “1”) in front of CYC and Elephant Rock (rock with fishing platform on it located at Pt. Tiburon).

5 THE FINISH

The finishing line is the same as the starting line. There will be no race committee. Boats shall note their finish times and provide the time along with their sail number to 415-272-9091 by text within 10 minutes of their finish time. **Failure to provide the required information within the time limit may result in a boat not being scored in the race.**

6 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the race shall be 1400 hours. Boats failing to finish by this time will be scored DNF without a hearing.

7 HEARING REQUESTS

7.1 Hearing requests shall be submitted online at

https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event_id=12055, by 1600 hours on July 4.

7.2 Hearings will be scheduled, in the approximate order of submission, online at a time scheduled by the protest committee during the week following the race. Hearing information can be found at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/schedules/12055/event>

NOTICE OF RACE

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 40.1 will apply at all times when boats are in the racing area.
- 1.3 Boats that have declared information on their PHRF application regarding powered devices such as winches, hydraulics, canting keels, furling and other sail and rig controls, and have received a PHRF rating that specifies allowable usage for these powered devices, are permitted to use them. This changes RRS 52.
- 1.4 The US Sailing prescription to rule 63.1 shall not apply.
- 1.5 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is replaced with: “(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or”
- 1.6 The sailing instructions may change additional racing rules.
- 1.7 In rule 41(c) ‘information freely available’ is defined as not requiring a fee to be paid for information. Whether the fee is large or small, paying to receive information means that that information is not available at no monetary cost, and therefore the information is not ‘freely available’. For example, receiving weather data or information, while racing, on a phone from a service that a fee is paid for is a violation of Rule 41(c).

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on July 2 by 1600 hours at SFYC and 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 may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel USA 65A.
- 3.3. While racing, 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 communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Eligible boats shall enter by registering online at www.sfyc.org > On the Water > Regattas.
- 4.2 The race is open to all monohull sailboats over 18 feet long with a valid NCPHRF certificate (except for boats in classes with established NCPHRF one-design ratings and fleets which will be assigned those base ratings).
- 4.3 No entries will be accepted after 1200 hours on July 3.

5 FEES

The entry fee is \$20.

6 RACE SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Boats will start at staggered starting times, based on their individual handicaps from highest to lowest, beginning at 1030 hours, on July 4. This is a “pursuit race.”
- 6.2 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 July 3.

7 THE COURSE

- 7.1 The course will be from the starting area, in front of Corinthian Yacht Club, around the following marks:
 - YRA 16 “Blackaller” to port
 - YRA 8 to portFinish by crossing the finishing line in the vicinity of the Corinthian Yacht Club mooring field.
- 7.2 The course will be 11 nautical miles long and described in full in the sailing instructions.

8 SCORING

- 8.1 Boats in classes with established NCPHRF one-design ratings and fleets will be assigned their one-design class NCPHRF base rating.
- 8.2 All other boats shall have a current copy of their NCPHRF certificate online or provided to the SFYC Race Office, and will receive that rating.
- 8.3 The winner and finishing places will be determined by the order of finish. Finish times shall be self-reported, as described in the sailing instructions, there will be no race committee on site.

9 BERTHING

The SFYC guest docks will be open to participant boats on a first come, first served basis.

10 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.

11 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.

12 PRIZES

A perpetual trophy will be awarded and will be kept at SFYC. Keeper trophies will be bottles of whiskey and will be awarded to the first three finishers and the “most patriotic” crew (as determined by the race chairperson), and presented on the Regatta Deck after all boats have finished.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

SFYC Race Office (415) 789-5647, race@sfyc.org

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SOCIAL EVENTS AND SPECIAL CLUB RULES

- After the racing, competitors may purchase and participate in the SFYC 4th of July BBQ.
- 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).
- Guest Boats and Crew: guest privileges are available to non-members participating in a Club hosted Regatta, including the ability to dock their boats during the Regatta, and to allow competitors as guests, without a member, who have been posted and received guest cards.