

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



RS21 Sprint 6 March 21-22, 2026

Organizing Authority: The San Francisco Yacht Club, Belvedere, California

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 When the protest committee finds that a boat or team's competitor has broken one or more rules where there was, repeated breach of boat handling requirements, serious damage caused by reckless sailing or poor seamanship, poor sportsmanship, or misconduct as described in RRS 69.1(b), it shall make a report to the OA who may revoke that team's invitation and excuse the team from the remainder of the regatta. The OA may also take this action without such a report after consultation with regatta management.
- 1.3 The RS21 class rules will not apply.
- 1.4 Rule 40.1 will apply at all times when boats are on the water away from the dock. PFDs must be provided by the sailors.
- 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 will describe any changes to the rules.

2 BOATS

- 2.1 RS21-type boats will be provided. Standing rigging shall not be adjusted, except at the direction of the OA.
- 2.2 Spinnakers will be used, until conditions dictate non-use at the discretion of the race committee.

3 TEAMS

- 3.1 Three or four sailors are required per boat.
- 3.2 Up to 12 teams will be invited to participate.

4 CREW WEIGHT

There is no crew weight limit.

5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 Participation in the regatta is only by invitation.
- 5.2 Teams may request an invite online, and shall submit the online form below no later than 1000 hours on March 7. <https://forms.gle/LAdyomxb3PJYkgE38>
- 5.3 Invitations will be sent out within 48 hours of request submissions.
- 5.4 The online registration and entry fees must be received no later than March 8.

6 FEES

The entry fee is \$600 per team, and includes racing Saturday and Sunday, Saturday after racing beer and snacks, and Sunday awards presentation social.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available at the Participants' Meeting and posted on the SFYC website at

1700 on March 18.

8 VENUE

The primary racing venue will be Knox, with Belvedere Cove, Paradise Cay, and Richardson Bay as alternative venues pending weather conditions.

9 FORMAT

The planned format is multiple round robins of short 6-boat fleet races amongst all competing teams, including a medal race, or races, at the end for the top qualifying teams. The format and number of races will be described in the sailing instructions and at the Participants' Meeting.

10 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday	1100-1700	Check-in / optional practice (\$75 charter fee) - no social event. Contact rs21@sfyc.org to schedule practice times.
Saturday	0930	Check-in
	1000	Participants' Meeting – racing to follow
	1830	Regatta Social with refreshments
Sunday	1000	Participants' Meeting – racing to follow* Awards after racing with refreshments

* The race committee will endeavor to not begin a starting sequence after 1600 on Sunday, but weather conditions and/or the progress of the event may govern the actual conclusion of racing.

11 COURSES

The course will be described in the sailing instructions, and will be short windward/leeward type.

12 UMPIRING

It is the intention for the regatta to be umpired in accordance with RRS Appendix UF (Umpired Fleet Racing), as modified by the sailing instructions Attachment of the same name. Teams may be asked to provide a competitor(s) to assist the umpires when off rotation. This will not be considered to be a conflict of interest.

13 PROTESTS

When practicable, protests other than those under RRS Appendix UF3.3, and redress requests will be heard on the water.

14 VHF RADIO

All boats shall carry a marine band VHF radio capable of receiving normal US channels. The OA will supply one VHF per boat, but competitors may provide their own VHF radios for backup. Malfunction or loss of VHF radio shall not be grounds for redress. Teams failing to return supplied VHF will be charged \$250.

15 WAIVER, DAMAGE DEPOSIT AND RISK STATEMENT

15.1 As a condition of entry, each skipper and participating crew member shall submit, prior to racing, an online liability waiver/media release, which is in the entry process.

15.2 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.

15.3 All skippers will be required to sign a \$500 damage agreement prior to the start of racing by signing an online form. The agreement outlines a \$500 per-incident maximum charge, and includes damage to

boats or race committee vessels. If a skipper has more than one incident, he or she is then liable for up to \$500 for each individual incident. Skippers should be aware that while the OA representatives will attempt to identify all damage at the post-regatta inspection, often this is not possible due to the nature of the damage. The skipper is responsible for all damage, even if it is discovered only after the post-regatta report is completed and signed. In the event that there is material damage not covered by insurance and no one acknowledges responsibility (e.g., crews are rotated among the boats and no one reports the damage), the cost of repairs will be charged to all the designated skippers on a prorated basis.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

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