

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



2026 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

NOTICE OF RACE

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

1 RULES

- 1.1 The 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.
- 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 at website www.sfyc.org, by the Wednesday evening preceding the first day of racing. Any amendments will be available when posted on the same webpage.

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. Hearings will be held on Tuesday at 1800 hours on Zoom, following each regatta, or as scheduled by the chief judge.
- 3.2 On the water the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel USA 1065 (65A on older units).
- 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 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration found at www.sfyc.org > On the Water > Regattas.
- 4.2 **Current Northern California PHRF certificates are required**, 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/>. 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. (PHRF certificates are valid for the calendar year in which they are obtained.)

- 4.3 Both the skipper and the helmsmen are required to be SFYC Members or spouses of Members. Multiple skippers/helmsmen are permitted.
- 4.4 **The Spinnaker Division includes boats designed and rated with spinnakers and which will be sailed with spinnakers during the series. 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.**
- 4.5 **The Non-Spinnaker Division includes boats who CHOOSE to race without spinnakers during the Series, and are not listed as "No NonSpin" above.**
- 4.6 The Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Divisions may be split into two fleets if more than 15 boats are registered in each respective division prior to the first race of the Series. One-design classes may be split out and may receive a separate start, at the discretion of the Race Management Committee, if deemed a sufficient fleet prior to the first race. Once Division splits and/or one-design fleets are established they will remain unchanged for the duration of the Series.
- 4.7 For the pursuit races all boats will be started from highest to lowest PHRF rating in order, regardless of registered Division. Start times will be posted online by 1600 hours on the day preceding the race.
- 4.8 Entries will not be accepted after 0800 hours on each race day. Late entries to pursuit races will be posted online at this time.

5 FEES

There is no entry fee.

6 RACE SCHEDULE

The Club Championship Series consists of nine scheduled races. Two races will be 10-mile pursuit races, as noted below.

<u>REGATTA</u>	<u>DAY AND DATE</u>	<u>RACE STYLE</u>	<u>RACES</u>	<u>FIRST WARNING</u>
Rosenblum Regatta	Saturday, March 14	Standard	2	1200 hours
Anniversary Cup	Saturday, April 25	Pursuit	1	1055 hours
Hank Easom Regatta	Saturday, June 27	Standard	2	1100 hours
Mitchell Regatta	Saturday, July 18	Pursuit	1	1055 hours
& Ross Regatta		Standard	1	After Pursuit finish
Wosser Cup	Saturday, September 12	Standard	2	1200 hours

7 VENUE

The racing area will be in the vicinity of the west side of Angel Island, and the Central Bay. The start and finish will be offshore of Pt. Knox.

8 COURSES

Courses may use dropped and fixed marks listed in the YRA mark list for the Central Bay, which will be included in the sailing instructions.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 Scoring for standard races 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 $A=B+(\text{Fleet's middle rating})$. 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 Scoring for pursuit races will be determined by the order that the boats finish, within each Division or Fleet.
- 9.3 For each Regatta: A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 9.4 For the entire Club Championship Series: 4 races are required to be completed to constitute the Club Championship Series. When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When from 4 to 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When from 6 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores. When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 3 worst scores.

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

- 12.1 For each Regatta, perpetual trophies will be awarded to the winners of each division or fleet, as well as keeper trophies for first, second, and third place finishers of each division, or the first and second place finishers for divisions split into fleets. Additional "fun trophies" may be awarded by the SFYC Race Management Committee. The trophy presentations for each regatta will be held in the Regatta Room of the Cove House.
- 12.2 Each overall Club Series division or fleet winner will be awarded the King George V Perpetual Trophy jointly at the end of the series. Keeper trophies for first, second, and third place finishers of each division, or the first and second place finishers for divisions split into fleets will be awarded for the overall Series.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

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

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SOCIAL EVENTS AND SPECIAL CLUB RULES

- After the racing beer, wine and light snacks will be served for competitors.
- 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.