

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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STAFF COMMODORES' CUP

Monday, September 7, 2009

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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.
- 1.2** The regatta is open to members of The San Francisco Yacht Club. Boats must be keelboats 18 feet or over, and possess a Northern California/San Francisco Bay PHRF rating. All boats must be skippered by SFYC members. All boats must have a Staff Commodore aboard, either as skipper or crew.
- 1.3** Boats must be entered in either the Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker Division, although all boats will start together. Non-Spinnaker Division boats will be given a 6 seconds per mile adjustment to their base PHRF rating. Boats eligible to race in the Non-Spinnaker Division are boats rated to sail with spinnakers but which will race without the spinnakers or other exotic sails. Boats designed to sail without spinnakers (e.g. Knarr, International Folkboat, Nonsuch) will be scored in the Spinnaker Division and will not receive a PHRF adjustment.
- 1.4** All boats must fly The San Francisco Yacht Club burgee, from the time they start racing until the finish. There will be a five-minute penalty added to the finish time of each boat failing to comply. All burgees must be flown properly, or the skipper buys drinks for all other skippers in that division, plus the Race Committee.
- 1.5** RRS 40 is deleted and replaced with: "All competitors shall wear life jackets or adequate personal buoyancy when racing." Note that Flag Y will not be displayed.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside on The SFYC deck.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0900 on September 7, 2009.

4 RACE SCHEDULE

4.1 The race is scheduled for Monday, September 7, 2009. The warning signal is scheduled for 1200 hours. All boats will start together.

5 CLASS FLAG

The Class Flag will be alpha signal flag 'F'.

6 RACING AREA

The starting area will be in the vicinity of Point Knox.

7 COURSES AND MARKS

7.1 Courses and Marks will be described on **Attachment A**.

7.2 Numerical placards displayed from the race committee signal boat will designate the course. The Race Committee may fly signal flag TANGO signifying "Twice Around." In this case, for courses finishing downwind, the finish line will become a gate for the start of the second time around. For upwind finishes, boats must pass through the S/F line to begin the second time around.

8 THE START

8.1 Races will be started by using rule 26. Please monitor VHF Channel 65.

8.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a red/orange inflatable mark.

9 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and a red/orange inflatable mark.

10 TIME LIMIT

The time limit will be 1600 hours on Monday, September 7, 2009. Boats failing to finish before the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rule 35.

11 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

11.1 Protest forms will be available at the Regatta Table in the club house. Protests shall be delivered to the race committee representative at the Regatta Table within the protest time limit, which shall be 30 minutes after the committee boat returns to the dock. The return time will be posted on the official notice board.

11.2 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.

11.3 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

12 SCORING

Finishing positions will be established by corrected time, using time on distance corrections, as determined by San Francisco Bay PHRF handicaps. Non-Spinnaker Division boats will be given a 6 seconds per mile adjustment to their base PHRF rating. A five-minute penalty will be assessed to boats failing to properly display the SFYC burgee.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

The Race Committee may broadcast information about the day's racing and OCS on Channel 65. 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 RRS 62.1.

14 PRIZES

14.1 The Staff Commodores' Cup Perpetual Trophy, a model of the yacht "Emerald," will be awarded jointly to the overall winners in the Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker divisions. Keeper trophies will also be awarded to the first and second place finishers in both divisions. In addition, there will be a prize awarded to the youngest crew member in the regatta.

14.2 Trophies will be presented on the Club deck after the race, at approximately 4:00 pm, with complimentary beer and soft drinks provided.

Cissy Kirrane, Regatta Chair
Randy Smith, PRO

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ATTACHMENT A

2009 STAFF COMMODORES' CUP - COURSES

<u>Course</u>				<u>Approx.Distance</u>
1	Start	15-P, 12-P, 15-P, S/F-P, 15-P	Finish	6.2 nm
2	Start	15-P, S/F-P, 15-P	Finish	4.6 NM
3	Start	15-P, 17-P, S/F-P, 15-P	Finish	5.2 NM
4	Start	15-P, 8-P, 15-P	Finish	9.2 NM
5	Start	15-P, 18-P, 24-P, 15-P	Finish	11.9 NM
6	Start	15-P, 21-P, 8-P, 15-P	Finish	10.6 NM
7	Start	SE-P, S/F-P, SE-P	Finish	4.5 NM
8	Start	SE-P, 17-P, SE-P	Finish	5.4 NM
9	Start	6-P, 12-P, 6-P	Finish	8.6 NM
10	Start	16-P, 12-P, 16-P	Finish	8.9 NM
11	Start	W-P, L-P, W-P, L-P	Finish	TBD
12	Start	W-P, L-P, W-P, L-P, W-P, L-P	Finish	TBD
13	Start	15-P, L1-P	Finish (off Corinthian YC)	9.2 NM

Marks

- “S/F” Red/Orange SFYC Inflatable set as the Start and Finish Line Buoy
- “L” SFYC inflatable set to leeward of “S/F”
- “SE” Sausalito Entrance Mark (“2”)
- “W” SFYC inflatable set to windward of “S/F”
- “6” YRA Mark “M” off Fort Mason Docks
- “8” YRA Mark 8, R”4” Fl 4s Horn, 1nm east of Pt. Blunt
- “12” YRA Mark 12, “Little Harding,” NW of Harding Rock (G “1”)
- “15” SFYC inflatable approximately ¼ mile east of Yellow Bluff
- “16” YRA Mark 16, Blackaller (W/Or “C”)
- “17” YRA Mark 17, Harding Rock (RG “HR”)
- “18” YRA Mark 18, “Blossom Rock,” RG “BR” Fl(2+1) G 6s Bell
- “21” YRA Mark 21, G”1” Fl G 6s, approximately .6 nm NE of Alcatraz
- “24” YRA Mark 24, R”6” Fl R 4s Bell, 1.1 nm east of Quarry Point
- “L1” SFYC inflatable located in the vicinity approximately 200 degrees and 0.5 nm from the end of the Richmond Channel Breakwater

Restricted Areas

The bell buoy off the west end of Alcatraz and the outermost rocks off Blunt Point, and any buoy marking same, shall be considered restricted areas as if a point of land extended from the shore to the buoy. This precludes passing between them and the land.

Interference with Shipping Traffic

Boats shall not impede the passage of ship traffic. Rule 9 of the Inland Rules of the Road applies to all shipping traffic on San Francisco Bay and its tributaries.