

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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2010 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

1 RULES

- 1.1 This series will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012, including amendments effective 1 January 2010 (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS 40 is deleted and replaced with: "All competitors shall wear life jackets or adequate personal buoyancy while 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 before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1200 on the day before it will take effect.

- 4 **SCHEDULE OF RACES DAYS:** The Anniversary Cup and the Independence Cup may include two races depending on conditions. Mitchell & Ross will be 2 separate races. The Wosser Cup Series will include two races.

4.1	<u>RACE DAY</u>	<u>DAY AND TIME</u>	<u>WARNING</u>
	1 Rosenblum	Saturday, March 20	1200 Hrs
	2 Anniversary Cup	Saturday, April 24	1200 Hrs
	3 Independence Cup	Sunday, July 4	1200 Hrs
	4 Mitchell & Ross	Saturday, August 7	1200 Hrs
	5 Wosser Cup Series	Sunday, September 26	1200 Hrs

- 4.2 All races will be started in the vicinity of Knox Buoy.
- 4.3 The Anniversary Cup and the Independence Cup may include two races depending on conditions. If the Race Committee intends to start another race on the same day, it will display the Second Substitute (with no sound) while boats are finishing. The Wosser Cup will include two races and the warning signal for the second race will be made as soon as practicable after completion of the first race. The same warning procedures will apply to the Mitchell & Ross races. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, a series of short sound signals and a radio announcement may be made on VHF 65.

5 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be standard alpha signal flags:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Flag</u>
Non-Spinnaker	D
Spinnaker	E

6 COURSES AND MARKS

- 6.1 Courses and Marks are described in **Attachment A**.
- 6.2 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, the same course shall be sailed twice. For courses which finish downwind, the first time around boats must pass through the S/F line which shall be treated as a gate (leaving either the S/F pin to starboard or the signal boat to port) before starting the second time around. For courses which finish upwind, the first time around boats must pass through the S/F line before sailing the course again.
- 6.3 The Race Committee may choose to combine two different courses, to be sailed in order, by flying signal flag FOXTROT and displaying two course numbers. The courses themselves will be displayed on numerical placards in the order they should be sailed, separated by a 'dash.' For courses which finish downwind, boats finishing the first course must pass through the S/F line which shall be treated as a gate (leaving either the S/F pin to starboard or the signal boat to port) before starting the second course. For courses which finish upwind, boats finishing the first course must pass through the S/F line before beginning the second course.

7 THE START

- 7.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26. The Warning Signal for the second division will be after the starting signal for the preceding division. Divisions may be started in either order, but it is expected that the Non-Spinnaker Division will start first in each race. Please monitor VHF Channel 65.
- 7.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a red/orange inflatable mark, or the starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on two race committee boats.
- 7.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the immediate starting area and not interfere with boats whose warning signal has been made.
- 7.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored did not start (DNS). This changes rule A4.1.

8 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change a of the course, if inflatable marks are used, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position and will signal the change as described in RRS 33.

9 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee mark boat and a red/orange inflatable mark, or between staffs displaying orange flags on two race committee mark boats.

10 TIME LIMITS

The time limit for each race day will be 1700 hours. Boats finishing after the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

11 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

11.1 Protest forms will be available at the Regatta Table in the clubhouse. 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 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

12 SCORING

12.1 Finish positions for each race will be determined by corrected time, based on PHRF time-on-distance.

12.2 The Low Point Scoring System will apply for the Club Series, with the following exceptions:

- A boat that does not finish (DNF) will receive one point more than the number of finishers in her division.
- A boat that did not start (DNS or OCS) will be awarded one point more than the number of starters in her division.
- A boat that did not compete (DNC) will be awarded one point more than the number of entrants (as of the date of the race in which she is scored DNC) in her division.
- A boats disqualified (DSQ) will be awarded two points more than the number of starters in her division.

This changes RRS A4.2. RRS A9 does not apply.

Each boat's Series score will be a total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

12.3 A maximum of nine races are scheduled.

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

13.1 Commercial traffic

13.1 (i) Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with USCG Navigation Rules. If a commercial vessel has sounded five blasts, and said vessel or the Coast Guard identifies the boat by sail number, the Race Committee shall protest the boat, in which case the Protest Committee shall assume that the identified boat has impeded passage or violated USCG Navigation Rules and the identified boat shall have the burden of proving otherwise. In the case of a complaint by Vessel Traffic or the Coast Guard, the protest time limit shall be extended up to two days after the conclusion of the regatta. This changes RRS 61.3. Compliance with RRS 60.2(a) shall not be required.

13.1 (ii) A Race Committee boat may signal a boat to alter course to avoid impeding the passage of commercial vessels by making a sound signal (horn or whistle) and pointing Code Flag V at the boat. The signaled boat shall alter course to comply with such a signal unless compliance would create an unsafe condition. If the signaled boat fails to comply with such a signal, the Race Committee shall protest the boat, in which case the Protest Committee shall assume that the course alteration would not have created an unsafe condition, and the protested boat shall have the burden of proving otherwise.

13.1 (iii) A boat may be penalized under the above instruction 13.1(i) even if it does not violate instruction 13.1(ii), and a boat may be penalized under the above instruction 13.1(ii) even if it does not violate instruction 13.1(i). A violation of any part of instruction 13 shall not be excludable under RRS A2. The San Francisco Yacht Club will cooperate with and provide information relevant to any investigations of impeding passage or violation of USCG Navigation Rules by the Coast Guard or other government authority.

13.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. Notification by radio on VHF Channel 65 is preferred.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

The Race Committee may broadcast information about the day's racing on VHF Channel 65. The Race Committee may or may not broadcast information relating to OCS boats. 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 granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

15 PRIZES

You are invited to the Club Deck for complimentary beverages and hors d'oeuvres with the trophy presentation after each day's racing. Perpetual trophies will be awarded after each individual event and will be based on overall corrected times, regardless of division. The Youth Challenge award will be presented at the same time.

**ATTACHMENT A
2010 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
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” (may be in the vicinity of “15”)
- “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” YRA Mark 15, Yellow Bluff, 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. Refer also to Para 13.0 in the Sailing Instructions appertaining to commercial traffic, safety.