

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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MIDNIGHT MOONLIGHT MARITIME MARATHON SATURDAY, JULY 24, 2010

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 (RRS).
- 1.2 Attention is directed to the fact that racing rules do not govern the navigation of non-participating vessels, which may be met during the course of the race. Contestants should exercise due caution that there be no violation of the applicable international or inland rules of the road.
- 1.3 **BOATS MUST NOT INTERFERE WITH COMMERCIAL OR NAVAL VESSELS OR TUGS AND THEIR TOWS. BOATS DOING SO AND THEREBY ENDANGERING THEIR OWN SAFETY OR THAT OF THE COMMERCIAL VESSEL WILL BE SUBJECT TO PROTEST BY THE RACE COMMITTEE OR CONTESTANTS.**
- 1.4 Boats must carry all safety and emergency equipment required by the YRA and the law, **INCLUDING RUNNING LIGHTS.** Failure to show running lights will result in disqualification. YRA emergency equipment requirements may be found at www.yra.org.

2. PERSONAL BUOYANCY

RRS 40 is deleted and replaced with "All competitors shall wear life jackets or adequate personal buoyancy while on deck." Note that Flag Y will not be displayed.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on The San Francisco Yacht Club deck.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Starting times will be posted by 1200 noon on July 23, 2010. Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted by noon on July 23, 2010.

5. SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 24, 2010 - Warning signal at 1450, preparatory signal at 1455, first start at 1500. Refer to the schedule of starting times to be posted by noon on July 23.

6. HANDICAPS

Handicaps will be developed by the SFYC race committee as follows:

- a. Boats which submit a copy of a current SF Bay PHRF base rating or BAMA rating will receive that rating. Multihulls will be scored separately from monohulls.
- b. One-design boats shall receive their one-design class PHRF base rating.
- c. All other boats will receive ratings assigned by the race committee and not subject to protest.

7. THE COURSE AND MARKS

Start - Between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat, anchored approximately 1/4 mile north of Point Stuart, and a red/orange inflatable buoy. Cross the line from West to East.

Course - From the start around the center pier of Carquinez Bridge leaving the pier to port; then through the finish line. Castro Rock Buoy "2CR"(Fl R 4sec) shall be left to the East; Point San Pablo Buoy "2" (Fl R 4 sec) shall be left to the East; Pinole Shoal Channel restricted area bounded by Channel Marks 8, 10, 12 and 14 shall be left to the North. The center pier of Carquinez Bridge is the only rounding mark.

Finish - Between Green Marker "1" (Fl G) off the Corinthian Yacht Club and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat. Boats will please illuminate their racing numbers at the finish. Cross the line from East to West.

8. THE START

- 8.1 The race will be started as follows: Signals will be identified by numeric pennant flags 1, 2, and 3, which will be hoisted alternately and in sequence every five minutes from the warning signal (code flag 1) at 1450 and preparatory signal (code flag 2) at 1455 hours. Each flag will be lowered one minute before the next flag is raised. The preparatory signal for each starting group will be the signal displayed five minutes before that start. The sound signal accompanying each flag will be either a gun or horn, but times will be taken from the visual signals. The failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded. This changes RSS 26.
- 8.2 Boats shall start in accordance with individual handicaps beginning at 1500 hours, July 24, 2010. The committee boat will provide your starting time on request; however, it is each boat's responsibility to start at the proper time.
- 8.3 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

9. TIME LIMIT

- 9.1 The time limit for the race shall be 0200 PDT, Sunday, July 25, 2010, or when no boats have finished for a period of 45 minutes and 75% of the yachts that started have finished.

- 9.2 Boats not completing the course must report to the Race Committee as soon as possible, but no later than 1000 hours on Sunday, July 25, 2010, so that all boats may be accounted for. The Race Committee Signal Boat will monitor VHF Channel 65 and will be available by cell phone at 415-307-4914; or call the SFYC Clubhouse on 415-435-9133.

10. PROTESTS

- 10.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at The San Francisco Yacht Club and lodged there no later than 1000 hours on Sunday, July 25.
- 10.2 Protests will be heard, in the approximate order of submission, at The San Francisco Yacht Club at 1900 hours on Thursday, July 29, 2010.

11. FINISH PLACES

Starting times are calculated based on handicaps and rounded to the nearest five minute increments. Starting times are staggered so that winners and finishing places can be determined by the order of finish.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

The Race Committee may broadcast information about the day's racing and OCS on Channel 65. Neither failure of the Race Committee to communicate the sail numbers of recalled boats in a timely manner nor failure of a recalled boat to receive or hear transmitted information will be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

13. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for the First, Second, and Third-place finishers for monohull boats. A prize will be awarded to the first place multi-hull boat, if at least three entries have been received. All prizes will be mailed to contestants after July 31, 2010.

14. GUEST BERTHING

Guest Docks will be available for all boats after the race.

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