

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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EXPRESS 27 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

September 16-18, 2011

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

1 RULES

1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 RRS 40 is deleted and replaced with “Competitors shall wear life jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy while racing.” Note that Code 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 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole located adjacent to the clubhouse.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 60 minutes’ in race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 **Friday, Sept. 16** – 3 races are scheduled, with first warning signal at 11:25

Saturday, Sept. 17 – 1 long distance race is scheduled, with the warning signal at 10:55.

Sunday, Sept. 18 – 3 races are scheduled, with first warning signal at 10:55.

5.2 After the first race each day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, a series of short sound signals and a radio announcement on VHF 65 may be made.

6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be the Express 27 Class Insignia on a white background

7 RACING AREA

The racing area for all starts will be in the vicinity of Point Knox Buoy.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 **Attachment A** shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 Mark G is a gate. If one of the leeward gate marks is missing, boats shall round the one existing leeward mark to port.

8.3 There may be an Offset Mark “O” set a short distance from the weather mark. If present, the offset mark is to be passed in sequence as designated in the course descriptions on Attachment A.

8.4 The course to be sailed will be designated by placards displayed from the race committee signal boat.

9 MARKS

All Marks will be as described in the sailing instructions, except that new marks, as provided in instruction 11, will be yellow inflatable SFYC buoys.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

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

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course for Buoy Races, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee mark boat and a red inflatable mark. The finish line for the Buoy Races on September 16 and 18 will be in the Knox Race Area. The finish line for the long distance race on September 17 will be in Raccoon Strait south of the Corinthian Yacht Club.

13 TIME LIMITS

For buoy races (September 16 and 18 only), boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in the fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14 AFTER RACE SCORING PENALTY

A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 while *racing* may take a penalty after she is no longer racing and prior to the start of a protest hearing involving the incident. Her penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty of 30% calculated as described in rule 44.3(c), but not more than that of a DNF score. However, if she caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 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 one hour after the race committee signal boat returns to the dock. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

15.2 For protests involving a rule of Part 2, an arbitration hearing will be held prior to the protest hearing. (Refer to Attachment B.). This changes RRS 63.1.

15.3 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings to which they are parties, along with the time and location of the hearing. Such notice shall serve as notification per RRS 63.1 and 61.1(b).

15.4 Requests to reopen a hearing held on September 18 shall be delivered to the race committee representative at the regatta table within 30 minutes of a party receiving the hearing results, orally or in writing. This changes RRS 66.

16 SCORING

16.1 One race must be completed to constitute a series.

16.2 Boats will be scored by the low point scoring system found in Appendix A with no races excluded.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Check-in and check-out: Boats are requested to check in with the race committee by sailing by the committee boat, on starboard tack, prior to the first warning signal. Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the race committee, by VHF 65 if possible.

17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. The race committee will monitor VHF 65.

18 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta, unless the PRO has approved a written request for haul-out.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

19.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

19.2 The Race Committee may use VHF channel 65 to communicate information about course selection and the sail numbers of boats that are OCS or have violated RRS 30. 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 62.1.

20 PRIZES

20.1 Prizes will be awarded after the racing, on Sunday, September 18, on the SFYC deck.

20.2 Unclaimed prizes will be held at the Race Council Office for a period of one month only. Call at (415) 789-5647 to be sure someone will be in the office for pickup.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Dave Carrel and Paul Mourani - Regatta Chairs

Vicki Sodaro – PRO

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Attachment A

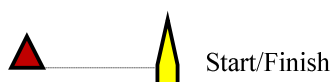


Diagram for Buoy Races:

Rounding Marks for Buoy Races on September 16 & 18:

W – Red Inflatable Buoy set to Weather of the Start/Finish Line

O – Red Inflatable Buoy Offset from the Weather Mark

G – Red Inflatable Gate Buoys set to Leeward of the Start/Finish Line

Courses for Buoy Races:

1 – Start – W(p) – O(p) - G – Finish

2 – Start – W(p) – O(p) - G – W(p) – O(p) - G – Finish

3 – Start – W(p) – O(p) - G – W(p) – O(p) - G – W(p) – O(p) - G – Finish

Courses for Long Distance Race on September 17:

1 – Start – PB(p) – 18(p) – SH(p) – Finish

2 – Start – PB(p) – 18(p) – NG7 – Finish

3 – Start – PB(p) – 18(s) – 16(s) – 18(p) - SH(p) - Finish

Rounding Marks for Long Distance Race:

16 – Yellow Sphere “C” 0.2 nm East of Fort Point (Blackaller Buoy)

18 – Red/Green “BR” 1 QK FL Bell at Blossom Rock

NG7 – G “7” Fl G 2.5s Approx 0.45 nm SE of Red Rock

PB – Point Bonita Buoy: RG Fl(2+1) R6s Bell (at approx 37deg48.70N/122degd3.40W)

SH – Southampton Shoal Platform

ATTACHMENT B

PROTEST ARBITRATION

- B1. An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest involving a rule of Part 2, unless the arbitrator deems the incident inappropriate for arbitration. One representative of each party, who was on board at the time of the incident, will meet with the arbitrator. If all the parties to a protest are not represented, the arbitration meeting shall not be held. No witnesses will be permitted.
- B2. After hearing the testimony, the arbitrator will offer one of the following opinions:
- (a) The protest committee would find the protest is invalid. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - (b) The protest committee would find that no boat broke a rule. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - (c) The protest committee would find that one or more boats represented in the arbitration meeting broke a rule of Part 2. The arbitrator will offer each (both) boat(s) the option to accept an After Race Scoring Penalty, or to retire. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - (d) A protest hearing is appropriate.
- B3. The protest committee will schedule a protest hearing for any protests that are not withdrawn. Any boat that accepted an After-Race Scoring Penalty (ARSP) as described in the Sailing Instructions will not be penalized further as a result of the protest hearing, unless the protest committee concludes that the boat caused injury or serious damage, gained a significant advantage in the race or series, or broke a rule other than a rule of Part 2.
- B4. If a protest is withdrawn, no protest hearing will be held, and the protest cannot be the subject of a request for redress or appeal. This changes RRS 63.1.