

# THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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## The 102nd San Francisco Perpetual Challenge

September 15, 2012

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. ORGANIZATION

1.1. The Organizing Authority shall be The San Francisco Yacht Club in conjunction with the Joint Committee of the San Francisco Perpetual Challenge Cup. The Committee is made up of seven members, three from The San Francisco Yacht Club (SFYC), three from Corinthian Yacht Club (CYC) and a Referee appointed by mutual agreement of the two Clubs. In the event that a dispute arises at a time when the Referee is not available, the Chief Umpire shall participate in his place. In the event a Joint Committee member is unable to serve, the Commodore of that member's Club may name a substitute member.

The Joint Committee will be:

John Ravizza, *Referee*

Julian Barnett, SFYC

Ted Goldbeck, CYC

Jim Barton, SFYC

Jim Erskine, CYC

Glenn Isaacson, SFYC

Mark Thompson, CYC

1.2. The scheduled Umpires for this event will be:

Mike Gross, *Chief Umpire*

Tom Roberts, *Umpire*

John Christman, *Umpire*

Vickie Gilmour, *Umpire*

## **2. RULES**

2.1. This regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including Appendix C, the *Declaration of Trust and Conditions Governing the San Francisco Perpetual Challenge Trophy*, as amended January 13, 1980 (Declaration of Trust) and the terms and conditions of the Corinthian Yacht Club's official letter of challenge dated March 8, 2012.

2.2. RRS 40 is deleted and replaced with: "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices." Note that Code flag "Y" will not be displayed.

2.3. When the umpires decide that a boat has gained an advantage because of a coach or team boat interfering with the other boat, she shall be penalized under rule C5.2, C5.3, or C5.4. (This changes rule C8.3.)

## **3. ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY**

3.1. Each skipper is responsible for any damage or loss to his boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or Protest Committee.

3.2. After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.

3.3. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the Joint Committee may authorize an original crew member to substitute.

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## **4. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

4.1. Notices to Competitors and amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board located outside on The SFYC Deck.

4.2. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club flagpole on the lawn adjacent to The SFYC clubhouse.

4.3. When flag AP is displayed ashore, 'warning' is replaced by 'attention' and '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 90 minutes' in race signal AP.

4.4. A Competitors' Meeting (for skippers, tacticians, owners, Joint Committee members, and umpires) will be held at 1000 hours on Saturday, September 15, in the Cove House adjacent to the SFYC Clubhouse, and at other times as directed by the Joint Committee. The umpires and Joint Committee will be available to answer competitors' questions regarding the sailing instructions or rules. Except as provided in Sailing Instruction 5.2, no orally disseminated information shall supersede the written sailing instructions or rules.

4.5. The Race Committee will communicate on VHF channel 65.

## **5. AMENDMENTS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

5.1. Except for amendments to the sailing instructions made on the water, any amendments to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 hours on the day that they take effect, except:

- a. The sailing instructions may be amended at the Competitors' Meeting on Saturday, September 15. Any amendments made at the Competitors' Meeting will be posted on the official notice board as soon as practicable after the conclusion of the meeting. And;
- b. Any change in the schedule of racing will be posted before 1900 hours on the day before it takes effect.

5.2. Any amendments to the sailing instructions on the water will be signaled by flying flag Third Substitute with three sound signals. Only the Joint Committee or the umpires shall communicate any changes orally to the competitors.

5.3. Any amendments to the sailing instructions will be approved by the Joint Committee.

## **6. BOATS AND SAILS**

6.1. The event will be sailed in Bird Boat class boats.

6.2. The competing boats shall be available by noon on Wednesday, September 12, at the SFYC guest dock. Thereafter, boats may be hauled out only in case of damage or emergency, and with the written permission of the Joint Committee or Referee.

6.3. At around noon on Wednesday, September 12, or as soon thereafter as a representative of each of the competing Clubs is present, each competing boat shall be presented at the SFYC guest dock for measurement, inspection, and compliance with Bird Boat Class measurement rules. A committee comprised of each team's skipper and one representative from each Club's Joint Committee members shall witness the inspection of both yachts to verify compliance with the Bird Boat Class Rules. After inspection no alterations affecting waterline length are permitted.

6.4. Both the challenging yacht and the defending yacht may carry one mainsail and one jib which have been measured, signed and dated by an official measurer in accordance with the Class Rules.

6.5. After racing, the competing boats shall return to the guest docks at The SFYC, or a more convenient location. All required equipment shall remain on hand until one hour after the Race Committee Signal Boat ("Victory") is docked at the conclusion of racing.

6.6. Other restrictions or instructions may be given to the boats verbally by an umpire. Flag Third Substitute is not required.

## **7. CREW MEMBERS, NUMBER AND WEIGHT**

The total number of crew, including the skipper, shall be 3 or 4. All registered crew shall sail all races.

## 8. EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

8.1. The event shall consist of a series of no more than three matches unless ordered by the Umpires or the Joint Committee. The San Francisco Perpetual Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the first yacht to be awarded two (2) points under RRS C10.

8.2. The intended time for the first Attention Signal will be at 1130 hours on September 15, 2012. A match will not be started if the average wind speed over the previous ten minutes, as observed by the Joint Committee, is less than seven (7) knots. In the absence of the required minimum wind strength, the match(es) will be postponed or abandoned. Subsequent matches will be started as soon as possible after completion of the preceding match.

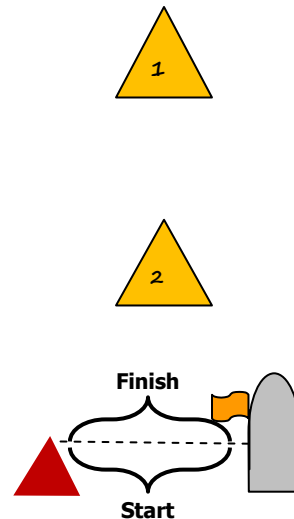
8.3. A coin toss will be held at the Competitors' Meeting. A representative from CYC will call the toss of the coin. The Club that wins the coin toss will select the end of the line it prefers to enter at the first start. Thereafter, the competitors will alternate assigned ends for succeeding matches.

## 9. RACING AREA

9.1. The racing area will be located in the vicinity of the Berkeley Olympic Circle, Southampton, or to the immediate west of Alcatraz Island. The racing area may be relocated to coordinate with other races. The Joint Committee will select the course on the day of the race and may make a change of the racing area on the water.

## 10. COURSE

10.1. The course configuration will be as follows:



10.2 Description of marks is as follows:

- The RC signal boat will be the SFYC committee boat *Victory*.
- The starting/finishing line mark will be a red inflatable buoy.
- Marks 1 and 2 will be yellow inflatable buoys.

10.3. Marks 1 and 2 will be rounding marks to be rounded to starboard.

10.4. The course will be Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – Finish.

10.5. The Starting/Finishing Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat (“Victory”) and the course side of a red inflatable mark.

10.6. RRS 32 is deleted and replaced with: "After the starting signal the Joint Committee may abandon or shorten any match for any reason, after consulting with the Chief Umpire when practical."

## **11. BREAKDOWN AND TIME FOR REPAIRS**

11.1. Before the attention signal of a match or within two minutes of finishing a match, whichever is later, a boat may display flag L to signal a breakdown or damage to the boat, her sails or injury to her crew and request a delay to the next start by calling the Race Committee Signal Boat (“Victory”) on VHF 65 or hailing the Race Committee Signal Boat (“Victory”) or an Umpire boat. She shall proceed as soon as possible to a position close to leeward of the Race Committee Signal Boat (“Victory”) and remain there, unless otherwise directed, until repairs are completed. The Joint Committee will determine the time allocated for repairs.

11.2. After the attention signal of a match, a match will not be postponed or abandoned due to breakdown unless the breakdown signal was displayed as required by SI 11.1.

11.3. Except when RRS 62.1(b) applies, failure to effect repairs in the time allowed, or breakdowns after the attention signal shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

## **12. STARTING PROCEDURE**

12.1. Matches will be started in accordance with RRS C3.1. The warning signal for each match will be the numeral pennant corresponding to the number of the match being started.

12.2. The attention signal will be displayed 7 minutes before the first starting signal for each match. This changes RRS C3.1.

## **13. CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE WINDWARD MARK**

When changing the position of the windward mark in accordance with RRS 33, the Race Committee will move the original mark to a new position. The direction to the relocated mark will be indicated per RRS 33(a)(2).

## **14. FINISH/TIME LIMIT**

14.1. If one yacht withdraws from the race, the remaining yacht shall complete the course and finish unless otherwise advised by the Chief Umpire after consultation with the Joint Committee.

14.2. A sound signal made from the Race Committee Signal Boat (“Victory”) at the finish line means: "It has been observed that this boat has crossed the finishing line."

14.3. A boat that does not finish within 5 minutes after her opponent has completed the course and finished will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

## **15. PROTESTS**

15.1. Any competitor who intends to file a protest under RRS C6.1 (b) shall comply with the rule and inform the Chief Umpire of the basis for the protest as soon as possible after finishing the match. Competitor protests under RRS C6.1 (b) and requests for redress under RRS C6.3 shall be oral.

15.2. Hearings may be held on or off the water at the discretion of the Chief Umpire.

15.3. Hearings under RRS C6.1 (b) or C6.3 will be heard by a Protest Committee composed of the Chief Umpire and additional Umpires to be selected by the Chief Umpire.

## **16. PRIZE**

16.1. The club winning the regatta will be awarded the San Francisco Perpetual Challenge Cup. The trophy will be awarded at the event dinner on September 15, 2012.

16.2. In the event that the Challenger wins the regatta, custody of the San Francisco Perpetual Challenge Cup and record volumes will be transferred to the Challenging Club upon execution and delivery of a receipt by an officer or authorized agent of the Challenging Club.

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