

# THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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## The Great San Francisco Schooner Race Saturday, June 30, 2012

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

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. Attention is directed to the fact that the 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. 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.
- 1.4. RRS 44.1 will be changed so that a One-Turn Penalty is required for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2.

**2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:** The race is open to all schooners setting sail on a main and foremast. Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached entry form and delivering it to the SFYC Race Office by mail, fax, email, or in person by June 25. The entry fee is \$100 for the race only, or \$150.00, of which \$50.00 will be donated to Spaulding Wooden Boat Center.

**3. DIVISIONS & HANDICAPS:** Divisions and handicaps will be developed by the SFYC Race Committee as follows:

- A. All boats will be assigned to the Marconi or Gaff division by the Race Committee.
- B. All boats will receive ratings assigned by the Race Committee at their sole discretion and not subject to protest.

**4. SCHEDULE:** Boats will start in staggered starting times, based on individual handicaps, beginning at 1200 hours, on June 30. Therefore, winners and finishing places will be determined by the order of finish. Starting times for boats entered will be posted at SFYC and on the Club web page, [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org), by noon on June 29.

**5. COURSE:** Racing will start and finish in the vicinity north of Knox Buoy (R"2" Fl 4s). The course(s) will be described in the Sailing Instructions. Sailing Instructions will be available on the Club webpage, [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org), by noon on June 29.

**6. COMMUNICATIONS:** The Race Committee may use VHF 65 to communicate race information.

**7. PRIZES:** The overall division winners, one from Marconi and one from Gaff, will be jointly awarded the Perpetual Trophy. Keeper Trophies will be awarded to first, second, and third place finishers in each of the two divisions.

The awards ceremony will take place on the SFYC Deck following the conclusion of the race.

**8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:** All racers are invited to a no-host Sailors' BBQ on the deck on Saturday after the awards presentation. The cost of the BBQ will be \$25.00 and tickets can be purchased in advance with submission of the attached entry form.

Friday, June 29	6:00 pm	Skippers' Reception in the Commodore's Room with complimentary wine
Saturday, June 30	12:00 pm	Racing begins
	After Racing	Awards Presentation with complimentary beer on the deck with live music
	5:00 pm	No-host Sailors' BBQ on the deck
Sunday, July 1	8:30 am	No-host Schooner Breakfast in the main dining room

**10. GUEST BERTHING:** The SFYC guest docks will be open to all boats from June 28-July 1. If requested during registration, berthing will be assigned as entries are received, based on availability.

**11. FURTHER INFORMATION:** Contact the SFYC Race Office, at (415) 789-5647, or [race@sfyc.org](mailto:race@sfyc.org).

John Swain, Alan Olson & Angie Lackey Olson  
Race Chairs

Jeff Zarwell  
Principal Race Officer

**The Great San Francisco Schooner Race**  
**ENTRY FORM**  
**June 30, 2012**

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**Skipper's Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Email Address**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Mailing Address**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Home Phone**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Work Phone**

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**Yacht Club**

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**Schooner Rig Description**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Boat Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Sail Number**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Sparred length**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Waterline length**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Length on Deck**

**Do you have need of berthing? No\_\_ Yes \_\_ Night of June 28\_\_ June 29\_\_ June 30\_\_**

**ENTRY FEE: \$100 or \$150.00 (with \$50 donation to Spaulding Wooden Boat Center)**

**Please make checks payable to The San Francisco Yacht Club**

**BBQ TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE at \$25.00 each**

**Please indicate the number of prepaid tickets \_\_\_\_\_**

Additional tickets (if needed) may be purchased on the deck

**LIABILITY RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT**

**Read carefully before signing – This is a legally binding contract**

In consideration of the acceptance by The San Francisco Yacht Club of my entry in this regatta, I hereby agree as follows:

1. **Risks:** I understand and agree that sailing and yacht racing involve risks of injury, death and property damage from a variety of situations and causes that can change at any time without notice, including but not limited to water, wind and weather conditions, tides, currents, waves, immersion and drowning, equipment failure, interactions with other competitors and/or of vessels not involved in the regatta, as well as with aquatic life, rocks, docks, pilings and buoys and other potential hazards. I have freely and knowingly chosen to participate in this regatta despite these risks.
2. **Racing Rules:** I have read and familiarized myself with the Racing Rules of Sailing, as modified by the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions ("Racing Rules"), and I agree to be bound by them and by any decision of the Protest Committee.

3. **Decision to Race:** I understand and agree that the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone, and at the sole risk of the boat, her skipper and crew (see Racing Rule 4).
4. **Release of Liability:** To the fullest extent permitted by law, I agree to release The San Francisco Yacht Club and all other sponsor and host organizations, race committees, protest committees, judges, referees, arbitrators, officials, class associations and all other persons involved in organizing, operating, managing, promoting or sponsoring this regatta and related activities, and all of their officers, directors, agents, employees and members ("Organizing Authorities"), from any and all legal liability or responsibility for personal injury, death or property damage arising from or related to this regatta and any related activities, and I waive any right I might otherwise have to sue the Organizing Authorities for negligence and any other cause for which liability may be released under California law.
5. **Assumption of Risk:** To the fullest extent permitted by law, I agree to assume all risk of injury, death and property damage that may arise from participating in this event as respects the Organizing Authorities.
6. **Liability of Competitors for Damages:** This liability release and assumption of risk agreement is not intended to release liabilities, assume risks or otherwise modify the obligations of competitors under the Racing Rules. The responsibility of a competitor for damages arising from any violation of the Racing Rules shall be based on fault as determined by the Racing Rules, and shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of "assumption of risk." Any decision of the Protest Committee as to fault shall be final and binding, but the Protest Committee will not adjudicate damages (see Racing Rule 68). This agreement is not intended to alter any agreements or obligations between vessel charterers and owners.
7. **Safety:** Skipper/owner represents that he/she has taken all reasonable steps to ensure that skipper, crew and boat are adequately prepared for all possible contingencies, including appropriate safety equipment and procedures as may be required by law, by the Racing Rules, class rules or that a prudent seaman would consider advisable.
8. **Photos and Publicity:** I hereby grant to The San Francisco Yacht Club and its representatives and assigns an irrevocable and unrestricted right to use and publish race results and images of me and of my boat taken during or in connection with the event, and I agree that The San Francisco Yacht Club owns all rights to them, and the Club and its representatives and assigns may use them for any purpose and in any form, in perpetuity, and without compensation.
9. **Final Agreement:** This document constitutes the **final and entire agreement** regarding my participation in this event and related activities; it is binding upon the heirs, successors and assigns of all parties, and it supersedes any and all other documents or oral statements. If any part of this agreement is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder shall be given full force and effect. This document shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State of California, irrespective of any conflicts of laws, and is intended to provide for a broad and inclusive **assumption of all risk and release of all liability to the greatest extent permitted by law**, but it is not intended to assert any claims or defenses that are prohibited by law or by the Racing Rules.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant is signing individually and on behalf of all owners of the boat

**Please mail, fax, email, or deliver this entry form to:  
The San Francisco Yacht Club Race Office  
P.O. Box 379, Belvedere, CA 94920  
415-366-1483 (Fax)  
race@sfdc.org (email)**