

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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2012 Spring Invitational Regatta

June 9-10, 2012

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). The rules of J/105 Fleet One and J/120 Fleet Five will be in effect. Also in effect will be the International Melges 24 Class Rules 2012, bylaws and interpretations.

1.2 RRS 40 is deleted and replaced with: "Competitors shall wear life-jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy while racing." Note that Flag Y will not be displayed.

1.3 RRS 44.1 is modified as follows:

For the J/105 and J/120 fleets, 'A boat may take a penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. The penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty unless she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing within the zone of a rounding, gate, or finishing mark, in which case the penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty. Starting marks are not rounding marks.'

For the Melges 24 fleet, a One Turn Penalty always replaces the Two Turns Penalty.

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 Racing is scheduled as follows:

<u>RACE</u>	<u>DAY AND DATE</u>	<u>TIME OF WARNING SIGNAL</u>
1	Saturday, June 9	1130 Hours
2	Saturday, June 9	Immediately following Race #1
3	Saturday, June 9	Immediately following Race #2
4	Sunday, June 10	1130 Hours
5	Sunday, June 10	Immediately following Race #4

5.2 After the first race each day, the warning signal for the following races 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 may be made.

5.3 No warning signal will be scheduled after 1500 hours on Sunday.

6 COMMUNICATIONS

The Race Committee may use VHF channel 65 to communicate information about course selection, time to start, 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.

7 CLASS FLAG

Class flags will be standard numeral pennants:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Pennant</u>
J/120	One
Express 37	Two
J/105	Three
Melges 24	Four

8 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the vicinity of the Olympic Circle.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 **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.

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

10 MARKS

Marks will be SFYC inflatable buoys.

11 THE START

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

11.2 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A4.1.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or finish line) to a new position.

13 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and an inflatable finish line mark. The finish boat will be different from the start boat.

14 SAFETY

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. Boats leaving the race area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the race committee on VHF 65.

15 TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

16 AFTER RACE SCORING PENALTY

A boat that may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2 or Rule 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% (rounded 0.5 upward) 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.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 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.

17.2 Parties to a protest involving a rule of RRS Part 2 or Rule 31 shall attend an arbitration hearing prior to the protest hearing. (See Attachment B.) This procedure changes Rule 63.1.

17.3 Notices will be posted immediately following the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties, and the time such hearings will commence.

17.4 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

18 SCORING

Two races must be completed to constitute a series. All races will count toward the final score. No races will be excluded. This changes the Notice of Race.

19 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded after the racing on Sunday, June 10, on the SFYC deck.

Angie Lackey, Regatta Chair

Jim Barton, PRO

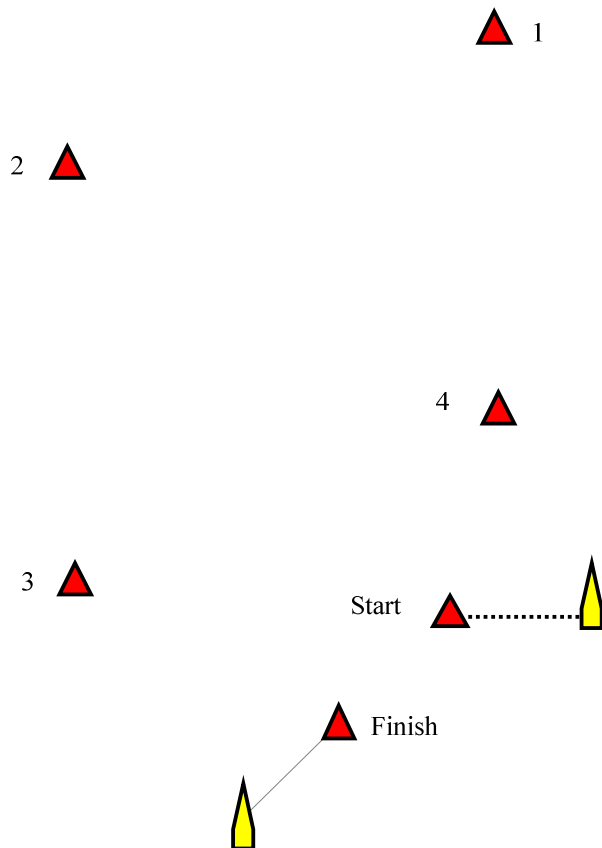
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**NOTE: PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR PARKING PASSES
IF YOU ARE PARKING IN THE SFYC LOT**

ATTACHMENT A

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COURSES



All Marks are Inflatable Buoys
Marks 1, 2, 3, & 4 are Rounding Marks

Courses

1 – Start – 1(p) – 2(p) – 3(p) – 2(p) – 3(p) – Finish

2 – Start – 1(p) – 4(p) – 1(p) – 2(p) – 3(p) – Finish

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 or Rule 31, 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 or Rule 31. 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 Rule 31 or 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 Rule 63.1.