

# THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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## THE ELITE KEEL REGATTA May 17-18, 2014

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Posted 5/14/2014

#### **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). For the IOD Class, the *Regulations Governing the International One Design Class, San Francisco Fleet* will apply (available at [www.sfiod.org](http://www.sfiod.org)).
- 1.2 Appendix T Section B (POST RACE PENALTIES) shall apply.
- 1.3 For the Melges 24 and Melges 20 classes, rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty
- 1.4 For the Express 27, Etchells, Open 5.70, and Knarr classes, Appendix T Section A (PENALTIES WHILE RACING) shall apply. The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'
- 1.5 All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. Code flag Y will not be displayed. This changes rule 40.

#### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside on the SFYC deck, and online [www.sfyf.org](http://www.sfyf.org).

#### **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 **Saturday, May 17, 2014** - Three (3) races are scheduled, with the first warning signal at **1130** hours.  
**Sunday, May 18, 2014** - Two (2) Races are scheduled, with the first warning signal at **1130** hours.

5.2 After the first race, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, a series of short sound signals and a radio announcement on VHF 65 for Venue Alpha and VHF 79 for Venue Bravo may be made.

## 6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be standard numeral pennants:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag (Pennant)</u>
Melges 24	one
Melges 20	two
J/70	three
Open 5.70	four
Express 27	five
Etchells	six
IOD	seven
Knarr	eight

## 7 RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area will be in the vicinity north of the center of the Berkeley Olympic Circle. Two separate courses venues will be used. Venue Alpha will be set to the south of Venue Bravo.

7.2 Melges 24, Melges 20, J/70, and Open 5.70 classes will sail on Venue Alpha. Monitor VHF 65.  
Express 27, Etchells, IOD, and Knarr classes will sail on Venue Bravo. Monitor VHF 79.

7.3 The race committee signal boat for **Venue Alpha will be *Victory* (yellow hull)** and will display code flag alpha (A) until one minute prior to the first warning signal each day.  
The race committee signal boat for **Venue Bravo will be *Rendezvous* (white hull)** and will display code flag bravo (B) until one minute prior to the first warning signal each day.

## 8 THE COURSES

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

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

## 9 MARKS

9.1 All marks will be inflatable buoys, except for the downwind finish line mark, which will be an orange ball.

9.2 On Venue Alpha Marks W, O, and G are RED  
On Venue Bravo Marks W and G are YELLOW, and mark O is RED

## 10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26. Classes may be started in any order, although in the first race

each day expect that classes will be started in the order listed in instruction 6 above.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a yellow inflatable mark to port of the race committee signal boat.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area.

## **11 THE FINISH**

11.1 The DOWNWIND finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying a blue flag on a the race committee signal boat and an orange ball on the opposite side of the race committee signal boat from the starting line. On downwind finishes, boats are encouraged to adjust their sails to make sail numbers visible to the Race Committee.

11.2 The UPWIND finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and mark W.

## **12 TIME LIMITS**

12.1 The time limit for the first boat in each fleet to finish the race is 90 minutes.

12.2 Boats in a fleet failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in their fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rules 35 and A4.1.

## **13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

13.1 Protest forms will be available at the Regatta Table in the SFYC 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 code flag B is displayed from the docked race committee signal boat *Victory* with one sound signal. This time will be posted on the official notice board.

13.2 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties, the location, and the time such hearings will commence.

13.3 Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).

13.4 Rule 66 is changed so that 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.

## **14 SCORING**

14.1 Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. No scores will be excluded.

## **15 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

15.1 Check-in and check-out: Boats shall check in with the race committee, by sailing by **their** committee boat, on starboard tack, prior to the first warning signal each day. Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the race committee.

15.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

**16 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

16.1 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 and other mobile devices.

16.2 The Race Committee may broadcast information about the day's racing on VHF 65 for Venue Alpha and VHF 79 for Venue Bravo. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats or failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes Rule 62.

**17 PRIZES**

17.1 Prizes will be awarded after the racing on Sunday, May 18, on the SFYC deck.

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

**18 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.

Anne Scully – PRO

Michelle Farabaugh – Regatta Chair

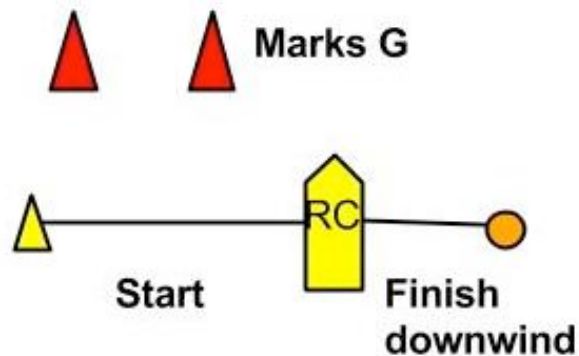
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**NOTE: Parking in the SFYC lot will be restricted during the regatta. We will issue two parking passes per boat, one of which may be used for a trailer. Passes may be picked up at the lot on May 17.**

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**Attachment A – Courses**



**Marks**

**W – Weather Mark**

**O – Weather Offset mark**

**G – Leeward Gate**

**VENUE ALPHA: Marks W, O, and G are RED**

**VENUE BRAVO: Marks W and G are YELLOW, and mark O is RED**

**Marks W and O are rounding marks and shall be left to port.**

**Marks G are rounding marks and collectively are a gate.**

**Courses**

- 1 Start – W – O – Finish Downwind**
- 2 Start – W – O – G – Finish Upwind**
- 3 Start – W – O – G – W – O – Finish Downwind**
- 4 Start – W – O – G – W – O – G – Finish Upwind**
- 5 Start – W – O – G – W – O – G – W – O – Finish Downwind**