



Northern California Opti Winter Series #1
November 8-9, 2014
The San Francisco Yacht Club
Belvedere, California
Notice of Race

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), and the rules of USODA and IODA.
- 1.2 RRS 40.1 is changed as follows: All competitors are required to wear USCG approve lifejackets while racing, The “Y” flag will not be displayed.

2 Entries and Eligibility

Complete registration with The San Francisco Yacht Club by filling out the online entry form at www.sfyc.org under On The Water>Racing>Schedule. **There will no penalty or late fee for signing up on Saturday morning. The entry fee is \$20 per boat.**

3 Notices to Competitors and Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Notices will be posted on the official notice board at the youth picnic table area.
- 3.2 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official board. Changes may be announced and posted immediately after the Skippers Meeting by 1100 hours on November 8^h. On November 9th, any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 hrs.

4 Schedule

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| Saturday, Nov 8 | 1000-1045 | Registration |
| | 1100 | Skippers' Meeting |
| | 1130 | Harbor Start for Green Fleet (Lunch break on land, no lunch provided) |
| | 1200 | First warning signal for Championship Fleet (There will be no food/lunch provided) |
| Sunday, Nov 9 | 1130 | Harbor Start for Green Fleet (Lunch break on land, no lunch provided) |
| | 1200 | First warning signal for Championship Fleet (There will be no food/lunch provided) |
| | 1530 | No starts after this time |
| | 1630 (approx.) | Awards at tent area |

5 Racing Area

For the Championship Fleet the primary racing area will be Richardson Bay, with an alternate venue in Belvedere Cove. The Green Fleet will race in Belvedere Cove.

6 Support/Coach Boats

- 6.1 All support boats shall also act as safety boats. All support boats shall have adequate first aid and safety gear aboard, as well as a marine VHF radio.
- 6.2 Coaches, spectators, and other support personnel shall not enter the championship racing area while boats are racing. Green Fleet coaching guidelines apply (coaching the trailing half of the fleet is allowed). There will be safety boats on the water to offer assistance to vessels in need. The penalty for failing to comply with any requirement of this section may be any penalty prescribed by the Jury, up to disqualification from the regatta, for the sailor(s) associated with the infringing parties.
- 6.3 The Championship Racecourse is approximately 45 minutes by tow from SFYC. All boats shall be towed both to and from the Racecourse.

7 Safety-Equipment

- 7.1 Each competitor shall wear US Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices, properly secured at all times. A whistle shall be attached to the life jacket.
- 7.2 When a competitor leaves the racing area before the end of racing each day, he/she shall notify the race committee and be towed back to SFYC. If someone is unable to notify the race committee afloat, they shall notify the safety person ashore before leaving the harbor area. Failure to comply with this instruction may make the sailor ineligible to sail at this regatta again.
- 7.3 Equipment and boat safety checks may be made ashore.
- 7.4 Competitors must accept assistance from an official safety boat. Any sailor not accepting assistance when safety is an issue will be excused from the remainder of the regatta.
- 7.5 Competitors must use one sail, one set of spars, one rudder, one daggerboard and one hull for the duration of the regatta. The Jury may permit substitution of damaged equipment after approval.
- 7.6 All boats must comply with USODA measurement rules and are subject to inspection at any time during the regatta by the jury. This includes, but is not limited to, a proper bow line (with loop at the end) and a bailer.

8 Organization

Organizing Authority: SFYC, as represented by Forrest Gay

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