

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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ELITE KEEL REGATTA and J/24 WESTERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP May 16 - 17, 2015

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). For the IOD Class, the *Regulations Governing the International One Design Class, San Francisco Fleet* will apply (available at www.sfiod.org).
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 For the Express 27, Etchells, Open 5.70, IOD, J/24, J/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.'
- 1.4 Rule 40 is changed to: All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed.

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.

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 1700 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

Saturday, May 16 - Three (3) races are scheduled, with the first warning signal at 1130 hours.

Sunday, May 17 - Two (2) Races are scheduled, with the first warning signal at 1130 hours.

- 5.1 To alert boats that another race will begin, a series of short sound signals and an announcement on VHF USA channel 63 for venue Alpha and VHF USA channel 65 for venue Bravo may be made by the race committee.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be standard numeral pennants:

Venue Alpha Class Flag (Pennant)

Melges 24	one
Melges 20	two
J/70	three
Open 5.70	four

Venue Bravo Class Flag (Pennant)

Express 27	five
Etchells	six
IOD	seven
J/24	eight
Knarr	nine

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be in the vicinity of the northern Berkeley Olympic Circle. Two separate course venues will be used. Venue Alpha will be set to the north of venue Bravo.
- 7.2 Melges 24, Melges 20, J/70, and Open 5.70 classes will sail on venue Alpha. Monitor VHF USA channel 63.
- 7.3 Express 27, Etchells, IOD, J/24, and Knarr classes will sail on venue Bravo. Monitor VHF USA channel 65.

The race committee signal boat for **Venue Alpha will be a 20-foot white Bayliner** 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 Victory (yellow hull)** and will display code flag bravo (B) until one minute prior to the first warning signal each day.

8 COURSES AND MARKS

- 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 a numerical placard displayed on the race committee signal boat.
- 8.3 All marks are inflatable buoys, except for the finish line marks, which are orange balls.
- 8.4 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 the classes will be started in the order listed in instruction 6 above.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff 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 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 displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and an orange ball to windward of 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, A4.1 and A5.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Protests, requests for redress or requests to reopen a hearing shall be in writing on a US Sailing protest form and delivered to the front desk within the appropriate protest time limit. US Sailing protest forms are available at the front desk. This changes RRS 61.2.
- 13.2 The protest time is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 13.3 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties.
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 RR 66.

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 Boats shall check in with the race committee by sailing by their committee boat prior to the first warning signal each day.
- 15.2 Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the race committee. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION

The race committee may broadcast information about the day's racing and boats observed OCS may be hailed on VHF USA channel 63 for venue Alpha and VHF USA channel 65 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

Prizes will be awarded after the racing on Sunday, May 17 on the SFYC deck.

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.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

Vicki Sodaro – PRO (Venue Bravo)

Forrest Gay – PRO (Venue Alpha)

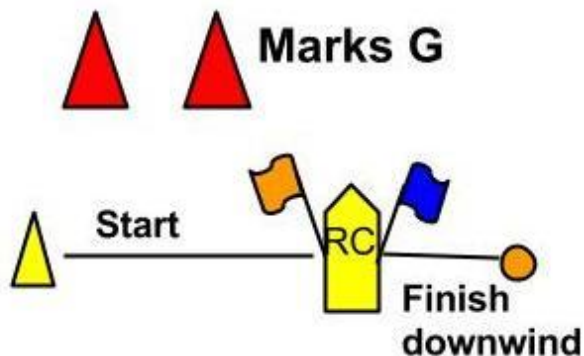
Nancy DeMauro – Regatta Chair

SFYC Race Office: Phone 415-789-5647, race@sfyc.org

PARKING

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 entrance to the lot on May 16 or in the Race Office.

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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

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