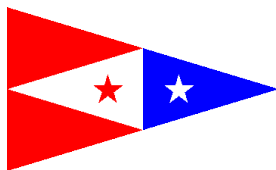


# THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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## **2015 ETCHELLS PACIFIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIP and SFYC EASOM FOUNDERS TROPHY**

**May 30-31, 2015**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**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), the International Etchells Class Association Rules, and the sailing instructions.
- 1.2 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.'
- 1.3 All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing. This changes rule 40.
- 1.4 All competitors shall abide by the crew weight limits in the Etchells Class rules. The organizing authority will not be conducting weigh-ins.

#### **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 Friday, May 29      1700 to 1900: Check-in at Sailing Center  
  
Saturday, May 30      0800 to 0900: Check-in at Sailing Center  
                                 1130: First Warning (3 races scheduled)  
  
Sunday, May 31      1130: First Warning of the day (3 races scheduled)
- 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 starts will be made after 1600 hours on Sunday.

#### **6 COMMUNICATIONS**

The Race Committee may use VHF USA channel 65A 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 FLAGS**

The class flag will be numeral pennant one.

#### **8 RACING AREA**

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

#### **9 THE COURSES**

- 9.1 **Attachment A** shows the courses. Marks 1 and 1a shall be left to port. Marks 2s and 2p are a gate. If one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall round the remaining mark to port.
- 9.2 The course to be sailed will be designated by a numerical placard displayed from the race committee signal boat.

#### **10 MARKS**

Marks 1, 1a, 2s and 2p will be red SFYC inflatable buoys.

## **11 THE START**

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a halyard or staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a yellow inflatable mark.
- 11.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A4.1 and A5.

## **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 and signal this change in accordance with rule 33.

## **13 THE FINISH**

- 13.1 The downwind finish line, for courses 1 and 3, will be between a halyard or staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and a yellow inflatable mark.
- 13.2 The upwind finish line, for course 2, will be between a halyard or staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and a yellow inflatable mark set approximately 100 yards upwind of mark 1.

## **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 USA channel 65A.

## **15 TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1 The target time for the first boat to sail the course and finish each race is 50-60 minutes.
- 15.2 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish in each race is 90 minutes.
- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sailing the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protests, requests for redress or requests to reopen a hearing shall be in writing on a US Sailing protest form and delivered to the Regatta Table within the appropriate protest time limit. US Sailing protest forms are available at the Regatta Table. This changes RRS 61.2.
- 16.2 The protest time is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 16.3 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, and the time such hearings will commence.
- 16.4 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 RR 66.

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 Three races must be completed to constitute a series. A total of six races are scheduled. (This changes the Easom Founders DOT.)
- 17.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. (This changes the Easom Founders DOT.)

## **18 PRIZES**

- 18.1 The trophy presentation will be held on the SFYC deck on Sunday after racing.
- 18.2 Keeper trophies will be awarded to the top three boats.
- 18.3 The top Fleet 12 boat will be awarded the Easom Founders Trophy.

## **19 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.

Regatta Chair – Nancy DeMauro

PRO – Anne Scully

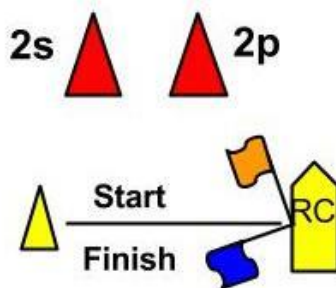
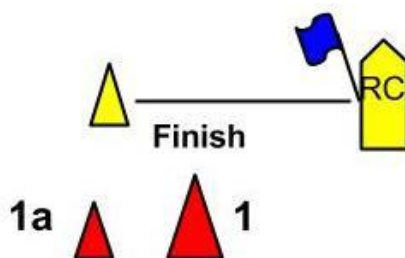
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**NOTE: Parking in the SFYC lot will be restricted during the regatta. Two parking passes will be issued per boat. Passes may be picked up at the SFYC Race Office, located in the parking lot, on May 29 or 30.**

## ATTACHMENT A

### 2015 ETCHELLS PACIFIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIP and SFYC EASOM FOUNDERS TROPHY

#### COURSES



Marks 1, 1a, and 2s/2p are red inflatable buoys.  
The start and finishing marks are yellow inflatable buoys.

Marks 1, 1a, are rounding marks and shall be left to port; Marks 2s and 2p are a gate. If one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall round the remaining mark to port.

#### Courses

1 – Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish Downwind

2 – Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish Upwind

3 – Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish Downwind