

**SPINNAKER CUP 2015**  
**San Francisco To Monterey**  
**Friday, May 22, 2015**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**Organizing Authorities: The San Francisco Yacht Club, Belvedere, CA  
and Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club, Monterey, CA**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 This race will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). From the hours of Sunset to Sunrise, the rules of Part 2 of the RRS are replaced by the right-of-way rules of the *International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea* (IRPCAS). 2018 hours will be used for Sunset on 5/22/15 and 0555 hours will be used for Sunrise on 5/23/15.
- 1.2 Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with the IRPCAS. If a commercial vessel has sounded five blasts, and the vessel or the Coast Guard identifies the boat by sail number, the Race Committee shall protest the boat, in which case the Protest Committee shall assume that the identified boat has impeded passage or violated IRPCAS, enforced by the Coast Guard, and the identified boat shall have the burden of proving otherwise. In the case of a complaint by the Coast Guard, the protest time limit shall be extended up to two days after the conclusion of the regatta. This changes rule 61.3. Compliance with rule 60.2(a) shall not be required. The San Francisco Yacht Club and Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club will cooperate with and provide information relevant to any investigations of impeding passage or violation of IRPCAS, enforced by the Coast Guard, or other government authority.
- 1.3 The minimum offshore requirements for this race are as specified by the Northern California Ocean Racing Council. A list of these requirements can be found on the web at <http://norcalorc.org>, under "Equipment List".
- 1.4 The following changes to the minimum offshore requirements are in effect:
  - 1.4a. The four-hour Coastal Safety at Sea Seminar does not qualify for requirement 4.3.2.
  - 1.4b. The "Person in Charge" will be defined as the Registered Skipper
- 1.5 Rule 40 is deleted and replaced with: "All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing and on deck." Note that Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 1.6 Rule 52 is changed for the Short Handed Sailing (SHS) class only, to allow the use of autopilots during the race. If used, ratings will be increased by 12 seconds per mile.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors prior to the start will be posted on the official notice board located on the deck at The San Francisco Yacht Club. After the finish, notices will be posted on the Bulletin Board at the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club. All Notices will also be posted on [www.sfyf.org](http://www.sfyf.org), [www.mpyc.org](http://www.mpyc.org), and [www.regattanetwork.com](http://www.regattanetwork.com).

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted (on the SFYC Notice Board and on [www.sfyf.org](http://www.sfyf.org), [www.mpyc.org](http://www.mpyc.org), and [www.regattanetwork.com](http://www.regattanetwork.com)) by 1200 hours on Thursday, May 21, 2015. In the event of any changes, code flag "L" will be displayed ashore, on the main flagpole on the lawn at The San Francisco Yacht Club.

#### 4. **CLASSES**

The classes for this race are determined using either the NCPHRF Rating or the displacement to waterline ratio (D/WL). They are designated as follows:

Class D: Any boat whose NCPHRF Rating is less than or equal to 0

Class E: D/WL Ratio less than 200 and NCPHRF less than 61

Class F: D/WL Ratio less than 200 and NCPHRF equal to or greater than 61

Class G: D/WL Ratio equal to or greater than 200

Class J: Short Handed Sailing (Any boat sailed Single-handed or Double-handed)

Class K: Multi Hull

#### 5. **RACE SCHEDULE AND CLASS FLAGS**

5.1 The first warning signal will occur at 1100 hours on Friday, May 22.

5.2 The expected starting order and class flags are as follows, except if any classes are divided, the additional class flags and revised expected starting sequence will be identified in the amendment posted by 1200 hours on May 21, at SFYC and on [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org), [www.mpyc.org](http://www.mpyc.org), and [www.regattanetwork.com](http://www.regattanetwork.com). Class flags will be international code flags.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Flag</b>
D	Code Flag D
E	Code Flag E
F	Code Flag F
G	Code Flag G
J	Code Flag J
K	Code Flag K

#### 6. **RACING AREA AND COURSE**

6.1 The start will be located in the San Francisco Bay Knox Race Area, immediately west of Angel Island.

6.2 **Course 1** will be from the start to the finish line off Municipal Wharf 2 in Monterey.

6.3 **Course 2** will be from the start to the Golden Gate Main Ship Channel Buoy R8, Fl R2.5s whistle (approx. 6 NM at 242 degrees from the Golden Gate Bridge), leaving the buoy to port, then to the finish line off Municipal Wharf 2 in Monterey.

6.4 On both courses, for safety reasons, each of the lines bounded by the following two points is an obstruction:

a.) The south tower of the Golden Gate Bridge, and the closest point ashore.

b.) Mile Rock, and the closest point ashore.

c.) Any rock visible at mean lower low water adjacent to the Marin County or San Francisco shorelines, and the closest point ashore from it.

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

#### 7. **START CHECK-IN**

7.1 All boats shall check in with the Race Committee on USA VHF 65 between the hours of 1000 and 1055 using the boat's primary fixed radio with masthead antenna. This communication is required to verify proper radio functionality and will include questions about the number and names of crew on board. Check in is not complete until a boat receives confirmation from the Race Committee. **Failure to complete this communication successfully shall result in a score of DNC.** This changes rules 63.1 and A5.

- 7.2 Random inspections may be made before the start for compliance with the minimum offshore requirements Equipment List. If selected, the RC will come along side the boat and request items to be shown for inspection.
- 7.2a. Boats that do not pass the inspection will be protested by the Race Committee. Penalties will be given by the Protest Committee based on the level of offense up to and including DSQ.

## **8. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

The Race Committee may broadcast information about the day's racing, and OCS boats, on USA VHF Channel 65. 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 62.1.

## **9. THE START**

- 9.1 The race will be started using rule 26. The warning signal for each succeeding class will be after the start for the preceding class.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the SFYC Race Committee signal boat and a red inflatable buoy.
- 9.3 A boat on the course side of the starting line that does not comply with rule 29.1, or 30.1 if applicable, will receive a penalty of one hour added to her elapsed time. This changes rule A4.2.
- 9.4 After the start, all boats are requested to change to USA VHF 16. Once you are within 2 miles of the finish, please change back to USA VHF 65. Roll calls may be conducted after dark at the discretion of the RC to check on safety and approximate locations of any boats that have not finished. RC will hail on both USA VHF 16 and 65.

## **10. ALTERNATIVE PENALTY**

The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply. The penalty shall be 20 minutes added to the finish time. A yellow flag will not be required, but a boat taking a penalty must notify the Race Committee at the finish line. This changes rule 44.3.

## **11. THE FINISH**

The finish line shall be between the end of Municipal Wharf 2 in Monterey and a fixed yellow drum with a white pipe and a continuous white light on it, located approximately 1000 feet to the east. The approximate location of the mark is: Latitude N 36:36.24, Longitude W 121:53.11. Skippers are advised to check their charts and on board navigation instruments to verify the exact location of the finish line. Illustration A is provided for reference, not for navigation. As conditions permit, a large inflated, illuminated figure may be placed near the race committee location to visually demarcate the on-shore end of the finish line.

## **12. FINISH CHECK-IN**

- 12.1 Approximately 2 nm prior to their finish, all boats shall check-in with the Race Committee using either USA VHF Channel 65 or Cellular Phone Number 831-233-9521. Failure to report will result in a score of DNF. This changes rule A4.1. After crossing the finish line, all vessels that have reserved a berth in Monterey Marina shall switch to VHF Channel 5A for pilot guidance to their slip.
- 12.2 Random inspections will be made after the finish for compliance with the minimum offshore requirements Equipment List. If selected, the RC will contact the boat at the finish line on USA VHF 65 and arrangements will be made for the inspection. Boats that do not pass the inspection will be protested by the Race Committee. The same boat may be selected at both the start and the finish line.
- 12.3 All boats not finishing by 1200 hours on Saturday, May 24 must take their own finish times

and report to the Race Committee by posting the boat's name and finish time on the bulletin board located at the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club, Municipal Wharf 2, Monterey, CA, and by calling 831-233-9521.

**13. TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for the race will be 1200 hours on Sunday, May 24, 2015.

**14. WITHDRAWAL/DNF**

All boats withdrawing or not finishing by 1200 hours on Sunday, May 24, must report the fact to the Race Committee at MPYC, by calling 831-233-9521. Failure to report will be grounds for rejecting your entry in future races.

**15. PROTESTS**

Protests must be delivered to a member of the Spinnaker Cup Race Committee, at MPYC, Municipal Wharf 2, Monterey, CA, by 1200 hours on Saturday, May 23, or two hours after finishing, whichever is later. Notices will be posted on the Spinnaker Cup Bulletin Board at MPYC no later than one hour after receipt of the protest, to inform competitors of time and place of hearings in which they are parties. Protests will be heard as soon as reasonably possible.

**16. SCORING**

Scores will be the corrected times using the time-on-time (TOT) method, computed using the standard Northern California PHRF (NCPHRF) certificates or MPHRF BAMA certificates.

**17. BERTHING**

- 17.1 The SFYC guest docks will be available before the race to participants, starting on Wednesday, May 21.
- 17.2 In Monterey, the City of Monterey Harbormaster will allocate slips in the Municipal Marina to all participants who have filed a request form in advance. Individual slip assignments will be given to each boat after finishing, using VHF Channel 5A or Cellular Phone. The number for the Night Harbormaster is 831-594-7760. During daytime hours (0800 to 1600), the number for the Harbormaster is 831-646-3950. Note that slip fees are not included with the entry fee; you must check-in with the Harbormaster after you finish and before you enter the harbor, even if you are just dropping off crew.
- 17.3 Boats hauling out at the hoist may be temporarily docked at the MPYC guest docks.
- 17.4 The haul-out crane is to be operated by Harbormaster certified operators only. Coordinate haul-out time with MPYC Race Committee for operator availability.

**18. PRIZES**

Trophies will be awarded to the top finishers in each class, with the number of trophies depending on the number of entries per class. The Trophy Presentation will be held at MPYC as soon as practicable on Saturday, May 23. The time will be posted on the Spinnaker Cup Bulletin Board at MPYC.

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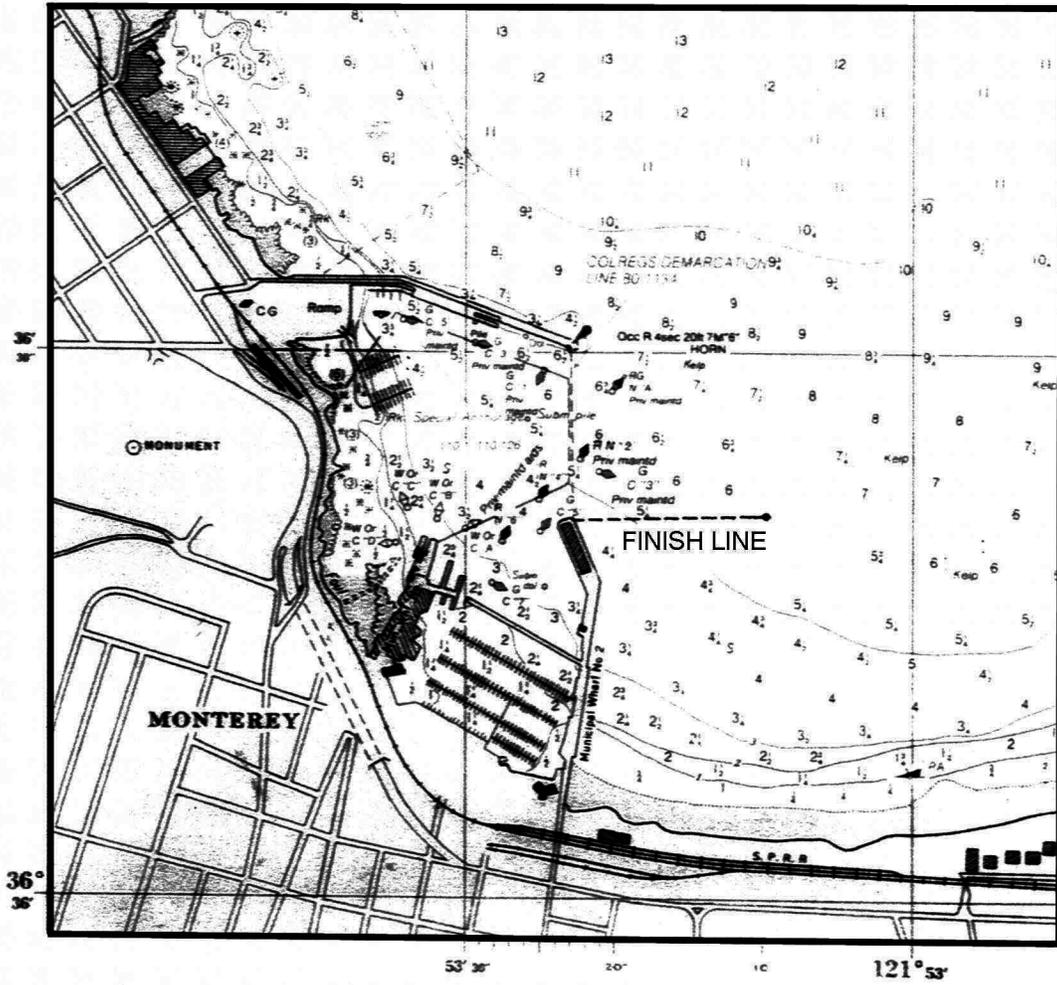


Illustration A: The Finish Line (chart for reference only, not for navigational purposes).