

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



2015 STAFF COMMODORES' CUP

April 25, 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).
- 1.2 Appendix T Section B (Post-Race Penalties) shall apply.
- 1.3 Racing Rule 40 is changed to: All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device while racing, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing. Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 1.4 US Sailing prescription to Rules 60.3 and 63.2 shall not apply.
- 1.5 Boats must be keelboats 18 feet or over and possess a Northern California PHRF rating. All boats must be skippered by a SFYC member and must have a Staff Commodore aboard as either skipper or crew.
- 1.6 Boats registered in the Non-Spinnaker Division will race without spinnakers or other exotic sails. Boats registered and designed to sail without spinnakers (Knarr, Folkboat, Wyliecat, Star, etc.) will race in the Spinnaker Division.
- 1.7 All boats must fly The San Francisco Yacht Club burgee while racing.

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

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect.
- 3.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.3 Oral changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water. The race committee will display code flag "L", hail boats and announce on USA VHF channel 65A of a change.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Saturday, April 25 – The Staff Commodores' Cup warning signal will immediately follow the end of the Anniversary Cup Club Series race, or 1400 hours, whichever is later.
- 4.2 To alert boats that the Staff Commodores' Cup will begin, the Race Committee may make a series of short sound signals and/or a radio announcement on USA VHF Channel 65A.

5 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be the following signal flags:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Flag</u>
Spinnaker	E (echo)
Non-Spinnaker	D (delta)

Both Class flags may be flown at the same time to indicate a both division start.

6 COURSES AND MARKS

Courses and Marks are described in Attachment A. The course to be sailed will be displayed with a numeral placard on the Race Committee signal boat.

7 THE START

- 7.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26. The Warning Signal for the second division will be either with or after the starting signal for the preceding division. Please monitor USA VHF Channel 65A.
- 7.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and a red inflatable mark.
- 7.3 The start will be in the area of Point Knox.

8 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change a leg of the course, if inflatable marks are used, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

9 RESTRICTED AREAS

Boats shall not pass between the bell buoy off the west end of Alcatraz island or blunt point buoy and the closest point ashore. These are obstructions.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and a red inflatable mark.
- 10.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. Notification by radio on USA VHF Channel 65A is preferred.

11 TIME LIMITS

- 11.1 The time limit will be 1700 hours. Boats finishing after the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 11.2 No races will be started after 1530.

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 The protest time is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 A request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall inform the Race Office within 24 hours of being informed of the protest committee decision. Requests shall be delivered in person or by email at race@sfyc.org.
- 12.5 Protest and request for redress hearing will be held at 1900 hours in the Eldridge Room of the Sailing Center on the Tuesday following the regatta unless the protest committee chairperson establishes another date or time. Protest committee decisions will be announced after the protest hearing or by the email listed on the regatta entry form.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 Scoring will be PHRF Time-on-Time.
- 13.2 A five-minute penalty will be added to the finish time for boats failing to fly the SFYC burgee.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with USCG Navigation Rules. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

The Race Committee may broadcast information about the day's racing on USA VHF Channel 65A.

16 PRIZES

The Staff Commodores' Cup Perpetual Trophy will be awarded jointly to the overall winners in the Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker divisions. Keeper trophies will also be awarded to the first and second place finishers in both divisions. In addition, there will be a prize awarded to the youngest crew member, crew with the most members of the same family, and the crew that had the most fun.

17 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, prior to, during or after the regatta.

Attachment A
2015 STAFF COMMODORES' CUP
COURSES

<u>Course #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Approx. Distance</u>
1	Start W1-P, L1-P Finish	TBD (2 to 3 nm)
2	Start W1-P, L1-P, W1-P, L1-P Finish	TBD (5 to 6 nm)
3	Start W1-P, R1-P, L1-P, W1-P, L1-P Finish	TBD (6 to 7 nm)
4	Start W1-P, 8-P, W1-P Finish	TBD (9 to 10 nm)
5	Start 12-P, 17-P, L1-P, 12-P Finish	TBD (4 to 5 nm)
6	Start 17-P, 18-P, L1-P, 17-S Finish	TBD (8 to 9 nm)
7	Start 6-P, 12-P, 6-P Finish	TBD (9.8 nm)
8	Start 16-P, 12-P, 16-P Finish	TBD (9.9 nm)
9	Start W1-P, 18-P, 24-P, W1-P Finish	TBD (12 to 13 nm)
10	Start W1-P, 21-P, 8-P, W1-P Finish	TBD (9 to 10 nm)

[‘P’ designates mark to be left to port. ‘S’ designates mark to be left to starboard.]

Marks: All marks are rounding marks except starting and finishing marks.

- “S/F” Red SFYC Inflatable set as the Start and Finish Line Buoy
- “W1” SFYC inflatable set to windward of “S/F”
- “L1” SFYC inflatable set to leeward of “S/F”
- “R1” SFYC inflatable reaching mark
- “N” YRA Mark “N”, Sausalito Channel Mark (Daymark “2” Fl R 4s)
- “6” YRA Mark 6, Yellow Column “M” 200 yards north of Fort Mason Docks
- “8” YRA Mark 8, R”4” Fl 4s Horn, 1.0 nm east of Point Blunt
- “12” YRA Mark 12, “**Little Harding Rock**” (G “1” Fl G)
- “16” YRA Mark 16, “**Blackaller**” (Yellow Column “C” 0.2 nm east of Fort Point)
- “17” YRA Mark 17, “**Harding Rock**” (RG “HR” Fl (2 + 1) R 6s)
- “18” YRA Mark 18, “**Blossom Rock**” (RG “BR” Fl (2+1) G 6s Bell)
- “21” YRA Mark 21, G”1” Fl G 6s, approx. 0.65 nm NE of Alcatraz
- “24” YRA Mark 24, R”6” Fl R 4s Bell, 1.1 nm east of Quarry Point

See YRA Mark Chart attached.

