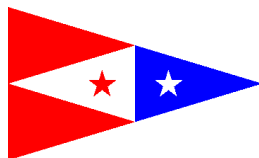


THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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

NOTICE OF RACE

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).
- 1.2 For the Melges 24 and Melges 20, rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.3 For the Express 27, Etchells, Knarr and Open 5.70 classes, Appendix T Section A (Penalties While Racing) will apply.
- 1.4 The J/24 Class Rules shall apply to the J/24 class.
- 1.5 Racing Rule 40 is changed to: All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing. Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 1.6 The sailing instructions may change additional racing rules.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to the following classes:
Melges 24, Melges 20, Etchells, Express 27, J/24, Knarr, J/70, IOD, and Open 5.70.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may be entered by completing online registration at www.sfyc.org > On the Water > Racing > Schedule.
- 2.3 If fewer than five (5) boats in a class are entered by May 13, SFYC will not provide a start for the class and will return the entry fees.

3 FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$120, if received by 1800 hours on May 13. The entry fee will be \$140 after 1800 hours on May 13.
- 3.2 No entries will be accepted after 1800 hours on May 15.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 The J/24 class will have sail measurement and crew weigh-in on Friday, May 15 from 1400 to 2000 hours. Late crew weigh-in will be available on Saturday, May 16 from 0800 to 1000 hours. All measurements and weigh-ins will occur in the Cove House.
- 4.2 Saturday, May 16 – Three races are scheduled with the first warning signal at 1130 hours.
- 4.3 Sunday, May 17 – Two races are scheduled with the first warning signal at 1130 hours.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available on May 13 at The San Francisco Yacht Club and on our website, www.sfyc.org.

6 VENUE

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

7 COURSES AND MARKS

- 7.1 The courses and marks will be described in the sailing instructions.
- 7.2 All marks will be inflatable buoys.

8 SCORING

- 8.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 8.2 There will be no throw out races in the series score. This changes RRS A2.

9 BERTHING

SFYC guest docks will be available from May 16 through 18.

10 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Competitors shall monitor USA VHF Channel 65A for on the water communication with the race committee. Communications from the Race Committee shall not be considered outside assistance. This changes RRS 41.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes will be awarded depending on the number of entries.
- 11.2 The winner of the J/24 fleet will be presented the J/24 Western Regional Perpetual Trophy.

12 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.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

PROs – Vicki Sodaro and Forrest Gay
SFYC Race Office: 415-789-5647, race@sfyc.org

SOCIAL EVENTS

Saturday, May 16 After Racing, Complimentary beer and snacks

Sunday, May 17 After Racing, Trophy Presentation on SFYC Deck

PARKING

Parking in the SFYC lot will be restricted during the regatta. The Race Office 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.