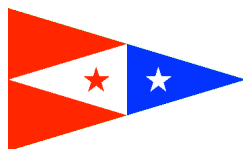


# THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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## MIDNIGHT MOONLIGHT MARITIME MARATHON

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2016

### 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 *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Boats shall carry all safety and emergency equipment required by the YRA (for SF Bay racing) and the US Coast Guard, **INCLUDING RUNNING LIGHTS**. The race committee may file a protest against any boat observed in violation of these requirements.
- 1.3 Rule 40 is changed as follows: 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 west wall of the SFYC Clubhouse. The NOR, SIs, and amendments thereof will be posted online at [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org).

#### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted by 1200 hours on July 15.

#### **4 SCHEDULE**

- 4.1 Starting times and sequence will be posted on the official notice board and the SFYC website, [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org), by 1600 hours on July 15.
- 4.2 On Saturday, July 16, the first warning signal will be at 1555. Subsequent starts will be at the times posted in the Starting Times document.

#### **5 HANDICAPS**

Handicaps will be used by the SFYC race committee as follows:

- a. Boats which submit a copy of a current NCPHRF certificate or BAMA rating will receive that rating. Multihulls will be scored separately from monohulls.
- b. One-design boats shall receive their one-design class NCPHRF base rating.
- c. All other boats will receive NCPHRF ratings assigned by the race committee. Assigned ratings shall not be subject to redress.

#### **6 CLASS FLAGS**

The class flag for each start will be a numerical pennant listed on the Starting Times document, and will be displayed five minutes prior to each start.

## 7 THE COURSE

The course is from the starting line, set off Point Stuart in Raccoon Strait, around the center pier of the Carquinez Bridge, to the finish line set off of the southeastern tip of the Tiburon peninsula, just north of Bluff Point. Castro Rock Buoy “2CR” (Fl R 4sec) shall be left to the east. Point San Pablo Buoy “2” (Fl R 4 sec) shall be left to the east. Pinole Shoal Channel restricted area bounded by Channel Marks 8, 10, 12 and 14 shall be left to the north.

## 8 THE START

- 8.1 The start will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat, anchored approximately 1/4 mile north of Point Stuart, and a red inflatable buoy set north of the signal boat. Cross the line from west to east.
- 8.2 The race will be started using rule 26. The first warning signal is at 1555 hours, using GPS time.
- 8.3 The start times will be posted as follows (this Starting Times document will be posted by 1600 hours on July 15):

<b>Boat name(s)</b>	<b>Class flag</b>	<b>PHRF(s)</b>	<b>Warning time</b>	<b>Start time</b>
ABC	1	273	15:55:00	<b>16:00:00</b>
DEF and XYZ	2	132, 129	16:28:13	<b>16:33:13</b>

- 8.4 Boats shall start in accordance with individual handicaps beginning at 1600 hours. The race committee signal boat will provide your starting time upon request. However, it is each boat's responsibility to start at the proper time.
- 8.5 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 8.6 Boats observed OCS will be signaled and required to restart following rule 29.1.

## 9 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a red inflatable buoy set approximately 1/2 mile north of Bluff Point and 1000 feet off shore, and the tallest piling on the end of a pier, located at N37.53.169, W12226.395. An orange flashing light will be located partway up the piling. The interior of the house at the shore-end of the pier will be lit with red lights to assist boats in locating the finishing line. The race committee may shine a spotlight on approaching boats to identify them or the finishing buoy. Cross the line from north to south. The failure or absence of any of the described lights shall not be grounds for redress.

## 10 TIME LIMIT

- 10.1 The time limit for the race shall be 0330 hours, Sunday, July 17. Boats failing to finish by this time will be scored DNF.
- 10.2 Boats not completing the course shall report to the race committee as soon as possible and no later than 0330 hours on July 17. The race committee will monitor USA VHF channel 65A and will be available by cell phone at 415-272-9091.

## 11 PROTESTS

- 11.1 Protests shall be written on US Sailing Protest forms and lodged at The San Francisco Yacht Club Front Desk no later than 0900 hours on July 17. US Sailing Protest forms are also available online. If the Club is closed, forms will be available in an envelope attached to the Race Office front door.

Forms may be submitted by email to [race@sfyc.org](mailto:race@sfyc.org), or placed in the envelope on the Race Office front door.

- 11.2 Protests will be heard, in the approximate order of submission, at The San Francisco Yacht Club at 1800 hours on Tuesday, July 19, 2016.

## **12 SCORING**

Starting times are calculated based on handicaps; therefore finish places will be determined by the order in which the boats cross the finishing line within the time limit. This is a pursuit race.

## **13 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 13.1 The race committee may use VHF USA channel 65A to communicate information about the races.
- 13.2 **Boats are requested to communicate with the race committee three times; (1) when competitors reach the Carquinez Bridge, (2) when crossing under the Richmond Bridge on the return trip, and (3) when they are approximately 5 minutes away from the finishing line. VHF USA 65A, phone/text 415-272-9091.**
- 13.3 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones.

## **14 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to First, Second and Third-place finishers at 1000 hours on July 17 on the SFYC deck.

## **15 GUEST BERTHING**

The guest docks will be available for all boats after the race.

## **16 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.

## **17 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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