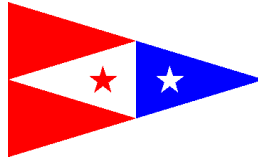


THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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The Great San Francisco Schooner Race Saturday, June 11, 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 *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The rules do not govern the navigation of non-participating vessels, which may be met during the course of racing. Competitors should exercise due caution so that there be no violation of the applicable international or inland navigation and right-of-way rules.
- 1.3 **BOATS SHALL NOT INTERFERE WITH COMMERCIAL OR NAVAL VESSELS OR TUGS AND THEIR TOWS. BOATS DOING SO AND THEREBY ENDANGERING THEIR OWN SAFETY OR THAT OF THE COMMERCIAL VESSEL WILL BE SUBJECT TO PROTEST BY THE RACE COMMITTEE OR CONTESTANTS.**
- 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.
- 1.4 Rule 44.1 is changed so that a One-Turn Penalty is required for breaking a rule in Part 2 of the RRS.

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.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted by 1600 hours on June 10 on The San Francisco Yacht Club website, www.sfyc.org.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

On Saturday, June 11, the first warning signal will be at 1150 hours. The first start will be at 1200 hours.

5 COURSES AND MARKS

5.1 The race course is as follows: Start at KX - 15(P) - 18(P) - 8(P) - Alcatraz(S) - 12(S) - Finish at KX (P) and (S) indicate leaving marks to Port or Starboard, respectively.

Mark Descriptions - 8, 12, 15, 18 and Alcatraz are rounding marks. KX is the start and finish mark.

8	R4	R "4" Fl 4s Horn 1 nm East of Point Blunt
15	Yellow Bluff	Red inflatable, Approx. 0.5 nm East of Yellow Bluff (Sausalito)
12	Little Harding Rock	"Fl G4s, southwest of Angel Island
18	Blossom Rock	RG"BR" Fl G 6 sec bell (1 nm SE Alcatraz)
KX	Knox	Red inflatable ~0.2 nm SSW of Pt Knox (Angel Island)

6 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Restricted Areas – Yachts shall not pass between these buoys and the closest point ashore.

- a) the Bell buoy off the west end of Alcatraz
- b) the Pt. Blunt buoy off Angel Island

7 THE START

- 7.1 The starting line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat *Victory*, anchored between Knox and Point Stuart, and the course side of a red inflatable buoy (KX).
- 7.2 All vessels shall sail the same course and cross the starting line from east to west.
- 7.3 The race shall be started as follows: A ten (10) minute warning signal followed by a five (5) minute preparatory signal will begin the sequence. The first group’s preparatory signal will be removed one (1) minute before the first group’s starting signal. Each succeeding group’s preparatory period will be the start for the preceding group, both of which shall be signaled by the hoisting of a red flag. The red flag will be lowered one (1) minute before the next succeeding group’s starting signal. This changes rule 26.

Warning Signal	Yellow flag	1 sound	-10 minutes
1 st Group Five Minute Preparatory Signal	Yellow flag lowered	1 sound	-6 minutes
1 st Group Five Minute Signal	Blue flag	1 sound	-5 minutes
1 st Group One Minute	Blue flag lowered	1 sound	-1 minute
1st Starting Signal, 2 nd Group Preparatory Signal	Red flag	1 sound	1 st Group Start
2 nd Group One Minute Warning	Red flag lowered	1 sound	-1 minute to next group
2 nd Group Start, Next Group Preparatory Signal	Red flag	1 sound	2 nd Group Start
Next Group One Minute Warning	Red flag lowered	1 sound	-1 minute to next group
Next Group Start	Red Flag	1 sound	Next group start, etc.

- 7.4 Yachts shall start in accordance with individual handicaps listed in Appendix A, beginning at 1200 hours. The committee boat will provide your starting time on request. However, it is each yacht’s responsibility to start at the proper time.
- 7.5 Yachts whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and yachts whose preparatory signal has been made. Yachts shall not cross the starting line except when preparing to start or starting.
- 7.6 Yachts starting prematurely by less than one (1) minute will be penalized two (2) minutes in calculating their final elapsed time and time to finish. Due to maneuverability concerns, yachts are discouraged from trying to return to the proper side of the starting line again within one (1) minute of their start. This changes rule 29.1.
- 7.7 Yachts starting prematurely by more than one (1) minute will be disqualified unless they return and pass

through the starting line again after their designated starting time. The race committee will attempt to notify a yacht starting prematurely by more than one (1) minute via radio communication on VHF USA channel 65A. This changes rule 29.1.

7.8 If there is a postponement, flag W will be displayed.

8 THE FINISH

- 8.1 The finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat *Victory*, anchored between Knox and Point Stuart, and the course side of a red inflatable buoy (KX). Cross the line from west to east.
- 8.2 Starting times are calculated based on handicaps and starting times are staggered so that the finishing places can be determined by the order of finish.
- 8.3 Schooner classes are defined by the mainsail type: Marconi and Gaff. Yachts shall be scored against competitors in their respective class.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

A yacht that has broken rule 31 may, after getting well clear of other boats, exonerate herself by taking a penalty turn before reaching the next mark of the course. **The penalty turn, for this and for any violations of Part 2 of the RRS, shall consist of a 360-degree turn in the same direction that includes one tack and one gybe. This changes rule 44.1.**

10 TIME LIMIT

- 10.1 The time limit shall be 1700 hours. Any yacht not finishing by 1700 hours will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rule 35.
- 10.2 Yachts not completing the course shall contact the race committee as soon as possible by VHF radio.

11 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 11.1 All yachts shall inform the protested yacht by hailing immediately and then by the display of a red flag as soon as possible. This changes rule 61.1.
- 11.2 A protesting yacht is required to notify the race committee by VHF radio of her intention to protest at the time she finishes. This changes rule 61.3.
- 11.3 Protests and requests for redress shall be written on US Sailing protest forms available at the Club Front Office and lodged there no later than 1800 hours.
- 11.4 Protests shall be heard in the order of submission and as soon as possible. Hearing times and location will be posted on the official notice board.

12 SCORING

Finish positions will be determined by the order of finishes.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 13.1 The race committee may use VHF USA channel 65A to communicate information about the races.
- 13.2 The race committee will attempt to hail boats observed OCS at the start. 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 redress. This changes rule 62.
- 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

The awards ceremony will take place on the Club deck following the conclusion of the race.

15 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.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

Regatta Chairs: John Swain, Alan Olson & Angie Lackey Olson

PRO – Jeff Zarwell

SFYC Race Office: Phone (415) 789-5647, race@sfyc.org

Docking information may be found on the SFYC website.

Appendix A - Start Times

<u>Vessel</u>	<u>Start time</u>	<u>Division</u>
Goldstar	12:00	Marconi
Brigadoon	12:15	Gaff
Yankee	12:20	Gaff
Elizabeth Muir	12:30	Marconi
Jakatan	12:35	Gaff
Seaward	12:45	Marconi
Marjorie	13:00	Marconi