

# THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



## 2016 STAFF COMMODORES' CUP

April 23, 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 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.
- 1.3 US Sailing prescription to rules 60.3 and 63.2 shall not apply.
- 1.4 All boats shall fly The San Francisco Yacht Club burgee while racing. Boats identified by the race committee not complying with this rule will receive, without a hearing, a five-minute scoring penalty. This changes rules 56, 60.1, 63.1 and A5.

#### 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

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1200 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 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 VHF USA channel 65A of a change.

#### 4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The Staff Commodores' Cup will be one race on Saturday, April 23. The 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 a radio announcement on VHF USA channel 65A.

#### 5 CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1 Class flags will be the following signal flags:

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

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

## **6 COURSES AND MARKS**

The courses and marks are described in Attachment A. The course to be sailed will be displayed by a numerical placard on the race committee signal boat.

## **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 and a yellow inflatable mark.
- 7.2 The start will be offshore of Pt. Knox.
- 7.3 The warning signal for succeeding divisions will be with or after the starting signal for the preceding division. The Spinnaker Division will start first if divisions are started separately.

## **8 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or finishing line) to a new position and signal this change in accordance with rule 33.

## **9 RESTRICTED AREAS**

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

## **10 THE FINISH**

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and a yellow inflatable mark.
- 10.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. Notification by radio on VHF USA 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 rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 11.2 The race will not be started after 1530.

## **12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 12.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Club front desk. Protest forms will be available there. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 12.2 The protest time limit 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 hearings in which they are parties.
- 12.4 Hearings will be held at 1900 hours in the Eldridge Room of the Sailing Center on the Tuesday following the regatta, unless rescheduled by the Chief Judge.
- 12.5 A request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered to the Club Race Office within 24 hours of being informed of the protest committee decision. Requests may be made by email. The Race Office email address is [race@sfyc.org](mailto:race@sfyc.org).

### **13 SCORING**

Scoring for each race will be NCPHRF Time-on-Time calculated with the formula  $TCF=A(B+PHRF)$ , where TCF is the time correction factor that the PHRF rating is multiplied by, and  $A=B+(\text{fleet's middle rating})$ . The B Factor used will be as follows for the average of the wind speeds observed on the signal boat at the start and on the finish boat when the first boat finishes:

25+ knots = 480

18-24 knots = 515

12-17 knots = 550

8-11 knots = 575

Under 8 knots = 600

### **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**

15.1 The race committee may use VHF USA channel 65A to communicate information about the races.

15.2 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.

15.3 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.

### **16 PRIZES\***

16.1 The Staff Commodores' Cup Perpetual Trophy will be awarded jointly to the overall winners in the Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker divisions. Keeper trophies will be awarded to the first and second place finishers in both divisions.

16.2 The Staff Commodores' Cup Perpetual Trophy will be awarded directly after the Anniversary Cup trophy presentation.

16.3 Additional prizes will be given for the youngest crew member, crew with the most members of the same family, and the skipper and crew that had the most fun.

16.4 Trophies will be presented on the Club deck after racing.

### **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.

**\*Prizes awarded by the family of Staff Commodore Patrick J. Kirrane.**

## Attachment A

### COURSES

Course #	Description	Approx. Distance
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”	Yellow SFYC Inflatable set as the Start and Finish Line mark
“W1”	Red SFYC inflatable set to windward of “S/F”
“L1”	Red SFYC inflatable set to leeward of “S/F”
“R1”	Red 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, “ <b>Little Harding Rock</b> ” (G “1” Fl G)
“16”	YRA Mark 16, “ <b>Blackaller</b> ” (Yellow Column “C” 0.2 nm east of Fort Point)
“17”	YRA Mark 17, “ <b>Harding Rock</b> ” (RG “HR” Fl (2 + 1) R 6s)
“18”	YRA Mark 18, “ <b>Blossom Rock</b> ” (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 for the approximate location of YRA marks.

