

# THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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## 2016 STAFF COMMODORES' CUP

April 23, 2016

### 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*.
- 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.
- 1.5 The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

#### **2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 The regatta is open to members of The San Francisco Yacht Club. All boats must be at least 18 feet in length.
- 2.2 Current Northern California PHRF certificates **are required** and shall be submitted to the SFYC race office prior to racing. NCPHRF certificates may be obtained through the YRA at: [http://www.yra.org/PHRF/get\\_a\\_ncphrf\\_certificate.html](http://www.yra.org/PHRF/get_a_ncphrf_certificate.html). Please contact the SFYC race office if you have any questions or require assistance to obtain a certificate for your boat.
- 2.3 All boats must be owned or chartered by an SFYC member or the spouse of a member and both the skipper and helmsman are required to be SFYC members or spouses of members.
- 2.4 To be eligible for prizes, participating boats must have an SFYC Staff Commodore aboard as either skipper or crew.
- 2.5 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the online registration on the SFYC web site at [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org) > On the Water > Racing > Schedule. **All boats shall register online for the Staff Commodores' Cup.** There is no entry fee.

#### **3 DIVISIONS**

- 3.1 The Spinnaker Division includes boats designed and rated with spinnakers and which will be sailed with spinnakers during the regatta. The Spinnaker Division also includes boats designed and rated without spinnakers, such as the Alerion, Star, and Knarr classes.
- 3.2 The Non-Spinnaker Division includes boats whose NCPHRF rating is with spinnakers, but choose to race without spinnakers during the regatta.

#### **4 RACE SCHEDULE**

One race will be sailed on Saturday, April 23 after the finish of the Anniversary Cup. The first warning signal will not be before 1400 hours.

## **5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available on April 20 at The San Francisco Yacht Club and on our web site at [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org).

## **6 VENUE AND COURSES**

- 6.1 The intended racing area will be in the vicinity of the west side of Angel Island and the Central Bay, with the start offshore of Pt. Knox. Courses may use fixed marks listed in the YRA mark list for the Central Bay.
- 6.2 The course will be described in the sailing instructions.

## **7 SCORING**

- 7.1 Scoring for the 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

## **10 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 10.1 Competitors should monitor VHF USA channel 65A for on the water communication with the race committee.
- 10.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **11 PRIZES\***

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 Trophies will be presented on the Club deck after racing.
- 11.3 The Staff Commodores' Cup Perpetual Trophy will be awarded immediately after the Anniversary Cup trophy presentation.
- 11.4 Additional prizes will be given, at the discretion of the regatta chair, for the youngest crew member, crew with the most members of the same family, and the skipper and crew that had the most fun.

## **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**

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**\*Prizes are specially donated by the family of Staff Commodore Patrick J. Kirrane.**