



Northern California Opti Winter Series #1
November 5-6, 2016
The San Francisco Yacht Club
Belvedere, California
Notice of Race

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), and the rules of USODA and IODA.
- 1.2 RRS 40.1 is changed as follows: All competitors are required to wear USCG approve lifejackets while racing, The “Y” flag will not be displayed.

2 Entries and Eligibility

Complete registration with The San Francisco Yacht Club by filling out the online entry form at www.sfyc.org under On The Water>Racing>Schedule. **There will no penalty or late fee for signing up on Saturday morning. The entry fee is \$20 per boat.**

3 Notices to Competitors and Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Notices will be posted on the official notice board next to the SFYC youth classroom.
- 3.2 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board. Changes may be announced and posted immediately after the Skippers Meeting by 1100 hours on November 5^h. On November 6th, any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 hrs.

4 Schedule

Saturday, Nov 5	1000-1045	Registration
	1100	Skippers' Meeting
	1130	Harbor Start for Green Fleet (Lunch break on land, no lunch provided)
	1200	First warning signal for Championship Fleet (There will be no food/lunch provided)
Sunday, Nov 6	1130	Harbor Start for Green Fleet (Lunch break on land, no lunch provided)
	1200	First warning signal for Championship Fleet (There will be no food/lunch provided)
	1530	No starts after this time
	1630 (approx.)	Awards at tent area

5 Racing Area

For the Championship Fleet the primary racing area will be Richardson Bay, with an alternate venue in Belvedere Cove or Southampton Shoal. The Green Fleet will race in Belvedere Cove.

6 Support/Coach Boats

- 6.1 All support boats shall also act as safety boats. All support boats shall have adequate first aid and safety gear aboard, as well as a marine VHF radio.
- 6.2 Coaches, spectators, and other support personnel shall not enter the championship racing area while boats are racing. Green Fleet coaching guidelines apply (coaching the trailing half of the fleet on the racecourse is allowed). The penalty for failing to comply with any requirement of this section may be any penalty prescribed by the Jury, up to disqualification from the regatta, for the sailor(s) associated with the infringing parties.
- 6.3 The Championship racecourse is approximately 30 minutes by tow from SFYC. All boats shall be towed both to and from the racecourse.

7 Safety-Equipment

- 7.1 Each competitor shall wear US Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices, properly secured at all times. A whistle shall be attached to the life jacket.
- 7.2 When a competitor leaves the racing area before the end of racing each day, he/she shall notify the race committee and be towed back to SFYC. If someone is unable to notify the race committee afloat, they shall notify the safety person ashore before leaving the harbor area. Failure to comply with this instruction may make the sailor ineligible to sail at this regatta again.
- 7.3 Equipment and boat safety checks may be made ashore.
- 7.4 Competitors must use one sail, one set of spars, one rudder, one daggerboard and one hull for the duration of the regatta. The Jury may permit substitution of damaged equipment with written approval.
- 7.5 All boats must comply with USODA measurement rules and are subject to inspection at any time during the regatta by the jury. This includes, but is not limited to, a proper bow line (with loop at the end) and a bailer.

8 Organization

Organizing Authority: SFYC, as represented by Forrest Gay

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By checking the box at online registration you are agreeing to the following:

RACE ENTRY AGREEMENT - Please Read Carefully

In consideration of the acceptance of my race entry by The San Francisco Yacht Club (SFYC), I acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. I certify that my boat is equipped to conform with U.S. Coast Guard and Class/Fleet safety requirements, including a personal flotation device for myself. I represent that I am physically fit to participate in the race.

2. I have read the Notice of Race for this event and will abide by its terms. I am fully responsible for the operation of my boat. I will comply with all US SAILING rules, the sailing instructions and laws governing the race and use of the marina, including the California Harbors & Navigation Code.

3. ASSUMPTION OF RISK. I acknowledge that sailboat racing involves risks, and I freely assume all risks, including the risks of serious personal injury, death or disability from accident, drowning, exposure, overexertion, adverse sea or weather conditions, loss or damage of my boat and equipment, as well as all unforeseen risks. My participation in this recreational event is voluntary, and I am free to withdraw at any time if I deem it prudent under existing conditions.

4. LIABILITY WAIVER & RELEASE. TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, I WAIVE THE RIGHT TO SUE AND I FOREVER RELEASE SFYC FROM ALL LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE ARISING FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN THE RACE, AND ANY ORDINARY ACTIVE OR PASSIVE NEGLIGENCE OF SFYC.

5. HOLD HARMLESS. TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, I AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD SFYC HARMLESS FROM ANY CLAIM, DAMAGE, LIABILITY, LOSS, SUIT, COST OR EXPENSE INCLUDING ATTORNEY FEES, ARISING FROM MY ACTS OR OMISSIONS, AND FROM ANY SUIT BROUGHT AGAINST SFYC IN VIOLATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.

6. This Agreement contains all the understandings between SFYC and me regarding the subject matter hereof. The terms of this Agreement shall be interpreted in such a way as to render them valid whenever possible, and shall not be strictly construed against SFYC. If any part of this Agreement is held invalid, the remainder shall continue in full force and effect. As used herein, "SFYC" means The San Francisco Yacht Club, its owners, affiliates, directors, officers, employees, race committee members and officials acting in their official capacities.

I have carefully read, understand and agree to the above. I agree that this is a contract that strictly limits SFYC's liability to its gross negligence or willful misconduct.