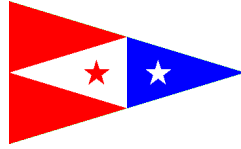


# THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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## **ELITE KEEL REGATTA** **May 20 - 21, 2017**

### **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 *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 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 Appendix V1 (Penalty at the Time of an Incident) shall apply.

#### **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 thereto will be posted online at [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org).

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

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 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

#### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole located adjacent to the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

#### **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

**Saturday, May 20** - Three (3) races are scheduled, with the first warning signal at 1200 hours.  
**Sunday, May 21** - Two (2) races are scheduled, with the first warning signal at 1200 hours.

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags will be numeral pennants.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Pennant</u>
Melges 24	one
J/70	two
Etchells	three

## **7 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be in the vicinity of the Berkeley Olympic Circle.

## **8 COURSES**

- 8.1 **Attachment A** shows the courses, describes the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The course to be sailed will be designated by numerical placards displayed on the race committee signal boat.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 All marks are inflatable buoys, except for the downwind finish line mark, which is an orange ball.
- 9.2 Marks 1, 1a, 2s and 2p are red. Marks 2s and 2p, collectively, are a gate.
- 9.3 If the offset mark (Mark 1a) is missing it shall be disregarded. If one of the gate marks is missing boats shall round the remaining mark to port.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1 Classes may be started in any order, although in the first race each day, the classes will be started in the order listed in instruction 6 above. One or more classes may not be participating, in which case their starting sequence will be skipped.
- 10.2 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.
- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area.

## **11 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 the finishing line) to a new position and signal this change in accordance with rule 33.

## **12 THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The downwind finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat and an orange ball on the opposite side of the race committee signal boat from the starting line.
- 12.2 The upwind finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and a yellow mark to windward of Mark 1.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

For the Melges 24 class, rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## **14 TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat in each fleet to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes.
- 14.2 Boats in a fleet failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in their fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35, A4.1 and A5.

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Table inside the clubhouse near the deck entrance. Protests, request for redress and request to reopen a hearing shall be filed at the Regatta Table within the applicable time limit. If filed after the close of the regatta table, filing shall be made to the front office. This changes rule 61.3.
- 15.2 The protest time is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The time limits will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties.
- 15.4 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
  - (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.This changes rule 66.

## **16 SCORING**

- 16.1 Two races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. No scores will be excluded.

## **17 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 17.1 The race committee may use VHF USA channel 65A to communicate information about the races.
- 17.2 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.
- 17.3 Except in an emergency or retiring from a race, a boat that is racing shall not receive voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## **18 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded after the racing on Sunday, May 21 on the SFYC deck.

## **19 BERTHING**

The SFYC guest dock will be available from Friday, May 19 through Sunday, May 21 on a first come-first served basis.

## **20 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.

## **21 FURTHER INFORMATION**

Jim Barton – PRO

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**SOCIAL EVENTS**

Saturday, May 20

After racing, complimentary beer and snacks.

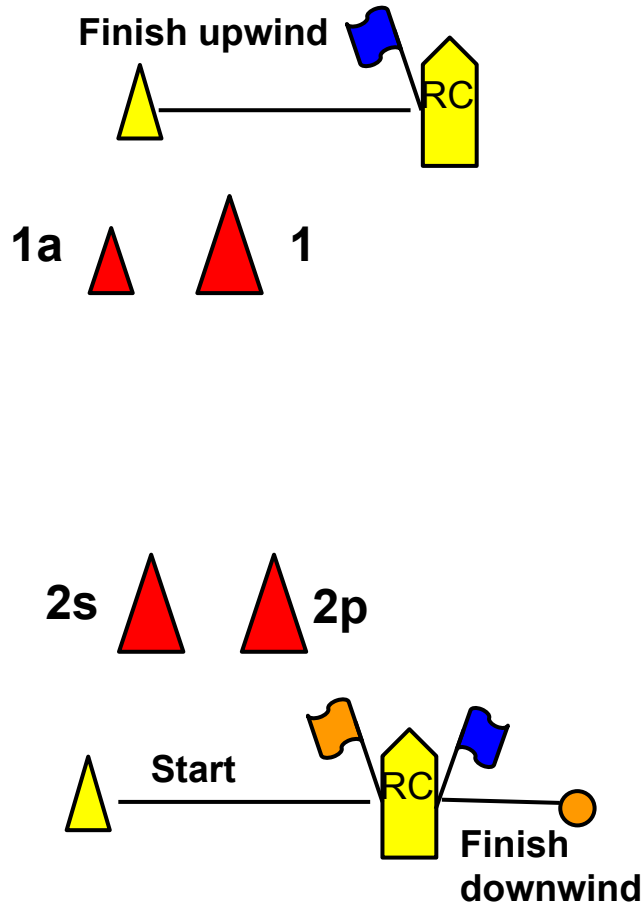
Sunday, May 21

After racing, trophy presentation on the SFYC deck with complimentary beer.

**PARKING**

Parking in the SFYC lot will be restricted during the regatta. Two parking passes will be issued per boat. Passes may be picked up at the Race Office on Friday or at the entrance to the SFYC parking lot on Saturday morning.

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**Attachment A – Courses**



**Marks**

**Marks 1, 1a, 2s and 2p are rounding marks.**

**Marks 1 and 1a shall be left to port.**

**Marks 2s and 2p, collectively, are a gate.**

**Courses**

**3 Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish Upwind**

**4 Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish Downwind**

**5 Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish Upwind**