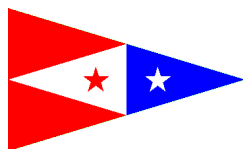


THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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MIDNIGHT MOONLIGHT MARITIME MARATHON

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 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 Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Boats shall carry all safety and emergency equipment required by the YRA (for in the Bay races) and the US Coast Guard, **INCLUDING RUNNING LIGHTS**. The race committee may file a protest against any boat observed in violation of these requirements.
- 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.

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.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted by 1600 hours on July 14.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Starting times and sequence will be posted on the official notice board and the SFYC website, www.sfyc.org, by 1600 hours on July 14.
- 4.2 On Saturday, July 15, the first warning signal will be at 1555. Subsequent starts will be at the times posted.

5 HANDICAPS

Handicaps will be developed by the SFYC race committee as follows:

- a. Boats which have a current NCPHRF certificate or BAMA rating shall receive that rating. Multihulls will be scored separately from monohulls.
- b. One-design boats shall receive their one-design class NCPHRF base rating.
- c. All other boats will receive NCPHRF ratings assigned by the race committee. Assigned ratings shall not be subject to redress.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag for each start will be a numerical pennant listed on the Starting Times document, and will be displayed five minutes prior to each start.

7 THE COURSE

The course is from the starting line, set off Point Stuart in Raccoon Strait, around the center pier of the Carquinez Bridge, to the finish line set off of the southeastern tip of the Tiburon peninsula, just north of Bluff Point. Castro Rock Buoy “2CR” (Fl R 4sec) shall be left to the east. Point San Pablo Buoy “2” (Fl R 4 sec) shall be left to the east. Pinole Shoal Channel restricted area bounded by Channel Marks 8, 10, 12 and 14 shall be left to the north.

8 THE START

- 8.1 The start will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat, anchored approximately 1/4 mile north of Point Stuart, and a red inflatable buoy set north of the signal boat. Cross the line from west to east.
- 8.2 The race will be started using rule 26, except that the preparatory signal will NOT be made by sound or visual, and the last sentence is deleted: “The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.”
- 8.3 The start times will be posted as follows (this chart will be posted by 1600 hours on July 14):

<u>Boat name(s)</u>	<u>Class flag</u>	<u>PHRF(s)</u>	<u>Warning time</u>	<u>Start time</u>
ABC	1	273	15:55:00	16:00:00
DEF and XYZ	2	132, 129	16:28:13	16:33:13

- 8.4 Boats shall start in accordance with individual handicaps beginning at 1600 hours. The race committee signal boat will provide your starting time upon request. However, it is each boat’s responsibility to start at the proper time.
- 8.5 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 8.6 Boats observed OCS will be signaled and required to restart following rule 29.1.

9 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a red inflatable buoy set approximately 1/2 mile north of Bluff Point and 1000 feet off shore, and the tallest piling on the end of a pier, located at N37.53.169, W12226.395. An orange flashing light will be located partway up the piling. The interior of the house at the shore-end of the pier will be lit with red lights to assist boats in locating the finishing line. The race committee may shine a spotlight on approaching boats to identify them or the finishing buoy. Cross the line from north to south. The failure or absence of any of the described lights shall not be grounds for redress.

10 TIME LIMIT

- 10.1 The time limit for the race shall be 0330 hours, Sunday, July 16. Boats failing to finish by this time will be scored DNF.
- 10.2 Boats not completing the course shall report to the race committee as soon as possible and no later than 0330 hours on July 16. The race committee will monitor USA VHF channel 65A and will be available by cell phone at 415-272-9091.

11 PROTESTS

- 11.1 Protests shall be written on US Sailing Protest forms available at The San Francisco Yacht Club Front Desk and lodged there no later than 0900 hours on July 16. US Sailing Protest forms are also

available online. If the Club is closed, forms will be available in an envelope attached to the Race Office front door. Forms may be submitted by email to race@sfyc.org, or placed in the envelope on the Race Office front door.

- 11.2 Protests will be heard, in the approximate order of submission, at The San Francisco Yacht Club at 1800 hours on Tuesday, July 18, 2017.

12 SCORING

Starting times are calculated based on handicaps; therefore, finish places will be determined by the order in which the boats cross the finishing line within the time limit.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 13.1 The race committee may use VHF USA channel 65A to communicate information about the races.
- 13.2 **Boats are requested to call in to the race committee three times; (1) by text (415-272-9091) when competitors reach the Carquinez Bridge, (2) by VHF when crossing under the Richmond Bridge while approaching the finishing line, and (3) by VHF when they are approximately 5 minutes away from the finishing line.**
- 13.3 Except in an emergency or retiring from a race, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

14 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to First, Second and Third place finishers at 1000 hours on July 16 on the SFYC deck.

15 GUEST BERTHING

The guest docks will be available for all boats after the race.

16 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.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

PRO – Forrest Gay (start), Jeff Zarwell (finish)
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