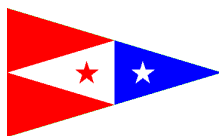


THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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2018 STAFF COMMODORES' CUP

April 21, 2018

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* (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 US Sailing prescription to rule 63.2 shall not apply.
- 1.4 All boats shall fly The San Francisco Yacht Club burgee while racing. Breaches of this rule are not grounds for protest by a boat. Boats identified by the race committee not complying with this rule will receive, without a hearing, a five-minute scoring penalty. This changes rules 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 shall 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. Please contact the 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 a SFYC member or the spouse of a member. Both the skipper and the helmsman are required to be SFYC members or spouses of members. Multiple skippers/helmsmen are permitted, and shall be entered on the registration form.
- 2.4 All boats shall 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 > On the Water > Regatta Schedule. **All boats shall register online for the Staff Commodores' Cup, independently from the Club Championship Series.** 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 21 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 19 at The San Francisco Yacht Club and on the website 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, which will be included in the sailing instructions.
- 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 $TCF=A/(B+rating)$, where TCF is the time correction factor that the PHRF rating is multiplied by, and $A=B+(fleet's\ middle\ rating)$. 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:

20+ knots = 500

10-19 knots = 550

Under 10 knots = 575

10 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 10.1 Competitors should monitor VHF USA channel 65A for on the water communication with the race committee.
- 10.2 Except in an emergency or when retiring from a race, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

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.**