



**2013 BAYS Regatta #4**  
**August 10-11, 2013**  
**The San Francisco Yacht Club**  
**Belvedere, California**  
**Sailing Instructions**

The 2013 BAYS Regatta #4 will be organized and hosted by The San Francisco Yacht Club.

**1 Rules**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), each class' Class Rules, the Notice of Series and the Notice of Race, except in the event that any of these are modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 All participants in this regatta must wear a US Coast Guard approved Type III personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing other clothing. Violation of this rule will result in a penalty by the Race Committee up to disqualification from the entire regatta.

**2 Notices to Competitors**

Notices will be posted on the official notice board at the picnic table area.

**3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions**

- 3.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official board. Changes may be announced and posted immediately after the Competitors' Meeting at 1030 hrs. August 10. On August 11, any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1030 hrs, with the exception of changes to the racing schedule, which will be posted by 1700 on August 10.
- 3.2 Instructions to the opti green fleet and CFJ fleet may be made orally on the water by the signal boat.

**4 Signals Made Ashore**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff near the Youth Dock.
- 4.2 Flag AP with two sound signals means "The race is postponed. Do not leave the harbor." When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signal 'AP.'

**5 Schedule of Events**

<b>Friday, August 9</b>	<b>Saturday, August 10</b>	<b>Sunday, August 11</b>
	0930: Check-in opens 1030: Competitors Meeting	
Arrival	1200: First warning. 4 races scheduled	1200: First warning. 4 races scheduled. No races will begin after 1600
	Snacks on dock after racing	1700: Trophy presentation

Eight races are scheduled, with one race constituting a regatta.

**6 Class Flags**

The class flags will be:

C420 – F (foxtrot)  
Radial – R (romeo)  
Opti Champ – O (oscar)

The Opti Green and CFJ fleets will not have class flags and will use 3-minute whistle starts and oral notifications.

## **7 Racing Area**

The primary racing area for C420s, Lasers and Opti Championship fleet will be in Richardson Bay. Alternate venues include Raccoon Straights, and Belvedere Cove. Opti Green Fleet and CFJs will race in Belvedere Cove.

## **8 Courses**

- 8.1 The diagram and course descriptions on the attached course chart show possible courses including the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The Race Committee boat will display a numerical course placard.
- 8.3 Boats that have finished shall stay well clear of all boats racing.

## **9 Marks**

- 9.1 The marks will be red inflatable marks, with the exception of mark 1 for the Championship Optis which will be a yellow inflatable mark.
- 9.2 The marks for Opti green fleet and FJs will be orange “Waypoint Pizza” balls. The CFJ fleet may have a longer weather mark.

## **10 The Start**

- 10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26. For the Championship Opti Fleet all color divisions will start and be scored together.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff or halyard from which an orange flag is displayed on the Start Boat, at the starboard end, and an orange mark at the port end.
- 10.3 The Race Committee may use loudhailers to communicate information about the course selection, time to start, the competitors’ positions relative to the starting time and the sail numbers of boats that are OCS or have violated RRS 30. Neither failure of the Race Committee to communicate the sail numbers of recalled boats in a timely manner, nor failure of a recalled boat to hear transmitted information, will be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 10.4 A boat shall not start later than 3 minutes after her starting signal.

## **11 Change of the Next Leg of the Course**

To change the position of the next mark, the race committee may move a mark not yet rounded (or move the finishing line). The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration.

## **12 The Finish**

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between an orange mark at the starboard end and the staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the finishing boat at the port end.
- 12.2 When the course is shortened at a mark, the finish line will be between the mark and the staff displaying the ‘S’ flag on the finishing boat.

## **13 Time Limit**

The time limit will be 60 minutes for the first boat to sail the course and finish. Boats failing to

finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF. This changes rule RRS 35.

#### **14 Protests**

- 14.1 Upon finishing each race, protesting boats shall immediately, without consultation with coaches, spectators, or any others, notify the race committee boat at the port end of the finishing line of their intention to protest and the sail number of the protested boat. This adds to RRS 61.1(a).
- 14.2 All protests shall be filed at the protest room no later than thirty minutes after the finish boat docking time. The docking time (beginning of protest time) will be posted on the official notice board.
- 14.3 Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt. The time and place of protest hearings will be posted within thirty minutes after the end of protest time. This is the notice required by RRS 63.2.

#### **15 Scoring**

- 15.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2, will be used.
- 15.2 If five or more races are completed, one throw-out race will be calculated. If four or fewer races are completed, a boat's score will be the sum of all races.

#### **16 Safety-Equipment**

- 16.1 Each competitor shall wear **USCG approved lifejackets**, properly secured at all times while on the water. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.
- 16.2 If a competitor leaves the racing area before the end of racing each day, he/she shall notify the race committee or a support boat before retiring. If someone is unable to notify the race committee afloat, they shall notify a safety person ashore before leaving the harbor area. Failure to comply with this sailing instruction may make the sailor ineligible to sail at this regatta again.
- 16.3 Equipment and boat safety checks may be made ashore.
- 16.4 Competitors must accept assistance from an official safety boat. Any sailor not accepting assistance when safety is an issue will be excused from the remainder of the regatta.

#### **17 Support/Coach Boats**

- 17.1 All support boats must also act as safety boats. All support boats will have adequate first aid and safety gear aboard, as well as a marine VHF radio.
- 17.2 Coaches, spectators, and other support personnel shall not enter the racing area while boats are racing, unless requested to do so by the Race Committee. There will be safety boats on the water to offer assistance to vessels in need. 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.

#### **18 Prizes**

Trophies will be awarded as follows:

C420: 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> skipper and crew

CFJ: 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> skipper and crew

Radial: 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>

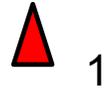
Opti Champ: 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> overall, 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> red fleet, 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> blue fleet, 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> white fleet

Opti Green: participation awards for all

#### **19 Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. 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 event.

# Appendix “A” – COURSES



Courses:

- 1.) Start - 1 - Finish
- 2.) Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - Finish

All marks shall be left to port.

