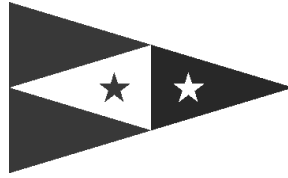


THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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MIDNIGHT MOONLIGHT MARITIME MARATHON SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2014

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 Attention is directed to the fact that racing rules do not govern the navigation of non- participating vessels, which may be met during the course of the race. Contestants should exercise due caution that there be no violation of the applicable international or inland rules of the road.
- 1.3 **BOATS MUST NOT INTERFERE WITH COMMERCIAL OR NAVAL VESSELS OR TUGS AND THEIR TOWS. BOATS DOING SO AND THEREBY ENDANGERING THEIR OWN SAFETY OR THAT OF THE COMMERCIAL VESSEL WILL BE SUBJECT TO PROTEST BY THE RACE COMMITTEE OR CONTESTANTS.**
- 1.4 Boats must carry all safety and emergency equipment required by the YRA and the law, **INCLUDING RUNNING LIGHTS**. Failure to show running lights will result in disqualification. YRA emergency equipment requirements may be found at www.yra.org.

2. PERSONAL BUOYANCY

RRS 40 is deleted and replaced with "All competitors shall wear life jackets or adequate personal buoyancy while on deck." Note that Flag Y will not be displayed.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on The San Francisco Yacht Club deck.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted by noon on August 1, 2014.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Starting times and sequence will be posted by 1200 noon on August 1, 2014.
- 5.2 Saturday, August 2, 2014 - Warning signal at 1255, preparatory signal at 1256, first start at 1300. Please refer to the schedule of starting times to be posted on the SFYC website.

6. HANDICAPS

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

- a. Boats which submit a copy of a current SF Bay PHRF base rating or BAMA rating will receive that rating. Multihulls will be scored separately from monohulls.
- b. One-design boats shall receive their one-design class PHRF base rating.
- c. All other boats will receive ratings assigned by the race committee and not subject to protest.

7. THE COURSE AND START AND FINISH LINES

Start - Between a staff 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.

Course - From the start around the center pier of Carquinez Bridge leaving the pier to port; then through the finish line. Castro Rock Buoy "2CR"(FI R 4sec) shall be left to the East; Point San Pablo Buoy "2" (FI 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.

Finish - Between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat, anchored approximately 1/4 mile east of Bluff Point, and a red inflatable buoy set west of the signal boat. The race committee signal boat will display as much cabin lighting as possible to assist in being sighted. Cross the line from North to South.

8. STARTING PROCEDURE

- 8.1 The race will be started using rule 26 as follows: Starts will be identified by numerical pennant flags, which will be hoisted at their respective warning signals as follows:

Class Flag	PHRF	Warning	Start
1	273	12:55	13:00
2	150	14:14:57	14:19:57
3	123	14:32:30	14:37:30
4	111	14:40:18	14:45:18
5	99	14:48:06	14:53:06
6	54	15:17:21	15:22:21
7	0	15:52:27	15:57:27

The sound signal accompanying each flag will be either a gun or horn, but times will be taken from the visual signals. The failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

- 8.2 Boats shall start in accordance with individual handicaps beginning at 1300 hours, August 2, 2014. The race committee signal boat will provide your starting time on request; however, it is each boat's responsibility to start at the proper time.
- 8.3 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

9. TIME LIMIT

- 9.1 The time limit for the race shall be 2300 hours, Saturday, August 2, 2014. Boats failing to finish by this time will be scored DNF.
- 9.2 Boats not completing the course must report to the Race Committee as soon as possible, but no later than 2330 hours on Saturday, August 2, so that all boats may be accounted for. The race

committee signal boat will monitor VHF Channel 65 and will be available by cell phone at 415-307-4914.

10. PROTESTS

10.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at The San Francisco Yacht Club and lodged there no later than 1 hour after their finish time on Saturday, August 2, 2014.

10.2 Protests will be heard, in the approximate order of submission, at The San Francisco Yacht Club at 0900 hours on Thursday, August 3, 2014.

11. FINISH PLACES

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

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

12.1 The Race Committee may broadcast information about the day's racing and OCS on Channel 65. 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 receive or hear transmitted information will be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

12.2 **Boats are requested to call in to the finish boat when they cross under the Richmond Bridge as they approach the finish line.**

13. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at 1000 hours on Sunday, August 3, 2014, for the First, Second, and Third-place finishers.

14. GUEST BERTHING

Guest Docks will be available for all boats after the race.

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