



2015 BAYS Regatta #4
August 8-9, 2015
The San Francisco Yacht Club
Belvedere, California
Sailing Instructions

The 2015 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 board in front of the SFYC Youth Classroom.

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 8. On August 9, 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 8.
- 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

Friday, August 8	Saturday, August 9	Sunday, August 10
Early Arrival	0930: Check-in opens 1030: Competitors Meeting	
	1200: First warning. 4 races scheduled	1200: First warning. 4 races scheduled. No races will begin after 1600
	Snacks on dock after racing	Trophy presentation to follow

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

6 Class Flags

The class flags will be:

C420 – F (foxtrot)
Lasers (Radial and Full) – R (romeo)
Opti Champ – Opti insignia on a white background

The Opti Green fleet and the CFJ fleet will not have class flags and will use RRS Appendix S (3-minute sound signals) 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 Racoon Straits, 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 the 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 balls.

10 The Start

- 10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 (except for Opti Green and CFJ fleets).
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff or halyard from which an orange flag is displayed on the race committee 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 4 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, on the opposite side of the race committee boat from starting mark, and the staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat.
- 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, per RRS 32.2.

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 DNE. DNE will be the number of boats finished within the time limit plus 2. This changes rule RRS 35.

14 Protests

- 14.1 Upon finishing each race, protesting boats shall immediately notify the race committee boat at the finishing line of their intention to protest and the sail number of the protested boat.
- 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

When four or fewer races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worse score.

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.

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: 1st-3rd skipper and crew

CFJ: 1st-3rd skipper and crew

Radial: 1st-3rd

Opti Champ: 1st-3rd overall, 1st-3rd red fleet, 1st-3rd blue fleet, 1st-3rd 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.

