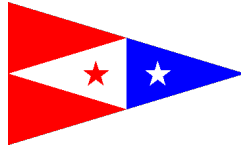


THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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MIDNIGHT MOONLIGHT MARITIME MARATHON

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2015

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 must 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 to: All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device while on deck, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing. Flag Y will not be displayed.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted by noon on July 17.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Starting times and sequence will be posted by 1600 hours on July 17, on the notice board and the website.
- 4.2 On Saturday, July 18, the first warning signal will be at 1355. Subsequent starts will be at the times posted.

5 HANDICAPS

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

- a. Boats which submit a copy of a current NCPHRF certificate or BAMA rating will 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 ratings assigned by the race committee. Assigned ratings will not be subject to redress.

6 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.

7 THE START

7.1 The start will be 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.

7.2 The race will be started using rule 26 for each starting group. The first start will have its warning at 1355 hours, using GPS time. The "class flag" for each starting group will be the numerical pennant listed on the starting chart, and will be displayed five minutes prior to each start. The start times will be posted as follows (this chart will be posted by 1600 hours on July 17):

Boat names(s)	Class flag	PHRF(s)	Warning	Start time
Can o'Whoopass	1	273	13:55:00	14:00:00
Flashman, Leda	2	150	15:15:27	15:20:27
Kira, Shenanigans, Abigail Morgan	3	132, 129	15:28:13	15:33:13
FUGU, Sweete	4	120	15:35:05	15:40:05
Fast Friends	5	78	16:02:33	16:07:33
TREX	6	42	16:26:06	16:31:06
Tiburon, Chance	7	27, 24	16:36:54	16:41:54
Oaxaca	8	-6	16:56:58	17:01:58
Double Trouble	9	-12	17:01:58	17:06:58

7.3 The sound signal accompanying each flag will be either a gun or horn. The absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

7.4 Boats shall start in accordance with individual handicaps beginning at 1400 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.

7.5 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

7.6 Boats observed OCS will be signaled and required to restart following RRS 29.1.

8 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 an orange light located on the end of a pier. The orange light may or may not be flashing. 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 will attempt to shine a spotlight on the finish buoy as boats approach. Failure of any of the described lights shall not be grounds for redress. Cross the line from North to South.

9 TIME LIMIT

9.1 The time limit for the race shall be 0100 hours, Sunday, July 19. 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 0130 hours on Sunday, July 19, so that all boats may be accounted for. The race committee will monitor USA VHF channel 65A and will be available by cell phone at 415-307-4914.

10 PROTESTS

10.1 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 19. 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.

10.2 Protests will be heard, in the approximate order of submission, at The San Francisco Yacht Club at 1800 hours on Tuesday, July 21, 2015.

11 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.

12 COMMUNICATION

12.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones.

12.2 The race committee may use VHF USA channel 65A to communicate information about the races.

12.3 **Boats are requested to call in to the race committee two times; (1) when competitors reach the Carquinez Bridge and (2) when crossing under the Richmond Bridge while approaching the finishing line.**

13 GUEST BERTHING

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

14 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to First, Second and Third-place finishers at 1000 hours on Sunday, July 19 on the SFYC deck.

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