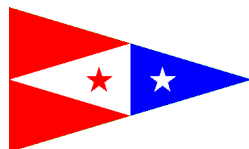


# THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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## **International 505 Class 2016 Pacific Coast Championship September 23-25, 2016**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** (Courses modified 9/22/16)

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 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.

#### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Youth Official Notice Board located on the wall of the SFYC Sailing Center. The NOR, SIs, and amendments thereto will be posted online at [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org).

#### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.

#### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the youth flagpole located adjacent to the launching dock.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signal AP.

#### **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.3 3 races are scheduled on Friday.  
3 races are scheduled on Saturday.  
2 races are scheduled on Sunday.

- 5.4 The first warning signal each day is scheduled at 1200 hours.
- 5.5 The Etchells class will be racing on the same racecourse and will start after the 505 class whenever practicable.

## **6 CLASS FLAG**

The class flag will be numerical pennant 5.

## **7 VENUE**

The racing area will be in the vicinity of the Berkeley Olympic Circle.

## **8 COURSES**

- 8.1 Attachment A shows the courses and the order in which the marks are to be passed.
- 8.2 The course to be sailed will be designated by numerical placards displayed from the race committee signal boat.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Original marks will be red inflatable buoys, except Mark O which will be an orange ball. Marks W, O, R and L are rounding marks and shall be rounded to port. New marks will be yellow inflatable buoys.
- 9.2 There may be an orange ball offset mark, O, set near the windward mark. If present, the offset mark shall be passed in sequence as designated in the course description in Attachment A.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1 When flag G is displayed on the race committee signal boat and the Gate Launch, a Gate Start will be used.
- 10.2 Starting Marks will be the Port Limit Mark, a yellow inflatable mark on the starboard side of the race committee signal boat, and the Gate Launch displaying flag G.
- 10.3 Races will be started using rule 26. The warning signal shall be 5 minutes before the starting signal. Signals will be displayed from the race committee signal boat. At or before the warning signal, the race committee will signal the time between the starting signal and the time at which the Gate Launch will stop at the starboard end of the starting line. This time will be not less than one minute. This time will be signaled on the race committee boat as a red numeral on a white board.
- 10.4 The Pathfinder for the first race will be appointed by the race committee. The Pathfinder for the subsequent races will be the boat that finished 5th in the preceding race. When this boat is unable to race, or has acted as the Pathfinder previously, the Pathfinder will be appointed by the race committee, and will normally be the boat that finished 6th in the preceding race. The sail number of the Pathfinder will be posted on the official notice board for the first scheduled race of the day, and on the race committee boat for the second and subsequent races of the day. Prior to the preparatory signal, the Pathfinder shall report to the Gate Launch, which will be near the race committee boat.
- 10.5 Approximately 10 seconds prior to the starting signal the Pathfinder will begin a close-hauled port tack course from the Port Limit Mark, leaving it to port. The Gate Launch will keep station close astern of the Pathfinder, and will be displaying flag G.

- 10.6 The starting line (except for the Pathfinder) will be between the Port Limit Mark and the center of the engine of the Gate Launch.
- 10.7 All boats (except for the Pathfinder) shall start on starboard tack after the starting Signal. A boat starting prematurely shall retire from the race. Rule 29.1, Individual Recall, shall not apply.
- 10.8 The Pathfinder shall start by sailing its close-hauled course until it is released by hail from the Gate Launch, after which it ceases to be a starting mark, and may continue or tack onto starboard tack.
- 10.9 After the release of the Pathfinder, the Gate Launch will continue its course and speed until the gate has been open for the period signaled in instruction 11.2. It will then stop, make a long sound signal, drift for two minutes, and finally signal the close of the gate by lowering flag G with a short sound signal. Thereafter, no boat shall start.
- 10.10 Before starting, a boat shall not interfere with the Pathfinder. Any boat that interferes with, or passes between or attempts to pass between the Pathfinder and the Gate Launch, or that causes another boat to interfere in any of these ways, or that is on the port side of the Gate Launch as it opens the gate, shall retire from that race, and shall be ineligible for any restarts of that race, unless the infringing boat can satisfy to the race committee that its actions were caused by another boat not having right of way or by some other unavoidable circumstance. This changes rule 36.
- 10.11 When flag F is displayed on the race committee boat, a Fixed Line Start will be used.
- 10.12 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of a yellow inflatable mark, set as the port end of the line.
- 10.13 Races will be started using rule 26. The warning signal will be 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.14 A boat shall not start later than 4 minutes after the starting signal.

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. A mark rounded after the new mark may be relocated without further signaling in order to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **12 THE FINISH**

- 12.1 For downwind finishes the finishing line will be the same as the starting line described in SI 10.12.
- 12.2 For upwind finishes the finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of a yellow inflatable buoy to weather of Mark W.

## **13 TIME LIMIT**

Boats in a fleet failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in the fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes rules 35 and A4.

## **14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Table upstairs in the Sailing Center in the parking lot. Protests, request for redress and request to reopen a hearing shall be filed at the Regatta Table within the applicable protest time limit. If filed after the close of the Regatta Table, filing shall be made to the front office. This changes rule 61.3.
- 14.2 The protest time is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 14.3 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties.
- 14.4 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
  - (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

## **15 SCORING**

- 15.1 Eight races are scheduled, and two races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2 (a) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - (b) When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 16.1 Boats shall check in at beginning of each race day by sailing past the stern of the race committee signal boat on starboard and hailing their sail number.
- 16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **17 COMMUNICATIONS**

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 The race committee may use VHF USA channel 65A to communicate information about the races.
- 17.3 The race committee will attempt to hail boats observed OCS at the start. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats, or failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.

## **18 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats on Sunday, September 25 on the SFYC deck.

## **19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in a 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.

## **20 FURTHER INFORMATION**

PRO – Forrest Gay

Nancy DeMauro and Madeline Morey, Regatta Chairs

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## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

Friday After racing, complimentary beer and snacks on the SFYC deck.

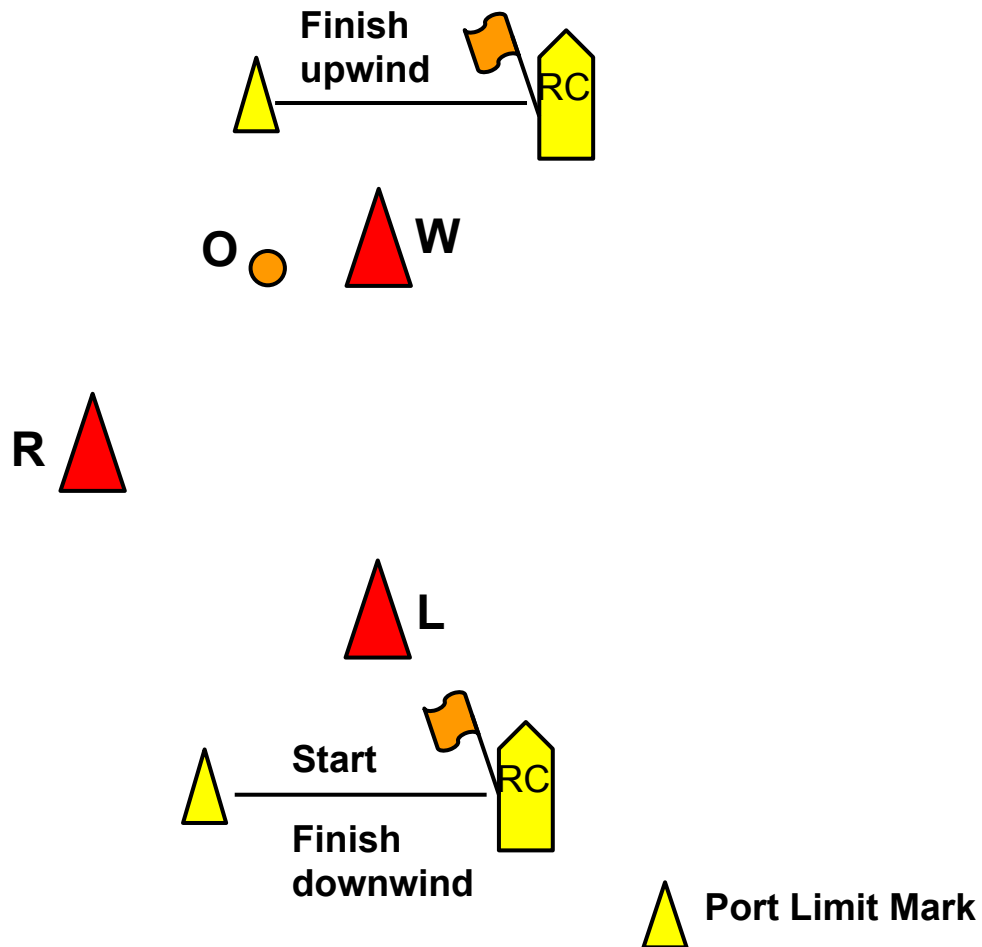
Saturday After racing, complimentary beer and snacks on the SFYC deck.

Sunday After racing, trophy presentation on the SFYC deck with complimentary beer.

## **PARKING**

Parking in the SFYC lot will be restricted during the regatta. SFYC will issue two parking passes per boat, one of which may be used for a trailer. Passes may be picked up at the SFYC Race Office on Thursday or Friday, or at the entrance to the lot on Saturday.

## Attachment A



### COURSES:

1. Start – W – O – L – W – O – Finish downwind
2. Start – W – O – L – W – R – L – Finish Upwind
3. Start – W – O – L – W – R – L – W – O – Finish downwind
4. Start – W – O – L – W – O – L – Finish upwind
5. Start – W – O – L – W – R – L – W – O – L – Finish upwind