



**2017 BAYS Regatta #4**  
**August 12-13**  
**The San Francisco Yacht Club**  
**Belvedere, California**  
**Sailing Instructions**

The 2017 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 shall 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 may result in a protest by the race committee, and a decision by the protest committee up to disqualification from the entire regatta.

**2 Notices to Competitors**

Notices will be posted on the official notice board, in outside 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 notice board. Changes may be announced and posted immediately after the competitors' meeting at 1030 hours on August 12. On August 13, any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 hours, with the exception of changes to the racing schedule, which will be posted by 1800 on August 12.
- 3.2 Instructions to the opti green fleet and CFJ fleet will 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 When flag AP is displayed ashore it 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 Races**

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| Saturday, August 12 | 0930 | Check-in opens                                       |
|                     | 1030 | Competitors' meeting (Green fleet meeting to follow) |
|                     | 1200 | First warning. (4 races scheduled)                   |
| Sunday, August 13   | 1200 | First warning. (4 races scheduled)                   |
|                     | 1600 | No races to start after                              |

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)

Tera – T (tango)

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 U (Audible-Signal Racing System).

## **7 Racing Area**

7.1 The primary racing area for C420s, Lasers, RS Teras and Opti Championship fleet will be in Richardson Bay. Alternate venues include Racoon Straits, and Belvedere Cove.

7.2 The 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, except for the Opti Green and CFJ fleets whose course selection will be made orally.

8.3 Boats that have finished, or not yet started, 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 CFJs 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 signal boat at the starboard end, and an orange ball at the port end.

10.3 The race committee may use loudhailers to communicate information about the course selection, time to start, 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). Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration.

## **12 The Finish**

The finishing line will be between an orange ball, on the opposite side of the race committee signal boat from starting mark, and a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal 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 sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE. TLE 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 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 When fewer than five races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.2 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.
- 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 on channel 65A.
- 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, except for Opti Green Fleet coaches who may coach the back 50% of the fleet on the course per class rules. 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>

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

RS Tera: 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.

