



**THE FORTY-FIFTH SAN FRANCISCO CUP**  
**March 25-26, 2017**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

The 45<sup>th</sup> San Francisco Cup is organized by The San Francisco Yacht Club in conjunction with the Event Joint Committee (JC). The JC of The San Francisco Cup is made up of seven members, three from The San Francisco Yacht Club, three from St. Francis Yacht Club and one member appointed by agreement between the two clubs. One committee member may be substituted each day by unanimous consent of the committee.

**2 VENUE**

The primary racing venue will be in the vicinity of the Berkeley Circle or Southampton Shoals. Other venues on San Francisco Bay may be used depending on conditions, and decided by the JC.

**3 EVENT GRADING**

This will not be a World Sailing graded event.

**4 SCHEDULE**

- 4.1 A skippers' meeting is scheduled for 0915 hours on Saturday, March 25. Skippers and Tacticians shall meet with the JC and the Umpires in The San Francisco Yacht Club Commodore's Room at this time and at other times as directed by the JC.
- 4.2 The first Attention Signal is scheduled for 1130 hours on Saturday, March 25 and 1100 hours on Sunday, March 26. After each flight the JC will inform the competitors of the time of the Attention Signal of the next race by VHF.
- 4.3 On Saturday, March 25 no matches shall be started after 1600 hours, even if the number of points is fewer than prescribed in SI 16.1. On Sunday, March 26 no matches shall be started such that their finish would likely be after sunset.
- 4.4 The starting order for each flight will be IOD, Women's J/22, Youth J/22, unless changed by breakdown or delay as described in SI 14.
- 4.5 No flight shall be started unless and until the average wind strength, as measured from the Race Committee Signal Boat, exceeds 6 knots, for a 3 minute period prior to the Attention Signal and no flight shall be started if the average wind strength, as measured from the Race Committee Signal Boat, exceeds 22 knots, for a 3 minute period prior to the Attention Signal. The JC may elect to waive wind limits by majority vote.

**5 ELIGIBILITY**

- 5.1 The San Francisco Yacht Club and St Francis Yacht Club shall each be represented by three teams: an open team, a women's team and a youth team. The women's and youth teams will sail in J/22 type boats supplied by St Francis Yacht Club.

- 5.2 All sailors shall be members, or spouses of members, or members' children for the Youth Division in compliance with NOR 5.6, of their respective Club.
- 5.3 The total crew weight for the J/22 teams shall not exceed 688.5 pounds.
- 5.4 The women's teams shall consist of 4 sailors. The youth teams shall consist of 4 or 5 sailors.
- 5.5 The declared skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 5.6 All sailors on the youth teams shall not have reached their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday on the first day of racing.
- 5.7 All sailors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2 and shall be classified as World Sailing Group 1 sailors.

## **6 ENTRIES**

- 6.1 Crew lists for all three divisions shall be declared prior to the skipper's meeting. Once declared all crew shall sail all races, unless a substitution is approved by the JC.
- 6.1 Each team shall declare the weight of each crew prior to the skipper's meeting. If a weight declaration is challenged, there will be a weigh-in at the skipper's meeting.

## **7 RULES**

- 7.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including Appendix C; the Declaration of Trust and Conditions Governing the San Francisco Cup, the NOR, and the sailing instructions.
- 7.2 All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices (PFDs) while racing, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing. The "Y" flag will not be displayed. This changes rule 40.
- 7.3 Other rules governing the racing will be included in the sailing instructions.

## **8 BOATS AND SAILS**

- 8.1 The Open Division will sail in IODs. Yacht clubs shall provide their own boats within the rules of the DOT and as set forth by the JC, and use that boat's sails purchased through the fleet.
- 8.2 The Women's and Youth Divisions will sail in J/22 type boats. Four boats will be supplied by St Francis Yacht Club. The J/22s shall be sailed with the provided sails from St. Francis Yacht Club, and all other equipment listed in Addendum D of the sailing instructions. The J/22s will be allocated by draw at the skippers' meeting.
- 8.3 Add RRS 62.3: "Variations between supplied boats or sails shall not be grounds for redress."

## **9 COURSES**

The courses will be windward/leeward type courses with starboard roundings with a target time of approximately 25 minutes each.

## **10 RACING FORMAT AND SCORING**

- 10.1 The event will consist of a series of matches between the Open Division teams, a series of matches between the Women's Division teams, and a series of matches between the Youth Division teams.
- 10.2 Each match win in each division shall count for one (1) point. Points shall be awarded as described in RRS C10 and RRS C6.6. The first club to earn eleven (11) or more points,

at the completion of a flight, shall be declared the winner of the 2017 San Francisco Cup. On Saturday, March 25 racing shall be terminated for the day at the end of the flight in which a club reaches seven (7) points. If one of the matches is subject to protest, the pending protest shall be disregarded for the purposes of this section.

- 10.3 If neither club's team has accumulated eleven (11) points at the end of racing on Sunday, March 26 the SF Cup shall be awarded to the club with the most points, at the end of the last completed flight.
- 10.4 If both clubs earn more than eleven (11) points at the end of a flight, but are not tied, the 2017 San Francisco Cup shall be awarded to the club with the most points, including partial points resulting from decisions described in NOR 10.5.
- 10.5 In the event of a tie at the end of racing on Sunday, March 26, resulting from decisions made under RRS C6.6(b)(1), RRS C6.6(c), RRS C8.6, and as set forth in Addendum E of the sailing instructions, or dead heat points as described in RRS C10.1, the 2017 San Francisco Cup shall be awarded to the club whose IOD team scored the most points. If the IODs are tied, then the tie shall be broken in favor of the club whose IOD won their last race.

## **11 PRIZES**

The San Francisco Cup Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winning team. Take home prizes will also be awarded to the winning team's sailors.

## **12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.