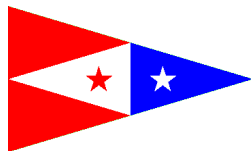


# THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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## 2018 EXPRESS 27 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

October 5-7

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: The San Francisco Yacht Club, Belvedere, California

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 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.
- 1.3 Appendix V1 (PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT) shall apply.

#### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside on the west wall of the SFYC Clubhouse. 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 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole located adjacent to the clubhouse.
- 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

Seven races are scheduled:

**Friday** - Two races are scheduled (one buoy followed by one long distance), with the first warning signal at 1130 hours.

**Saturday** - Three races are scheduled, with the first warning signal at 1100 hours.

**Sunday** - Two races are scheduled, with the first warning signal at 1100 hours. No warning signal shall be made after 1500 hours.

## **6 CLASS FLAG**

The class flag will be a white flag with a black 'Express 27' class insignia on it.

## **7 RACING AREA**

7.1 The racing area will be in the vicinity of the Berkeley Olympic Circle for the buoy races.

7.2 The long distance race will start in the vicinity of the Berkeley Circle and may go to Pt. Bonita and/or around standard YRA marks in the central bay.

## **8 COURSES**

All courses are described in **Attachment A**. The course to be sailed will be designated by numeral placards displayed on the race signal boat.

## **9 MARKS**

9.1 For the buoy races, all rounding marks and gates will be red inflatable conical buoys. For the long-distance race, rounding marks will be a red inflatable conical buoy set in the vicinity of Pt. Benita, if used, and YRA marks as described in Attachment A.

9.2 'New marks' as provided in SI 12 will be yellow inflatable conical buoys.

9.3 If the offset mark (Mark O) is missing it shall be disregarded. If one of the gate marks is missing boats shall round the remaining mark to port.

## **10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

Boats shall not pass through the areas bound by the following objects:

(a) Pt. Blunt buoy and the closest point ashore on Angel Island.

(b) The bell buoy off the west end of Alcatraz and the closest point ashore on Alcatraz Island.

(c) The south tower of the Golden Gate Bridge and the closest point ashore.

## **11 THE START**

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and staff displaying an orange flag on a pin end line boat or a yellow inflatable buoy.

11.2 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## **12 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. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **13 THE FINISH**

13.1 The DOWNWIND finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a yellow inflatable buoy.

13.2 The UPWIND finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and a yellow mark set to windward of Mark W as shown on Attachment A.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

Unless the course is shortened at the windward mark, penalties for incidents that take place while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible after rounding the offset mark. This changes RRS 44.2.

## **15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

15.1 The target time for each buoy race is 50-60 minutes.

15.2 The time limit for the first boat to sail the buoy courses and finish is 90 minutes.

- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the buoy courses and finishes will be scored DNF. The time limit to sail the distance race course and finish is 1700 hours. Boats failing to finish by this time will be scored DNF. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Table inside the clubhouse near the deck entrance. Protests, request for redress and request to reopen a hearing shall be filed at the Regatta Table within the applicable time limit. If filed after the close of the regatta table, filing shall be made to the front office. This changes rule 61.3.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. This time limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors a protest hearing and all redress hearings.

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 3 races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. No scores will be excluded.

## **18 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

All boats shall return to The San Francisco Yacht Club after Friday and Saturday's races and shall remain in the water from the beginning of racing on Friday through the last race on Sunday, unless the PRO has approved a written request for haul out.

## **19 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race of the regatta and the end of the regatta.

## **20 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 20.1 The race committee may use VHF USA channel 65A to communicate information about the races.
- 20.2 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.
- 20.3 Except in an emergency, or when retiring from a race, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

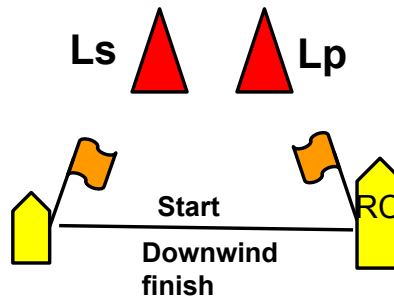
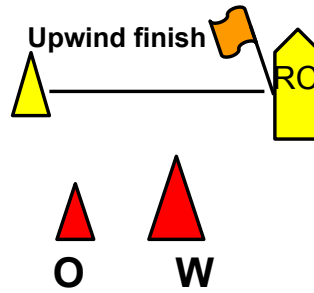
## **21 PRIZES**

- 21.1 Trophies will be awarded for 1st through 5th place, and the winner of the long distance race.
- 21.2 The Express 27 National Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the top finishing boat.
- 21.3 The Express 27 Class may award additional trophies.

## **22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the 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, prior to, during or after the regatta.

## ATTACHMENT A - Courses



### Marks

Marks W, O, B, 1, 8, XOC, and AI are rounding marks.

Mark 12 is a passing mark in course 8, and a rounding mark in course 7.

Marks Ls and Lp are collectively a gate.

Mark B is a red inflatable conical buoy set between Pt. Diablo and Pt. Bonita (Bonita Cove). The location will be adjusted for course length.

Mark 1 is Red Rock

Mark AI is Angel Island

Mark 8 is YRA 8 (R "4" Fl 4s Horn 1 nm East of Point Blunt)

Mark 12 is YRA 12 (G "1" Fl G4s, Little Harding Rock)

XOC is the large yellow YRA mark at the center of the Berkeley Circle

### Courses: (W and O shall be left to port)

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| 3) Start – W – O – Ls/Lp – Finish Upwind                         | (1.5 laps) |
| 4) Start – W – O – Ls/Lp – W – O – Finish Downwind               | (2 laps)   |
| 5) Start – W – O – Ls/Lp – W – O – Ls/Lp – Finish Upwind         | (2.5 laps) |
| 6) Start – W – O – Ls/Lp – W – O – Ls/Lp – W – O Finish Downwind | (3 laps)   |

### Long Distance Courses: (s) designates mark shall be left to starboard. (p) designates mark shall be left to port)

- 7) Start – 12s – 1s – XOCs – Finish Upwind (in the vicinity of Knox)
- 8) Start – Bp – 12s – 8p – Finish Upwind (in the vicinity of Knox)
- 9) Start – 1p – A1p – 8p – 1p – Finish Downwind (in the Berkeley Circle)