

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



2v2 Team Race Invitational

April 5-6, 2025

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

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
- 1.2 Participation in the regatta is only by invitation.
- 1.3 When the protest committee finds that a boat or team's competitor has broken one or more rules where there was, repeated breach of boat handling requirements, serious damage caused by reckless sailing or poor seamanship, poor sportsmanship, or misconduct as described in RRS 69.1(b), it shall make a report to the OA who may revoke that team's invitation and excuse the team from the remainder of the regatta. The OA may also take this action without such a report after consultation with regatta management.
- 1.4 Rule 40.1 will apply at all times when boats are on the water away from the dock. PFDs must be provided by the sailors.
- 1.5 The sailing instructions will describe any changes to the rules.

2 CLASS

RS21-type boats will be provided. Spinnakers may be used, conditions permitting. Standing rigging shall not be adjusted, except at the direction of the OA.

3 TEAMS

- 3.1 Three or four sailors are required per boat. Each competing team shall consist of two full boat crews.
- 3.2 Sailor substitutions are not permitted without prior approval of the OA.
- 3.3 Up to eight teams will be invited to participate.

4 CREW WEIGHT

There is no crew weight limit.

5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 Entry is by invitation. Teams must request an invite at the link below, and shall submit the online form no later than March 9.
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RaGRa-Xww7Rf1qbWUhhobL5clfdqUYj-0ulvbJwS9s4/edit>
- 5.2 Invitations will be sent within 72 hours of the request.
- 5.3 The online registration and entry fees must be received no later than March 28, to confirm entry in the event.

6 FEES

The entry fee is \$1000 per team, and includes an optional practice on Friday or during the prior week on a first-requested-first-served basis, racing Saturday and Sunday, Saturday night dinner, and Sunday awards presentation social.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available at the Participants' Meeting and posted on the SFYC website.

8 VENUE

The primary racing venue will be Richardson Bay, with Knox, Paradise Cay and Southampton Shoal as alternative venues pending weather conditions.

9 FORMAT

The planned format is multiple round robins amongst all competing teams. If time permits, mini-round robins and/or knock-out matches among groups of teams may be run. The format and number of races will be described in the sailing instructions and at the Participants' Meeting.

10 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday	1000-1800	Check-in and optional practice (no social event)
Saturday	0930	Late check-in
	1000	Participants' Meeting – racing to follow
	1830	Regatta Social & Dinner
Sunday	1000	Participants' Meeting – racing to follow*
		Awards after racing with refreshments

* The race committee will endeavor to not begin a starting sequence after 1600 on Sunday, but weather conditions and/or the progress of the event may govern the actual conclusion of racing.

11 COURSES

The course will be described in the sailing instructions, and will be a “port box” or other suitable team racing course configuration.

12 UMPIRING

It is the intention for the regatta to be umpired in accordance with RRS Appendix D, paragraph D2, as modified by the sailing instructions. Teams may be asked to provide a competitor(s) to assist the umpires when off rotation. This will not be considered to be a conflict of interest.

13 PROTESTS

When practicable, protests other than those under RRS D2.2, and redress requests will be heard on the water.

14 VHF RADIO

All boats shall carry a marine band VHF radio capable of receiving normal US channels. The OA will supply one VHF per boat, but competitors may provide their own VHF radios for backup. Malfunction or loss of VHF radio shall not be grounds for redress. Teams failing to return supplied VHF will be charged \$250.

15 WAIVER AND DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 15.1 As a condition of entry, each skipper and participating crew member shall submit, prior to racing, an online liability waiver/media release. The link can be found on the event website.
- 15.2 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, SFYC and any official sponsors 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. Attention is also drawn to RRS 46 and USSER 1.2, Responsibility.
- 15.3 All skippers will be required to sign a \$500 damage agreement prior to the start of racing by signing an online form. The agreement outlines a \$500 per-incident maximum charge, and includes damage to boats or race committee vessels. If a skipper has more than one incident, he or she is then liable for up to \$500 for each individual incident. Skippers should be aware that while the OA representatives will attempt to identify all damage at the post-regatta inspection, often this is not possible due to the nature of the damage. The skipper is responsible for all damage, even if it is discovered only after the post-regatta report is completed and signed. In the event that there is material damage not covered by insurance and no one acknowledges responsibility (e.g., crews are rotated among the boats and no one reports the damage), the cost of repairs will be charged to all the designated skippers on a prorated basis.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

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