



THE FORTY-NINTH SAN FRANCISCO CUP

March 29-30, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority is The San Francisco Yacht Club in conjunction with the Event Joint Committee (JC) of The San Francisco Cup (SF Cup). The JC is made up of seven members, three from The San Francisco Yacht Club (SFYC), three from St. Francis Yacht Club (StFYC) and one member appointed by agreement between the two clubs. One JC member may be substituted each day by unanimous consent of the JC.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Declaration of Trust and Conditions Governing the SF Cup (DOT).
 - (a) RRS Appendix C will apply for match races.
 - (b) RRS Appendix D and Appendix U will apply for team races.
- 2.2 All races will be umpired.
- 2.3 Regarding match racing, this will not be a World Sailing graded event.
- 2.4 The rules for the handling of boats and equipment as provided in the sailing instructions will apply. RS21 class rules will not apply.
- 2.5 Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.
- 2.6 Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery. Assisting in recovery of a crew from another boat will not be grounds for redress.
- 2.7 Any additional alterations to the rules or prescriptions will be published in the sailing instructions.
- 2.8 The warning or attention signal for a flight shall not be given if the average wind strength, when measured from the signal boat, is less than six (6) knots or greater than twenty-two (22) knots for a three (3) minute period. The JC may elect to change the wind limits by a majority vote.

3 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available no later than 1600 on March 28 on the official notice board and on the website www.sfyf.org.

4 COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 The official notice board is located on the west wall of the SFYC clubhouse.
- 4.2 On the water the race committee will communicate with umpires and competitors on VHF radio channel USA 65A.
- 4.3 Except in an emergency, or if requested to do so by the race committee, competitors shall not make voice or data transmissions, nor shall they receive voice or data communication unless it is available to all boats.

5 ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 The San Francisco Yacht Club and St. Francis Yacht Club shall each be represented by teams of 12 sailors, which meet the following criteria:
 - (a) All 12 sailors are active members, or spouses or children under age 20 of active members.

- (b) Teams shall register 4 sailors each in the following Divisions: Open, Women, Youth.
- (c) The 4 Youth team sailors shall be under 20-years old on the first day of the regatta. At least 2 Youth sailors must be female.
- (d) The current club Commodore shall sail on the Open team.

5.2 All participants shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2 and be classified as a WS Group 1 sailor.

6 BOATS AND SAILS

6.1 Each team will be assigned, by random draw by a representative of the challenger, 3 boats from the SFYC fleet of matched RS21s for each day of racing. Boats will be swapped between the two clubs for the second day of racing.

6.2 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, and Spinnaker.

6.3 Add RRS 62.3: "Variations between provided boats or sails shall not be grounds for redress."

7 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

7.1 Each boat will be crewed by 4 sailors.

7.2 Teams shall declare 3 skippers for the event, one for each boat: Open, Women, Youth.

7.3 The declared skippers shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

7.4 Registered crew shall sail all races; however, the JC may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment when a crew can no longer continue to race due to an emergency.

8 DAMAGE AGREEMENT

Each skipper, or the case of a minor, their parent or guardian or club representative, shall sign a Damage Liability Agreement prior to helming a boat, which outlines the cost of damage per incident.

9 EVENT FORMAT

9.1 One point shall be awarded for each race win in each discipline.

9.2 The format on the first day will be 3v3 team racing.

9.3 The number of races to be sailed on the first day will be determined by the JC with the intention to start each subsequent race as soon as practicable after the previous race until one team has accumulated 5 points.

9.4 Races on the second day will be organized into flights of 2v2 team races and 1v1 match races, rotated in a round robin format:

Flight 1 – 2v2 Open/Women - 1v1 Youth

Flight 2 – 2v2 Open/Youth - 1v1 Women

Flight 3 – 2v2 Women/Youth - 1v1 Open

This order repeats until one team reaches 11 total points as outlined below.

9.5 Each race will have its own distinct starting sequence in compliance with the RRS and norms for its respective discipline. The time between starts of any one flight will be at the discretion of the PRO in consultation with the JC.

9.6 Racing will continue on the second day until one team has accumulated 11 points and the other team has not, in which case the team with 11 points will be declared the winner of the 2025 SF Cup.

9.7 If neither team has accumulated 11 points at the conclusion of racing on the second day, the winner shall be the team with the most points at the end of the last completed flight.

9.8 In the event of a tie at the end of racing on the second day, the tie will be broken in favor of the team that accumulated the most points during the 3v3 team racing. If the 3v3 team racing was tied the tie shall be broken in favor of the team that won the last completed match race.

9.9 The JC may change the format or terminate racing on either day when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold more races under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled.

10 SCHEDULE

10.1 SFYC will accommodate the StFYC team on two occasions, on weekend dates TBD prior to March 29, for practice in the RS21s. The JC will oversee the terms of access.

10.2 Racing days are March 29 and 30.

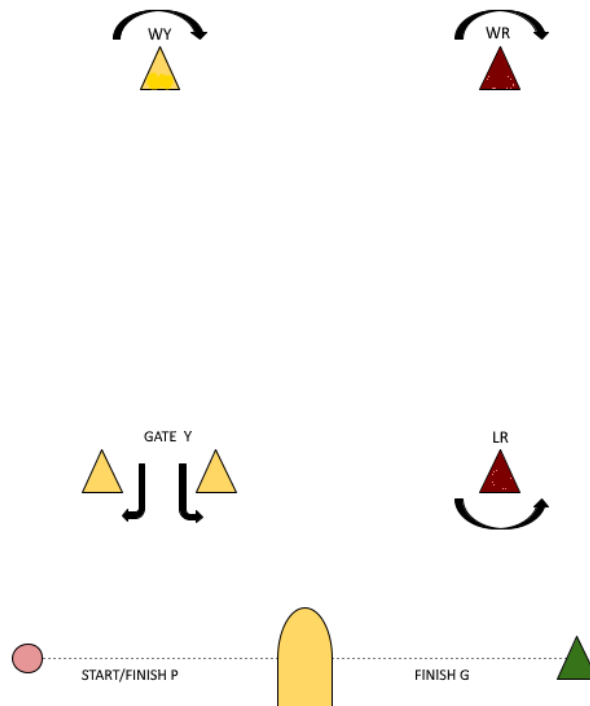
- 10.3 A mandatory competitors' briefing is scheduled for 0915 both race days.
- 10.4 A meeting with the umpires will be immediately following the first competitors' briefing.
- 10.5 The time of the first warning or attention signal each day is scheduled for 1100.
- 10.6 The latest time for an initial warning or attention signal for a flight on the second day of racing will be 1630.
- 10.7 The Prize Giving will be held immediately following racing on the second day.

11 VENUE

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

12 COURSES

- 12.1 The team racing course for 3v3 and 2v2 will be:
Start – WY to starboard – WR to starboard – LR to port – WR to starboard – Finish G
- 12.2 The match racing course will be:
Start – WY to starboard – Gate Y – WY to starboard – Finish P



13 PRIZES

- 13.1 The San Francisco Cup Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winning team.
- 13.2 Take home trophies will be awarded to the sailors on the overall winning team.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images, and biographical information relating to the crew

and photographs, video footage, and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during, and after the race without compensation.

15 DISCLAIMER

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk and subject to the terms and conditions of the SFYC liability waiver, which each competitor must sign online.

RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.