

# THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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## Elite Fleet Invitational Regatta May 18-19, 2024

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(NOR attached at end of SIs)

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

#### **1 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.

#### **2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors, other than those related to hearings, will be posted on the official notice board located outside on the west wall of the SFYC Clubhouse.
- 2.2 Notices related to hearings will be posted at:  
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/schedules/8784/event>
- 2.3 The NOR, SIs, and amendments thereto will also be posted online at [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org)
- 2.4 The race committee may use VHF USA channel 65A to communicate information about the races.
- 2.5 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.
- 2.6 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.

#### **3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole located adjacent to the Clubhouse.
- 3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

#### **4 CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags will be the following numerical pennants:

<i>Fleet</i>	<i>Flag</i>
J/105	one
Melges 24	two
Knarr	three
Folkboat	four

## **5 COURSES**

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

## **6 MARKS**

- 6.1 All rounding marks are inflatable buoys.
- 6.2 The starting line mark is a yellow buoy or a RIB for J/105s. The starting line mark is an orange ball for the Melges 24s, Knarrs, and Folkboats..
- 6.3 The finish line mark is a green buoy.
- 6.4 The following marks are rounding marks and shall be left to port, except for the gate:  
W (red); W2 (yellow); O (red offset); O2 (red offset); G (2 red, comprising a gate)
- 6.5 If the offset mark is missing it shall be disregarded. If one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall leave the remaining mark to port.

## **7 THE START**

- 7.1 The starting line for the J/105s is between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of a port-end yellow inflatable buoy, or a staff displaying an orange flag on a port-end boat.
- 7.2 The starting line for the Melges 24s, Knarrs, and Folkboats is between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of an orange ball.

## **8 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

## **9 THE FINISH**

- 9.1 The DOWNWIND finishing line is between a staff or halyard displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of a green inflatable buoy on the opposite side of the signal boat from the starting line.
- 9.2 The UPWIND finishing line is between a staff or halyard displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and a nearby green inflatable buoy set to windward of Mark W2 as shown in Attachment A.

## **10 PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS Appendix V1 applies.

## **11 TIME LIMITS**

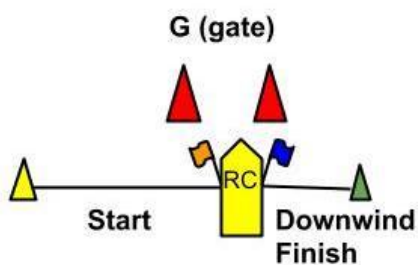
The time limit for each class for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes rules 35 and A4 and A5.

## **12 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 12.1 The hearing request time limit is one hour after the signal boat docks, as determined by the PRO.
- 12.2 Hearing requests may be submitted to the SFYC Race Office, or may be created and submitted online at [https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/8784/event\\_links?name=elite-fleet-regatta](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/8784/event_links?name=elite-fleet-regatta) if requested to do so on the official notice board. This changes rule 61.3.
- 12.3 Notices will be posted on <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/schedules/8784/event> as soon as possible to inform competitors of a hearing in which they are parties.
- 12.4 Hearings will be scheduled as soon as possible following the regatta at the direction of the Chief Judge, and will be held in person or on Zoom.

12.5 RRS 62.2(a), 66.2(a), and the US prescription to RRS 63.2 do not apply.

## Attachment A



### Courses

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| <b>3) Start-W2-O2-G-Finish Upwind</b>         | <b>(long 1.5 laps)</b>  |
| <b>4) Start-W2-O2-G-W2-O2-Finish Downwind</b> | <b>(long 2 laps)</b>    |
| <b>5) Start-W2-O2-G-W2-O2-G-Finish Upwind</b> | <b>(long 2.5 laps)</b>  |
| <b>6) Start-W-O-G-Finish Upwind</b>           | <b>(short 1.5 laps)</b> |
| <b>7) Start-W-O-G-W-O-Finish Downwind</b>     | <b>(short 2 laps)</b>   |
| <b>8) Start-W-O-G-W-O-G-Finish Upwind</b>     | <b>(short 2.5 laps)</b> |

--- End of Sailing Instructions ---

# **NOTICE OF RACE**

**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 For the J/105 fleet the J/105 Fleet One rules shall apply.
- 1.3 Rule 40.1 will apply at all times when boats are in the racing area.

## **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available by 1800 hours on May 15 on the website [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org).

## **3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The official notice board is located on the west wall of the SFYC clubhouse. Notices will also be posted online at [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org). Hearing notices will be posted on a separate online platform, with links in the sailing instructions.
- 3.2 On the water the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel USA 65A.
- 3.3 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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.

## **4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 The regatta is open to the following classes:
  - J/105, Knarr, Melges 24, Folkboat
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration found at [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org) > On the Water > Regattas.
- 4.3 If fewer than 10 boats are registered in any class by 1700 hours on May 15 that class will be canceled from the regatta and refunds issued. This does not apply to the Melges 24 class.
- 4.4 No entries will be accepted after 1700 hours on May 17.

## **5 FEES**

The entry fee is as follows if received by 1700 hours on May 15. A \$50 late fee will be charged after 1700 hours on May 15.

J/105 - \$160

Melges 24 - \$140

Knarr - \$120

Folkboat - \$120

## **6 SCHEDULE**

Saturday – 3 races are scheduled with the first warning signal at 1200 hours. 2 races are scheduled for the Knarr class.

Sunday – 2 races are scheduled with the first warning signal at 1200 hours. No warning signal will be made after 1530 hours.

## **7 VENUE**

The racing area will be in the vicinity of the Berkeley Olympic Circle.

## **8 COURSES**

The courses and marks will be described in the sailing instructions. All marks will be inflatable buoys.

## **9 SCORING**

9.1 Two races must be completed to constitute a series.

9.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. No scores will be excluded.

## **10 BERTHING**

SFYC guest docks will be available from May 17 through May 20 on a first come, first served basis.

## **11 RISK STATEMENT**

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk and subject to the terms and conditions of the SFYC liability waiver.

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.

## **12 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$100,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## **13 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats in each class.

## **14 FURTHER INFORMATION**

PRO: Forrest Gay

SFYC Race Office: 415-789-5647, [race@sfyc.org](mailto:race@sfyc.org)

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## **SOCIAL EVENTS AND SPECIAL CLUB RULES**

- After the racing each day beer, wine and light snacks will be served for competitors on the Cove House Deck, along with a trophy presentation on Sunday.
- All competitors must also abide by any of the special Club rules that may be in effect, while on Club property (ie: docks, parking lot, clubhouse/deck, etc).

## **PARKING**

Parking in the SFYC lot will be restricted during the regatta. Two parking passes will be issued per boat. Passes may be picked up at the Race Office on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.