

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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MIDNIGHT MOONLIGHT MARITIME MARATHON Saturday, August 17, 2024

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 Boats shall carry all safety and emergency equipment required by the YRA (for SF Bay racing) and the US Coast Guard, **INCLUDING RUNNING LIGHTS**. The race committee may file a protest against any boat observed in violation of these requirements.
- 1.3 Rule 40.1 will apply at all times when boats are in the racing area, and on their way to and from the racing area.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available by 1600 hours on August 14 at The San Francisco Yacht Club and on the website, 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. 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 or as requested to do so in the sailing instructions, 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 race is open to all boats that are equipped for racing at night.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by registering online at www.sfyc.org > On the Water > Regattas.
- 4.3 No entries will be accepted after 1600 hours on August 16.

5 FEES

The entry fee is \$40, if received by 1600 hours on August 14. The entry fee will become \$60 after this time.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Boats will start at staggered starting times, based on their individual handicaps from highest to

lowest, beginning at 1600 hours. This is a “pursuit race.”

6.2 Starting times for boats entered will be posted at SFYC on the official notice board and on the website, www.sfyc.org, by 1600 hours on August 16.

6.3 The time limit for boats to sail the course and finish is 0100 hours on Sunday, August 18. Boats that do not finish by this time will be scored DNF (this changes RRS 35).

7 VENUE

The race will start off of Point Stuart in Raccoon Strait, race to the Carquinez Bridge, and finish near the south tip of Bluff Point (Tiburon). The course length is 34 nautical miles.

8 SCORING

8.1 One-design fleet boats with active one-design fleets in the Bay Area will be assigned their one-design class NCPHRF base rating.

8.2 All other boats shall have a current NCPHRF certificate or BAMA multihull rating, and will receive that rating.

8.3 Winners and finishing places will be determined by the order of finish.

9 BERTHING

Please contact forrest@sfyc.org if berthing is needed, as space will be very limited. Boats without prior reservation will be turned away.

10 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 and1 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.

11 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.

12 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded depending on the number of entries. Trophies may be picked up at the SFYC Race Office, or can be shipped to winners upon request.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

SFYC Race Office: 415-789-5647, race@sfyc.org

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SOCIAL EVENTS AND SPECIAL CLUB RULES

- The SFYC bar will be open for no-host service until midnight, and hot food will be provided to finishers who arrive at the Clubhouse before midnight.
- All competitors must also abide by all of the special Club rules in effect, while on Club property (ie: docks, parking lot, clubhouse/deck, etc).