

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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2020 SFYC FALL FIASCO SERIES SEPTEMBER 12, 26, OCTOBER 10, 24

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

1 RULES

- 1.1 The race 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.

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.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted by 1600 hours on the day before each race.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Starting times will be posted on the official notice board and the SFYC website, www.sfyc.org, by 1600 hours on the day before each race.
- 4.2 The slowest boat will start first, at 1200 hours. Subsequent starts will be at the times posted.
- 4.3 All times will be GPS time.

5 THE COURSE

- 5.1 The course to be sailed will be selected from the following list on the day before each race, and posted with the associated start times online and on the official notice board by 1600 hours.
- 5.2 From the starting line, in the vicinity of the green channel marker in front of CYC (Fl G 4s 15ft "1"), around the following marks in any direction and in any order, finishing back at the starting area.

Course 1:

- YRA 16 "Blackaller"
- Red Rock

(This course is 16 nautical miles long.)

Course 2:

- YRA 16 “Blackaller”
- YRA 8

(This course is 11 nautical miles long.)

Course 3:

- YRA 16 “Blackaller”
- YRA D (FI G 4s 15ft 4M “3” - on Olympic Circle)

(This course is 15 nautical miles long.)

Course 4:

- YRA 16 “Blackaller”
- YRA 18 “Blossom Rock”

(This course is 11 nautical miles long.)

6 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Boats shall not pass between the bell buoy off the west end of Alcatraz Island, or the Point Blunt buoy and the closest point ashore of each. These are obstructions.

7 THE START

7.1 The starting line is between two red inflatable buoys set in front of Corinthian Yacht Club. (One of the buoys may be replaced by a race committee boat flying an orange flag, the staff of which would then be that end of the starting line.)

7.2 Boats shall start by crossing the line in either direction at or after their posted start time using GPS time. Each boat’s start time will be posted per SI 4.1. It is each boat’s responsibility to start at the proper time.

8 THE FINISH

8.1 The finishing line will be the same as the starting line. Boats may cross in either direction.

8.2 Note your finish time (GPS time) and text it to 415-272-9091 as soon as practicable, along with boats’ names very close in front and behind if possible.

9 TIME LIMIT

9.1 The time limit for the race shall be 1630 hours. Boats failing to finish by this time will be scored DNF.

9.2 There may be no one on the water race committee, so boats failing to finish by the time limit, or retiring before this time, are requested to text 415-272-9091 with that information.

10 PROTESTS

10.1 Protests shall be in writing and lodged at The San Francisco Yacht Club Front Desk no later than 1730 hours on race day. Protests may also be submitted by email to race@sfyc.org by 1730 hours on race day.

10.2 Protests will be held, in the approximate order of submission, online the following week, as scheduled by the protest committee. The protest committee will schedule and describe the online system.

11 SCORING

11.1 Starting times are calculated based on handicaps; therefore, finish places will be determined by the order in which the boats cross the finishing line within the time limit.

11.2 Singlehanded, doublehanded, and COVID compliant divisions will be listed separately, along with

overall places in the results.

- 11.3 The four scheduled races will be scored as a series. One race must be completed to constitute a series. All races will count towards the final score.

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with USCG Right-of-Way Navigation Rules. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 13.1 There may be no race committee on station, but boats are requested to monitor VHF channel 65A in order to communicate with each other in the event of an emergency.
- 13.2 Except in an emergency, or when retiring from the race, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

14 PRIZES

No trophies will be awarded.

15 GUEST BERTHING

The guest docks will be available for all boats after the race, on a first come first served basis.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and subject to the terms and conditions of the SFYC liability waiver. 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 or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

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SOCIAL EVENTS AND SPECIAL CLUB RULES

- There will be no social events associated with this regatta.
- The Site-Specific Protection Plan states: “No congregating will be permitted before or after the [race].”
- 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).