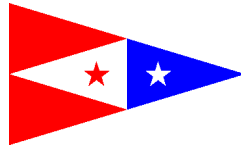


THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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MIDNIGHT MOONLIGHT MARITIME MARATHON Saturday, Oct 3, 2020

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 Boats shall carry all safety and emergency equipment required by the YRA (for in the Bay races) and the US Coast Guard, **INCLUDING WORKING RUNNING LIGHTS**. The race committee may file a protest against any boat observed in violation of these requirements.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 Skippers shall read, and by registering agree to, the online Marin County Health Order Acknowledgement in the registration process, and thereby shall sail with crew that meets all included current requirements, and operate their boat following these requirements, which may be to reduce crew size. It is each boat's responsibility to meet those requirements.
- 1.5 Due to COVID distancing requirements, multiple people from different social bubbles shall not be below decks at the same time, unless in an emergency.

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 October 2.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Starting times and sequence will be posted on the official notice board and the SFYC website, www.sfyc.org, by 1600 hours on October 2.
- 4.2 On Saturday, October 3, the first (slowest) boat will start at 1430 hours. Subsequent starts will be at the times posted, using GPS time. It is each boat's responsibility to start at or after their posted start time.

5 HANDICAPS

Handicaps will be developed by the SFYC race committee as follows:

- a. Boats that have a current NCPHRF certificate or BAMA rating shall receive that rating. Multihulls will be scored separately from monohulls.
- b. One-design fleet boats will be assigned their one-design class NCPHRF base rating.

6 THE COURSE

- 6.1 The course is from the starting line, set off Point Stuart in Raccoon Strait, around the center pier of the Carquinez Bridge, to the finish line set in the vicinity east of Tiburon peninsula, just north of Bluff Point. Castro Rock Buoy "2CR" (Fl R 4sec) shall be left to the east. Point San Pablo Buoy "2" (Fl R 4 sec) shall be left to the east. Pinole Shoal Channel restricted area bounded by Channel Marks 8, 10, 12 and 14 shall be left to the north.
- 6.2 The course length is 34 nautical miles.

7 THE START

- 7.1 The start will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat, anchored approximately 1/3 mile north of Point Stuart, and a red inflatable buoy set north of the signal boat. Cross the line from west to east.
- 7.2 Boats whose start is more than 5 minutes away shall keep clear of the starting area.

8 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the green channel marker on the shoreline at the south tip of Bluff Point (Tiburon): Fl G 4s 20ft 4M "5" and a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat anchored approximately 1/4 mile east-southeast of the channel marker. An orange flashing light will be located on the boat. The race committee may shine a spotlight on approaching boats to identify them. Cross the line from north to south. The failure or absence of any of the described lights shall not be grounds for redress.

9 TIME LIMIT

- 9.1 The time limit for boats to sail the course and finish shall be 0100 hours, Sunday, October 4. Boats failing to finish by this time will be scored DNF.
- 9.2 Boats not completing the course shall report to the race committee as soon as possible and no later than 0100 hours on October 4. The race committee will monitor USA VHF channel 65A and will be available by cell phone at 415-595-8364 (text is best).

10 PROTESTS

- 10.1 Protests shall be submitted by email to race@sfyc.org, by 0900 hours on October 4.
- 10.2 Protests will be heard, in the approximate order of submission, online at a time scheduled by the protest committee during the week following the race.

11 SCORING

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.

12 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 12.1 The race committee may use VHF USA channel 65A to communicate information about the races.
- 12.2 **Boats are requested to communicate with the race committee three times; (1) by text (415-595-8364) when competitors reach the Carquinez Bridge, (2) by VHF when crossing under the Richmond Bridge approaching the finishing line, and (3) by VHF when they are approximately 5 minutes away from the finishing line.**

12.3 Except in an emergency, or when retiring from the race, or as requested in SI 12.2, 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.

13 PRIZES

No trophies will be awarded, although the winner will be enraged on the perpetual trophy.

14 GUEST BERTHING

The SFYC guest docks are currently not open, and non-member boats cannot be accommodated in the harbor at this time due to COVID policy restrictions.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. 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, prior to, during or after the regatta.

16 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).
- Dining and club facilities are not open to non-members at this time.