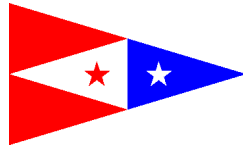


# THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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## MIDNIGHT MOONLIGHT MARITIME MARATHON

Saturday, July 20, 2019

### 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.

#### **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](http://www.sfyc.org).

#### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted by 1600 hours on July 19.

#### **4 SCHEDULE**

- 4.1 Starting times and sequence will be posted on the official notice board and the SFYC website, [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org), by 1600 hours on July 19.
- 4.2 On Saturday, July 20, the warning signal will be at 1555. Subsequent starts will be at the times posted, using GPS 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 CLASS FLAG**

The class flag for the starting sequence for the first boat will be a numerical pennant one. All other

boats shall start at or after their posted start time. The RC will attempt to make a sound signal at each boat's start time.

## 7 THE COURSE

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 The course length is 34 nautical miles.

## 8 THE START

- 8.1 The start will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat, anchored approximately 1/4 mile north of Point Stuart, and a red inflatable buoy set north of the signal boat. Cross the line from west to east.
- 8.2 The race will be started using rule 26 for the first start.
- 8.3 The start times will be posted as follows (this chart will be posted by 1600 hours on July 19):

<b><u>Boat name(s)</u></b>	<b><u>PHRF(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Warning time</u></b>	<b><u>Start time</u></b>
ABC	273	15:55:00	<b>16:00:00</b>
DEF and XYZ	129	none	<b>17:21:36</b>

- 8.4 Boats shall start in accordance with individual handicaps beginning at 1600 hours. The race committee signal boat will provide a boat's starting time upon request. However, it is each boat's responsibility to start at the proper time.
- 8.5 Boats whose start is more than 5 minutes away shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 8.6 Boats observed OCS will be signaled and required to restart following rule 29.1.

## 9 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.

## 10 TIME LIMIT

- 10.1 The time limit for the race shall be 0230 hours, Sunday, July 21. Boats failing to finish by this time will be scored DNF.
- 10.2 Boats not completing the course shall report to the race committee as soon as possible and no later than 0230 hours on July 21. The race committee will monitor USA VHF channel 65A and will be available by cell phone at 415-595-8364 (text is best).

## **11 PROTESTS**

- 11.1 Protests shall be written on US Sailing Protest forms available at The San Francisco Yacht Club Front Desk and lodged there no later than 0900 hours on July 21. US Sailing Protest forms are also available online. If the Club is closed, forms will be available in an envelope attached to the Race Office front door. Forms may be submitted by email to [race@sfyc.org](mailto:race@sfyc.org), or placed in the envelope on the Race Office front door by 0900 hours on July 21.
- 11.2 Protests will be heard, in the approximate order of submission, at The San Francisco Yacht Club at 1800 hours on Tuesday, July 23, 2019.

## **12 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.

## **13 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 13.1 The race committee may use VHF USA channel 65A to communicate information about the races.
- 13.2 **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.**
- 13.3 Except in an emergency, or when retiring from the race, or as requested in SI 13.2, 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.

## **14 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to First, Second and Third place finishers at 1000 hours on July 21 on the SFYC deck.

## **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. 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.

## **17 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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