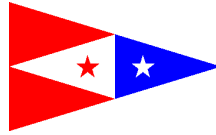


# THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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## **SFYC Fall RS21 Youth Invitational Regatta** **October 27-29, 2023**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

(NOR and attached at end of SIs)

#### **1 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.

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

- 2.1 The NOR, SIs, and amendments thereto will also be posted online at [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org)
- 2.2 The race committee may use VHF USA channel 65A to communicate information about the races.
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 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 45 minutes' in race signal AP.

#### **5 CLASS FLAG**

Class flag will be the RS21 insignia.

#### **6 COURSES**

The course to be sailed will be designated by numeral placards displayed on the race committee signal boat. Course #2 is two legs. Course #4 is four legs.

## **7 MARKS**

- 7.1 All marks are inflatable buoys.
- 7.2 The starting line mark is yellow.
- 7.3 The windward mark is red and shall be left to port. The leeward mark is the starting line mark, and shall be left to port.

## **8 THE START**

The starting line 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.

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

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new yellow mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **10 THE FINISH**

The finishing line is the same as the starting line.

## **11 TIME LIMITS**

The time limit for each class for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 45 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 8 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 protest time limit is one hour after the race committee signal boat docks, as determined by the PRO. This time will be posted online and on the official notice board.
- 12.2 Hearing requests shall be submitted to the SFYC Race Office on US Sailing protest forms.

## **13 HANDLING OF BOATS**

[DP] Boats shall have their spinnaker poles in upwind sailing position (retracted) except when on the leg between the windward mark and the leeward mark. Poles shall not be extended until the boat's bow passes the extension of an imaginary line passing between those two marks, and shall be retracted before passing that line below the leeward mark.

# **NOTICE OF RACE**

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

## **1 RULES**

- 1.1 This event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 All participants in this regatta shall wear a US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing other clothing.
- 1.3 The following US Sailing Prescriptions do not apply: RRS 63.1 and 63.2.

## **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available by 1600 hours on October 26 on the website, [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org).

## **3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The official notice board is located on the wall next to the SFYC Youth Classroom. Notices will also be posted online at [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org).
- 3.2 On the water the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to boats on VHF radio channel USA 65A.

## **4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 The regatta is open to six accepted youth teams, of four sailors each, representing US Sailing recognized Sailing Clubs or Organizations. All crew must be aged 20 or younger as of December 31, 2023.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration found at [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org) > On the Water > Regattas. Acceptance to the 2023 SFYC Fall RS21 Invitational will be by skipper resume. Resumes and registrations must be received no later than 1700 hours on October 20. Resumes shall be filed here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1bVuZDda6jh6CTTRVSpnQRibsRYdNXyiJqy7KOHZ\\_yKo/edt](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1bVuZDda6jh6CTTRVSpnQRibsRYdNXyiJqy7KOHZ_yKo/edt), in addition to regatta registration.
- 4.3 Accepted teams will be notified of their acceptance no later than 1700 hours on October 22.
- 4.4 Accepted teams will compete on SFYC's fleet of RS21 class sailboats, utilizing fractional spinnakers. Boats will be identically rigged and tuned, and assigned at random. Teams shall comply with RS21 Class rules regarding racing the boat.

## **5 FEES**

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$475 per team, which includes boat charter and snacks during Saturday afternoon debrief.
- 5.2 All teams are required to sign the SFYC RS21 Damage Agreement at check in, which outlines up to \$500 charge per damage incident.

## **6 SCHEDULE**

### **Friday**

1500-1830      Optional Check in, boat orientation, and practice

**Saturday**

0830-1030 Check in and Boat Orientation  
1030 Competitors' Briefing (mandatory)  
1130 First Warning Signal - 4 races scheduled  
After Racing Social, Snacks, Fleet Debrief

**Sunday**

1000 Competitor's Briefing (mandatory)  
1100 First Warning Signal - 4 races scheduled  
1600 No start after this time

**7 VENUE**

The intended racing area will be Southampton Shoal or west of Point Knox on Angel Island, depending on conditions.

**8 COURSES**

The courses will be windward/leeward type 25-35 minutes long, and will be described in the sailing instructions. All marks will be inflatable buoys.

**9 SCORING**

When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**10 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

10.1 Support person vessels should carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on USA channels.

10.2 Coaches and other support persons shall not communicate with sailors from their preparatory signal until they finish the race, except in an emergency.

10.3 Powerboats shall stay off the racecourse except in an emergency or when assisting a competitor in need.

**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 PRIZES**

Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams.

**13 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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