

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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2023 MERCURY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

October 20-21

NOTICE OF RACE

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

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Rule 40.1 will apply at all times when boats are in the racing area.
- 1.3 The sailing instructions may change additional racing rules.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available online at www.sfyc.org, and at the SFYC bar area after 1600 hours on October 18.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Competitors should monitor VHF USA channel 65A for on the water communication by the race committee.
- 3.2 While racing, except in an emergency, or when retiring from a race, a boat 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 regatta is open to all boats of the Mercury Class with skippers who are current members in good standing of the MCYRA.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration, together with the required fee, found at www.sfyc.org under On the Water > Regattas.
- 4.3 Skippers who are eligible for the Silver Fleet (see MCYRA Bylaws Article VIII) must so indicate at the time of registration.
- 4.4 No entries will be accepted after 1400 hours on October 19.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$200 if received on or before October 4.
- 5.2 The entry fee is \$250 if received after October 4.

6 SCHEDULE

Thursday

- 1100-1700 hours: Check-In, Measurement, and Inspection

Friday

- 1000 hours: Competitors' Meeting on the Cove House deck
- 1130 hours: First warning signal - 3 races scheduled

- After racing beer, wine, and snacks at the Cove House

Saturday

- 1130 hours: First warning signal; 2 races scheduled
- After racing beer, followed by Regatta Dinner and Awards in the Cove House

7 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 7.1 Any boat which has not been weighed and its weight recorded on the class website since January 1, 2023 must be weighed on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at the regatta. Safety equipment, as outlined in Article VIII of MCYRA's Measurement prescriptions, will be checked and must be in compliance before the start of the first race and carried aboard thereafter. Mast step location may be checked as part of the Equipment Inspection.
- 7.2 New sails that need measuring must be done on Wednesday or Thursday. Please advise David West if you will need to have sails measured.

8 VENUE AND COURSES

Windward/leeward style races will take place at the following intended race venues. The race venue will be determined by the PRO based on conditions, and the venue chosen shall not be grounds for redress. Intended race venues are Knox (west of Angel Island) and Richardson Bay.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Appendix V1 (Penalty at the Time of an Incident) shall apply.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 3 races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2 5 races are scheduled, and a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11 BERTHING

[DP] Berthing will be available at The San Francisco Yacht Club guest docks from Wednesday, October 18 through Monday, October 23. Boats may use the SFYC hoists to launch and retrieve boats, and trailers may be stored in the SFYC parking lot at the direction of the Harbormaster or Director of Sailing.

12 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

[DP] All boats shall return to The San Francisco Yacht Club after Friday's races and are required to remain in the water from the beginning of racing on Friday through the last race on Saturday, unless the PRO has approved a written request for haul out, or in the case of an emergency where further damage may occur if the boat is not hauled immediately.

13 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.

14 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.

15 PRIZES

15.1 Gold Fleet awards will be presented to the skipper and crew of the top 5 boats.

15.2 Silver Fleet awards will be presented to the skipper and crew of the top 3 boats.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

PRO - Forrest Gay: forrest@sfyc.org

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PARKING

- Parking in the SFYC lot will be restricted during the regatta. One parking pass will be issued per boat. Passes may be picked up at the Race Office on Thursday, or at the parking lot entrance on Friday morning.
- Trailers must be parked in the designated area at the south end of the SFYC lot.

SOCIAL

- Additional Regatta Dinner tickets may be purchased online at the time of registration.