

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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ROUND THE ISLAND RACE

Sunday, October 22, 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(NOR 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 Notices to competitors, other than those related to hearings, will be posted on the official notice board located outside on the west wall of the SFYC Clubhouse. Results will be posted online only.
- 2.2 Notices related to hearings will be posted on the official notice board.
- 2.3 The NOR, SIs, and amendments thereto will also be posted online at www.sfyc.org
- 2.4 The race committee may use VHF USA channel 65A to communicate information about the races.

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 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

4 CLASS FLAG

- 4.1 The class flag for the Spinnaker Division will be numeral pennant 1.
- 4.2 The class flag for the Non-Spinnaker Division will be numeral pennant 2.
- 4.3 Both class flags may be displayed at the same time to indicate a combined start for both Divisions.

5 COURSES

The course will be one of the following. The course number will be displayed by numeral placard on the race committee signal boat.

Course 1: From the starting line off of Knox, around Treasure Island/Yerba Buena Island to port leaving the new main bridge support tower to port, around Southampton Shoal buoy (a yellow buoy approximately 250 yards north of the platform) to port, and finishing near the Corinthian Yacht Club.

Course 2: From the starting line off of Knox, around Alcatraz to port, around Southampton Shoal buoy (a yellow buoy approximately 250 yards north of the platform) to port, and finishing near the Corinthian Yacht Club.

6 THE START

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a yellow inflatable mark in the vicinity of Point Knox.

7 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the green channel marker #1 (F1 G 4s 15ft “1”) south of the Corinthian Yacht Club.

8 TIME LIMIT

The time limit to sail the course and finish is 1730 hours. Boats failing to finish before the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rule 35, A4, and A5.

9 HEARING REQUESTS

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 The notice board for hearing requests, such as protests, requests for redress, requests to reopen a hearing, and post race penalties shall be filed utilizing the platform listed below and will be posted and linked on the online Regatta Notice Board at SFYC.org - On The Water. This changes rule 62.2.
- 9.3 The hearing schedule will be posted no more than 30 minutes after the hearing time limit. All hearing-related notices will be posted on this platform.
- 9.4 The protest committee will hold hearings on the Tuesday evening following the race. A link to the Zoom video conference will be sent to the parties separately by email.
- 9.5 Parties and witnesses are expected to join the Zoom meeting hearing as scheduled. A (virtual) Zoom Waiting Room will be utilized until the hearing commences. The use of headsets if joining a hearing from a location where background noise cannot be controlled is advisable.
- 9.6 It is the sole responsibility of each boat involved to be ready and have witnesses available when the hearing is scheduled.
- 9.7 The protest committee decisions will be posted on the online notice board platform.
- 9.8 US Prescription to rules 63.1 and 63.2 shall not apply.

NOTICE OF RACE

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

1 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions and any amendments will be available at website www.sfyc.org, by 1600 hours on the Wednesday preceding the race.

2 COMMUNICATION

- 2.1 The official notice board is located on the west wall of the SFYC clubhouse. Notices will also be posted online at www.sfyc.org. Hearing notices will be posted on a separate online platform, with links in the sailing instructions.
- 2.2 On the water the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel USA 65A.
- 2.3 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration found at www.sfyc.org > On the Water > Regattas.
- 3.2 All boats must be at least 18 feet in length.
- 3.3 Current Northern California PHRF certificates **are required**, except for boats in classes with established NCPHRF one-design classes, which will be assigned that base rating. NCPHRF's Part 1: RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR HANDICAPPING suggestion on rating modifications for non-spinnaker fleets will not be in effect and all boats racing in non-spinnaker fleets shall be scored with their assigned NCPHRF certificate rating, or the one-design class base rating, if applicable. Boats that do not have a current certificate or meet the one-design rating criteria will not be scored.
- 3.4 Both the skipper and the helmsman are required to be SFYC Members or spouses of Members. Multiple skippers/helmsmen are permitted.
- 3.5 The Spinnaker Division includes boats designed and rated with spinnakers and which will be sailed with spinnakers during the series. The Spinnaker Division also includes boats designed and rated without spinnakers, such as the Knarr and Bird classes, and all other classes listed as "No NonSpin" in the NCPHRF Base Rating Report available on the YRA website: http://www.yra.org/PHRF/docs/ncp_hrf_baserates.pdf
- 3.6 The Non-Spinnaker Division includes boats who choose to race without spinnakers during the series, and are not listed as "No NonSpin" above.
- 3.7 Entries will not be accepted after 1700 on October 21.

4 FEES

There is no entry fee.

5 RACE SCHEDULE

There will be one race. The first warning will be at 1300 hours.

6 VENUE

The start will be offshore of Pt. Knox.

7 COURSES

- 7.1 The course will be one of the following:

Course 1 - From the starting line off of Pt. Knox, around Treasure Island/Yerba Buena Island to port, around yellow Southampton Shoal buoy to port, and finishing near the Corinthian Yacht Club.

Course 2 - From the starting line off of Pt Knox, around Alcatraz to port, around yellow Southampton Shoal buoy to port, and finishing near the Corinthian Yacht Club.

7.2 The course to be sailed will be displayed by a numerical placard on the race committee signal boat.

8 SCORING

Scoring will be NCPHRF Time-on-Time calculated with the formula $TCF=A/(B+rating)$, where TCF is the time correction factor that the rating is multiplied by, and $A=B+(Fleet's\ middle\ rating)$. The B Factor used will be as follows for the average of the wind speeds observed on the signal boat at the start and on the finish boat when the first boat in each division finishes:

20+ knots = 500

10-19 knots = 550

Under 10 knots = 575

9 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.

10 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.

11 PRIZES

The perpetual trophy will be awarded to the winners of the Spinnaker Division. Keeper trophies will be awarded to the top two finishers of each division.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

PRO - Forrest Gay

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SOCIAL EVENTS AND SPECIAL CLUB RULES

- After the racing beer, wine and light snacks will be served for competitors on the SFYC Corinthian Deck.
- 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).
- Guest Crew: guest privileges are available to non-members participating in a Club hosted Regatta, and to allow competitors as guests, without a member, who have been posted and received guest cards.