

# THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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## 2023 San Francisco Lipton Cup

June 16-18

### NOTICE OF RACE

**Organizing Authority:** The San Francisco Yacht Club, in conjunction with PICYA.

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 This event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 World Sailing Appendix UF - Umpired Fleet Racing, applies on Saturday and is attached as “Umpired Fleet Racing. SF Lipton Cup Edition.”
- 1.3 Rule 40.1 will apply at all times when boats are in the racing area, and on their way to and from the racing area.
- 1.4 [DP] Boats shall carry a functioning VHF radio, capable of using USA channels, on board at all times while on the water.
- 1.5 The sailing instructions may change additional racing rules.

#### **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available by 1600 hours on June 14 at The San Francisco Yacht Club and on the website [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org) and [liptoncupsf.com](http://liptoncupsf.com).

#### **3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The official notice board is online only: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/PACGRU6eFg>. Notices may also be posted on the race notice boards at the clubs where that day’s racing starts. These physical notices are as a courtesy and may not be the latest versions at all times.
- 3.2 On the water the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel USA 65A.
- 3.3 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.

#### **4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all Yacht Clubs that are current members of the Pacific Interclub Yachting Association (PICYA) and in good standing.
- 4.2 The regatta will be sailed in J/22 type boats.
- 4.3 Eligible teams may enter by completing the online registration found at [liptoncupSF.com](http://liptoncupSF.com) and [sfyc.org/web/pages/regattas](http://sfyc.org/web/pages/regattas). Registration opens at 1200 hours on April 3. Participation will be limited to 10 teams. A waiting list will be created if more than 10 teams register.
- 4.4 No entries will be accepted after 1600 hours on June 1.

4.5 Three clubs will receive automatic entry based on the following criteria:

Defending Champion – Richmond Yacht Club

Host Club – The San Francisco Yacht Club

Charter Fleet Club – St Francis Yacht Club

Registration for these clubs shall be completed and fees paid by the entry deadline.

- 4.6 Registrants shall charter a J/22 boat from the St Francis Yacht Club for the regatta. In the event one or more of the StFYC boats are unavailable for charter, the Organizing Authority may substitute another, similar J/22 for which StFYC will provide the sails.
- 4.7 Teams shall consist of four persons, all of whom shall be, at the time of registration and participation, current members in good standing of the club they are representing according to that club's membership rules and bylaws.
- 4.8 [DP] Team crew lists shall be submitted to the OA before 1600 hours on June 9.
- 4.9 Helmspersons shall have reached their 25th birthday on or before the day they are participating in Saturday or Sunday's racing, and must meet additional requirements for select race events.
- 4.10 Except in case of injury or illness, and with the approval of the Race Committee, the crewmembers on a given day shall not be changed.

## **5 FEES**

The entry fee for the entire regatta is \$600, and shall be paid online by the entry deadline.

## **6 SCHEDULE AND FORMAT**

- 6.1 The event will consist of three regatta days. There will be a competitors' meeting each day at 1000 hours at the club where the racing starts. There will also be a mandatory skippers' meeting at 0945 hours on Saturday with the umpires.
- 6.2 June 16 – Three races are scheduled for the Admirals Cup with racing on the cityfront and Knox, with the first warning at 1200 hours. The first race will be a distance race starting in the vicinity of StFYC and finishing in the vicinity of Knox, west of Angel Island. The helmsperson must have reached their 60th birthday before June 16, 2023.
- 6.3 June 17 – Seven races are scheduled for the Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Trophy. Racing will take place on the Knox racecourse, west of Angel Island, with the first warning at 1200 hours.
- 6.4 June 18 – Three races are scheduled for the Larry Knight Trophy starting in the vicinity of Knox, west of Angel Island, with the first warning at 1200 hours. The final race will be a distance race starting in the vicinity of Knox and finishing in the vicinity of StFYC. The helmsperson must be female.

## **7 CHARTER BOATS**

- 7.1 Charter J/22 boats will be randomly assigned to each club for the duration of the regatta. Boats shall be handled in accordance with the handling instructions supplied with the sailing instructions.
- 7.2 The charter fee of \$500 shall be paid as outlined in the Charter Boats Race Document, and must be paid by June 4.
- 7.3 Charter arrangements may be made starting on April 10 at 1200 hours, and shall follow the requirements set in the Charter Boats Race Document, which will include an insurance requirement, available on the official notice board.
- 7.4 A J/22 StFYC Charter Agreement will be sent to the respective club's contact and must be signed and returned by June 4.

## **8 COURSES**

The courses will be windward/leeward type, except for the two distance races, and will be described in the sailing instructions. All rounding marks will be inflatable buoys, except for the distance races, which may also utilize YRA fixed marks.

## **9 PENALTY SYSTEM**

Appendix V1 (Penalty at the Time of an Incident) shall apply on Friday and Sunday.

## **10 SCORING**

10.1 For Friday's regatta a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

10.2 For Saturday's regatta 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. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

10.3 For Sunday's regatta a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

10.4 Overall event scores will be calculated by adding the following three numbers:

Friday's final regatta place

Saturday's final regatta place multiplied by 2

Sunday's final regatta place

In the case of an overall tie at the end of the event, Saturday's regatta place shall break the tie.

## **11 BERTHING**

11.1 Berthing for the J/22 racing fleet will be available at the St. Francis Yacht Club docks on Friday prior to the first race and on Sunday following the final race. These boats shall be returned to the St. Francis Yacht Club dock following the finish of the Sunday race for check-out.

11.2 Berthing for the J/22 racing fleet will be at the SFYC guest docks. Boats shall be berthed at this location when docked between the finish of Friday's racing until leaving for Sunday's race.

## **12 [DP] HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta without the prior written permission of the Regatta Chair. In the case of an emergency and/or the likelihood of further damage occurring, this permission may be given retroactively. Cleaning of a boat's hull below the waterline is prohibited once the boats have been launched for the regatta. Competitors may remove foreign debris that may have been caught around the keel, rudder, or other areas of the boat.

## **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 PRIZES

- 14.1 Perpetual trophies will be awarded to the winning and second place teams of each race day following the regatta at the yacht club where boats will be berthed each day. Take home trophies will be presented to competitors each day, and individual keeper club trophies will be presented at the PICYA meeting on July 10.
- 14.2 The perpetual trophies will be made available to the respective winners on July 10.
- 14.3 Perpetual trophies must be returned to the PICYA at the host Yacht Club of the 2024 Lipton Cup event at a time directed by the PICYA.

## 15 FURTHER INFORMATION

Regatta Chair: Cassidy Lynch, [cajlynch@gmail.com](mailto:cajlynch@gmail.com)  
SFYC Race Office: 415-789-5647, [race@sfyc.org](mailto:race@sfyc.org)

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### SFYC RS21 DEMO FLEET INFORMATION

On a first-registered-first-approved basis SFYC's fleet of six RS21s will be made available for use by yacht clubs registered in the Lipton Cup on Saturday during the racing period. Boats must be skippered by a qualified helmsperson, as determined by the SFYC RS21 Department based on sailing resume submitted at the time of boat request, and have a maximum of 4 people on board. The boats must remain in the Knox-Cityfront-Sausalito area.

Skippers shall agree to SFYC's boat damage agreement and liability form prior to boat use.

### SOCIAL EVENTS AND SPECIAL CLUB RULES

- After the racing on Friday and Saturday beer, wine and snacks will be served for competitors in the SFYC Cove House.
- After the racing on Sunday trophies and a social event will take place at St Francis Yacht Club.
- All competitors must also abide by all of the regular and special SFYC Club rules that may be in effect, while on SFYC Club property (ie: docks, parking lot, clubhouse/deck, etc).

**APPENDIX UF**  
**UMPIRED FLEET RACING**  
**SF Lipton Cup Edition**

**SF Version:** 02/10/2023

*Umpired fleet races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this appendix. Races shall be umpired. The rule changes in UF1 have been approved by World Sailing under Regulation 28.1.5(b) on the condition that only the provided options are used. This appendix applies only when it is referred to in the Notice of Race and made available for all competitors.*

**UF1 CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS, THE RULES OF PART 1 AND 2, AND RULE 70**

**UF1.1** Add to the definition *Proper Course*: ‘A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.’

**UF1.2** Add new rule 7 to Part 1:

**7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY**

The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.’

**UF1.3** [Not used]

**UF1.4** When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:

- (a) for *room* to tack, repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
- (b) for ‘You tack’, repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

**UF1.5** Rule 70 is deleted.

**UF1.6** [Not used]

**UF2 CHANGES TO OTHER RULES**

**UF2.1** Rule 28.2 is changed to:

**28 SAILING THE COURSE**

28.2. A boat may correct any errors in *sailing the course*, provided she has not rounded the next mark or crossed the finishing line to *finish*.

**UF2.2** [Not used]

**UF2.3** [Not used]

**UF3 ON WATER PROTESTS AND PENALTIES**

**UF3.1** In this appendix, ‘a penalty’ will mean the following:

A One-Turn Penalty taken in accordance with rule 44.2; or

When imposed by an umpire,

A Two-Turn Penalty or the number of One-Turn Penalties indicated by the umpire.

**UF3.2** The first sentence of rule 44.1 is changed to: ‘A boat may take a penalty when, in an incident while *racing*, she may have broken one or more of the *rules* of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury), rule 31 or rule 42. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 and rule 31 in the same incident, she need not take the penalty for breaking rule 31’

**UF3.3 On the Water Protests by Boats and Penalties**

- (a) While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31 or rule 42; however, a boat may only protest under a rule of Part 2 for an incident in which she was involved. To do so she shall hail ‘Protest’ and conspicuously display a Y flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall remove the flag before or at the first reasonable opportunity after a boat involved in the incident has taken a penalty voluntarily or after an umpire’s decision.
- (b) A boat that protests as provided in rule UF3.3(a) is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by voluntarily taking a penalty. An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took a penalty voluntarily.

**UF3.4 Penalties and Protests Initiated by an Umpire**

- (a) When a boat
  - (1) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
  - (2) breaks rule 42,
  - (3) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
  - (4) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or
  - (5) fails to comply with rule UF3.6 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire, or
  - (6) fails to comply with rule UF2.1 (rule 28.2) an umpire shall disqualify her under rule UF3.5(c),

an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose a penalty or more, each signalled in accordance with rule UF3.5(b), or disqualify her under rule UF3.5(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under rule UF3.4(a)(5) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled,

- (b) An umpire who decides, based on his own observation or a report received from any source, that a boat may have broken a rule, other than rule UF3.6 or rule 28 or a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a), may inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3. However, he will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

**UF3.5 Umpire Signals**

An umpire will signal a decision as follows:

- (a) A green and white flag with one long sound means ‘No penalty.’
- (b) A red flag with one long sound means ‘a penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.’ The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat.

- (c) A black flag with one long sound means ‘A boat is disqualified.’ The umpire will hail or signal to identify the boat disqualified.

**UF3.6 Imposed Penalties**

- (a) A boat penalized under rule UF3.5(b) shall take a penalty.
- (b) A boat disqualified under rule UF3.5(c) shall promptly retire, if she has not already finished.

**UF4 RACE COMMITTEE ACTIONS**

**UF4.1** At the finishing line, the race committee will inform the competitors about each boat’s finishing place or scoring abbreviation over radio on VHF Channel USA 65A. After this has been done, the race committee will promptly display flag B with one sound. Flag B will be displayed for at least two minutes and then removed with one sound. If the race committee changes the scoring information provided at the finishing line while flag B is displayed, it will display flag L with one sound. Flag B will continue to be displayed for at least two minutes after any changes are made.

**UF5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS**

**UF5.1** No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

**UF5.2** [Not used]

**UF5.3** A boat intending to

- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than rule UF3.6 or a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a),
  - (b) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
  - (c) request redress
- shall hail the race committee before or during the display of flag B.

**UF5.4** The time limit defined in rule UF5.3 also applies to protests under rule UF5.10 and UF5.11 when such protests are permitted. The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

**UF5.5** The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under rule UF5.3.

**UF5.6** The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted.  
Rule 62.1(a) is deleted.

**UF5.7** The first three sentences of rule 64.2 are changed to: ‘When the protest committee decides that a boat that is a *party* to a protest hearing has broken a rule, it may impose penalties other than disqualification, and may make any other scoring arrangement it decides is equitable. If a boat has broken a *rule* when not *racing*, the protest committee shall decide whether to apply any penalty to the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident or make some other arrangement.’

**UF5.8** Hearings

Except for a hearing under rule 69.2

- (a) Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing.
- (b) The protest committee may inform the protestee and schedule the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate this orally.
- (c) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
- (d) If the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule has had no effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a scoring penalty of points or fraction of points or make any other arrangement it decides is fair, which may be to impose no penalty.
- (e) If the protest committee penalizes a boat in accordance with rule UF5.7 or if a standard penalty is applied, all other boats will be informed about the change of the penalized boat's score.

**UF5.9** The race committee will not protest a boat.

**UF5.10** The protest committee may protest a boat under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a boat for breaking rule UF3.6, a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a), or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

**UF5.11** The technical committee will only protest a boat under rule 60.4 when it decides that a boat or personal equipment does not comply with the class rules, rule 50, or the rules in the equipment regulations of the event, if such exist. In such a case, the technical committee shall protest.

**UF5.12** Rule 66.2 is changed to 'A *party* to the hearing under this appendix may not request a reopening.'