

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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

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.

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.
- 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 > 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/1bVuZDda6jh6CTTRVSpnQRibsRYdNXyiJqy7KQHZ_yKo/edit, 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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