

# THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



## 2023 STAFF COMMODORES' CUP

April 29

### NOTICE OF RACE

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

*The notation '[DP]' denotes a rule in the notice of race (NoR) [or sailing instructions (SIs)] for which the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 This regatta will be 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, and on their way to and from the racing area.
- 1.3 US Sailing prescription to rule 63.2 shall not apply.

#### **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions and any amendments will be available at [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org), by the Wednesday evening preceding the regatta.

#### **3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The official notice board is located on the west wall of the SFYC clubhouse. Notices will also be posted online at [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org).
- 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 All boats shall have an SFYC Staff Commodore on board.
- 4.2 All boats must be at least 18 feet in length.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration found at [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org) > On the Water > Regattas.
- 4.4 **Current Northern California PHRF certificates are required**, except for boats in classes with established NCPHRF one-design ratings, which will be assigned that base rating. NCPHRF certificates may be obtained through the YRA at <http://yra.org/northern-california-phrf/obtain-an-ncphrf-certificate/>. 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. Please contact the Race Office if you have any questions or require assistance on

how to obtain a certificate. Boats that do not have a current certificate or meet the one-design rating criteria will not be scored.

- 4.5 Both the skipper and the helmsmen are required to be SFYC Members or spouses of Members. Multiple skippers/helmsmen are permitted.
- 4.6 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.
- 4.7 The Non-Spinnaker Division includes boats who choose to race without spinnakers during the series, and are not listed as “No NonSpin” above.
- 4.8 Fleets will be scored separately but may be started together.
- 4.9 Entries will not be accepted after 0800 on race day.

## **5 FEES**

There is no entry fee.

## **6 RACE SCHEDULE**

One race will be sailed on Saturday after the finish of the Anniversary Cup. The first warning signal will not be before 1400 hours.

## **7 VENUE**

The racing area will be in the vicinity of the west side of Angel Island and the Central Bay. The start and finish will be offshore of Pt. Knox.

## **8 COURSES**

Courses may use fixed marks listed in the YRA mark list for the Central Bay, which will be included in the sailing instructions.

## **9 SCORING**

Scoring for the race will be NCPHRF Time-on-Time calculated with the formula  $TCF=A/(B+PHRF)$ , where TCF is the time correction factor that the PHRF rating is multiplied by, and  $A=B+(\text{fleet's middle rating})$ . 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 finishes:

20+ knots = 500

10-19 knots = 550

Under 10 knots = 575

## **10 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.**

## **11 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.

## **12 PRIZES**

- 12.1 The Staff Commodores' Cup Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Division winners.
- 12.2 Take home trophies will be awarded to the top two finishers in each Division.

## **13 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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### **SOCIAL EVENTS AND SPECIAL CLUB RULES**

- After the racing beer, wine and snacks will be served for competitors at the Cove House.
- All competitors must abide by all of the regular and 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.