

# 2018 HYDRO FOIL PRO TOUR

June 7-10, 2018

St. Francis Yacht Club | San Francisco, California

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means it shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

### 1. GENERAL

- 1.1. The Organizing Authority 'OA' is the St. Francis Yacht Club.
- 1.2. US Sailing is the national authority of the venue. The World Sailing website provides a downloadable copy of all the [US Sailing prescriptions](#).
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

### 2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix F.
- 2.2. RRS F4-44.2 is changed to replace the word 'hull' with 'foil'.
- 2.3. US Sailing Prescriptions 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.
- 2.4. Competitors shall wear wetsuits with a minimum thickness of 3/2mm, which cover the knees and have short sleeves as minimum coverage. [NP]
- 2.5. Competitors who are 18 years or younger shall wear a PFD at all times while on the water. The 'Y' flag will not be flown. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4. [NP]
- 2.6. A competitor shall not fly a kite in the parking lot south of Crissy Beach. The penalty for this action shall be a disqualification not excludable (DNE) for all of that day's races. This changes RRS 63.1.

### 3. IDENTIFICATION ON COMPETITORS

Add second sentence to RRS F9 G1(a): Failure to wear the correct assigned personal competition number will result in a 20% scoring penalty calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c).

### 4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors from the race committee will be posted on the official regatta notice board located in the hallway adjacent to the side (Regatta) entrance of StFYC.

### 5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTION

Any change to the sailing instructions (SI) will be posted no later than 60 minutes prior to the first warning on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

### 6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the StFYC race tent on Crissy Beach.
- 6.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. This changes rule Race Signal AP.

### 7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. A maximum of six (6) races per day are scheduled for June 7-10.
- 7.2. A competitors' meeting will be held at 1100 at Crissy Field Beach on June 7.
- 7.3. The first warning signal will be at 1300, each race day.
- 7.4. On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be given after 1600.

### 8. RACING AREA

Races will be conducted on the San Francisco City Front.

### 9. COURSES & MARKS

- 9.1. The courses and marks are described in Attachment A – Official Description of Marks and Courses.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, a placard designating the course will be displayed from the signal boat.
- 9.3. Mark G and GL will be a gate. In the event that the gate is not in place, the mark shall be rounded in the same direction as the previous mark.
- 9.4. Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

**10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

The line bounded by the following two points is designated as an obstruction and kiteboards are prohibited from crossing it while racing.

- a. The "H" Beam piling and the closest point ashore. (located approx. 200 yards west of the St. Francis YC).

**11. THE START**

- 11.1. The class flag will be a white field with black class insignia.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a red inflatable buoy at the port end.
- 11.3. A kiteboard shall not start four (4) minutes after her starting signal.

**12. THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a white inflatable buoy set approximately 25m downwind of the boat.

**13. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 13.1. The time limits and target times are as follows:

<u>Race Time Limit</u>	<u>Mark 1 Time Limit</u>	<u>Race Target Time</u>
20 min	7 min	14 min

- 13.2. If no kiteboard has passed Mark 1 within the time limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 13.3. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 13.4. Kiteboards failing to finish within ten (10) minutes, after the first kiteboard sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5.

**14. COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC**

- 14.1. Racing occurs near active shipping channels. The race committee would like to call special attention to the preamble to RRS Part 2.
- 14.2. A race committee boat may signal a kiteboard that is racing to alter course to avoid impeding the passage of commercial vessels by making a sound signal (horn or whistle) and clearly displaying flag V at her. The signaled kiteboard shall promptly comply with the signal unless compliance would create an unsafe condition. If a kiteboard fails to comply with such a signal, the race committee shall protest the kiteboard. In this case the protest committee shall assume that the course alteration would not have created an unsafe condition, and the protested kiteboard shall have the burden of proving otherwise.
- 14.3. If a commercial vessel sounds five blasts at a kiteboard which is racing, and/or the vessel or the USCG is subsequently able to identify the offending kiteboard, the kiteboard may be subject to protest. In the event the race committee files the protest, the protest committee shall assume that the identified kiteboard has impeded passage or violated the U.S. Inland Navigation Rules, and the identified kiteboard shall have the burden of proving otherwise.
- 14.4. A kiteboard cannot exonerate herself when she may have broken this rule. When a protest committee decides that a boat has broken this rule, the penalty shall be disqualification not excludable (DNE).
- 14.5. The StFYC shall cooperate with and provide relevant information to the Coast Guard or other governmental authority regarding investigations of kiteboards impeding ship traffic or violating U.S. Inland Navigation Rules (33 CFR 83).

**15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1. The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the race committee signal boat docks; except in the case of a complaint by Vessel Traffic or the USCG. This time will be posted. This constitutes the time limit mentioned in the first sentence of RRS 61.3.
- 15.2. Protest forms are available at the jury desk located in the hallway adjacent to the side (Regatta) entrance of StFYC. Protest and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there or submitted online within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.3. In the event of a complaint by Vessel Traffic or the USCG, the protest time limit will be extended up to two (2) days after the conclusion of the regatta. This changes RRS 60.2(a) and RRS 61.3.
- 15.4. The protest committee will hear protests and requests for redress as soon as possible and in the order, it determines. The hearing schedule will be posted no later than thirty (30) minutes after the close of protest time. This constitutes the notification required by RRS 63.2.
- 15.5. Notices of any other protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will also be posted. This constitutes the notification required by RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.6. It is the sole responsibility of each boat involved to be ready and have witnesses available when the hearing is called.
- 15.7. If the race committee posts a list of kiteboards scored OCS, ZFP, UFD, or BFD on the official notice boat before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than sixty (60) minutes after the protest time limit. This changes the first sentence of RRS 62.2.

- 15.8. On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress on a protest committee decision, or a request to reopen a hearing, shall be delivered no later than sixty (60) minutes after the decision was announced, either written or orally. This changes RRS 62.2 and RRS 66.

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.  
16.2. A competitor's finishing place in the SF Bay Challenge sailed on Saturday, June 9 will be included in their overall series score.  
16.3. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a kiteboard's series score shall be the total of her race scores.  
16.4. When from five (5) to nine (9) race have been completed, a kiteboard's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.  
16.5. When from ten (10) to fourteen (14) races have been completed, a kiteboard's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.  
16.6. When 15 or more races have been completed, a kiteboard's series will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst three (3) scores.

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1. Also refer to SI 2.4, 2.5, and 2.6.  
17.2. A competitor that retires from a race shall notify the race committee, a safety boat or the Beach Marshall as soon as possible. [NP][DP]  
17.3. Except for brief periods of time while changing kites, a competitor shall not have kites rigged and lines out on Crissy Beach. [NP][DP]  
17.4. Competitors shall comply with any directions or requests made by any Race Official, StFYC staff member, Golden Gate National Recreation Area staff member or the Beach Marshall. [NP][DP]

## **18. PRIZES**

### **18.1 Women's Prizes (5 Competitors Required)**

First prize: \$500 USD  
Second prize: \$300 USD  
Third prize: \$125 USD

### **18.2 Open Prizes**

First prize: \$2400 USD	Sixth prize: \$675 USD
Second prize: \$1925 USD	Seventh prize: \$475 USD
Third prize: \$1425 USD	Eighth prize: \$275 USD
Fourth prize: \$1150 USD	Ninth prize: \$175 USD
Fifth prize: \$975 USD	Tenth prize: \$100 USD

## **19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any kiteboard or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this regatta. By participating in this regatta, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## **20. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

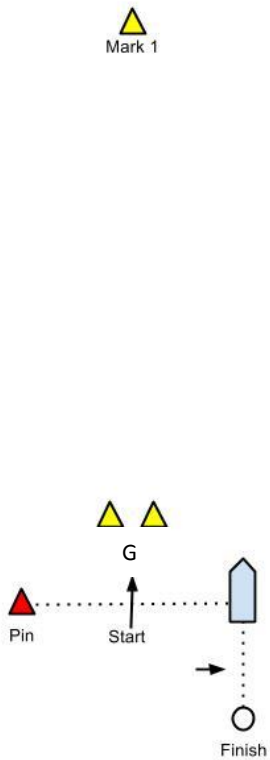
**Attachment A**  
**Official Description of Marks and Courses**

MARK	DESCRIPTION
<b>1</b>	Inflatable yellow buoy set as a windward mark
<b>G</b>	Inflatable yellow buoys set as a leeward gate above the starting line
<b>GL</b>	Inflatable yellow buoys set as a leeward gate below the starting line
<b>3</b>	Green Bell buoy located off the North West end of Alcatraz
<b>Pin</b>	Inflatable red buoy set as the starting pin

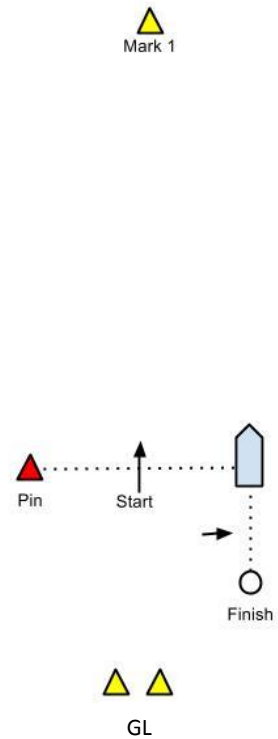
COURSE	ROUNDING ORDER
	All marks shall be taken to port, unless otherwise indicated starboard (s).
<b>1</b>	Start → 1 → G → 1 → Pin → Finish
<b>2</b>	Start → 1 → GL → 1 → Pin → Finish
<b>3</b>	Start → 1(s) → 3 (s) → 1(s) → Pin → Finish

**Attachment A (continued)**  
**Official Description of Marks and Courses**

**COURSE 1**



**COURSE 2**



# COURSE 3

