

SAN FRANCISCO BAY CHALLENGE

August 24, 2019

Organizing Authority: St. Francis Yacht Club

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 B and 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). This changes RRS 63.1.

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 INSTRUCTIONS

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 competitors' meeting will be held at 1415 at the StFYC Race Deck, August 24.
- 7.2. The first warning signal will be at 1515.

8. RACING AREA

Races will be conducted on the San Francisco City Front.

9. COURSES & MARKS

The courses and marks are described in Attachment A – Official Description of Marks and Courses.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The line bounded by the following two points is designated as an obstruction and boats 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).
- b. The southern end of Alcatraz and the closest point ashore.

- c. The western end of the Berkeley pier and the closest point ashore on Treasure Island.
- d. The buoy located off the northwestern end of Alcatraz and the closest point ashore on Alcatraz.
- e. The buoy located south of Point Blunt and Point Blunt.

11. THE START

- 11.1. The class flags will be:
 - Hydrofoil Kite: white field with black class insignia
 - Windsurf: white field with a red & grey 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 boat shall not start four (4) minutes after her starting signal.

12. THE FINISH

The finish line shall be between StFYC outer mark "A" and a yellow placard on the StFYC Race Deck. Boats shall keep StFYC inner mark "B" to the south while finishing.

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1. The time limit is 120 minutes.
- 13.2. Boats failing to finish within sixty (60) minutes after the first boat 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 boat 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 boat shall promptly comply with the signal unless compliance would create an unsafe condition. If a boat fails to comply with such a signal, the race committee shall protest the boat. In this case the protest committee shall assume that the course alteration would not have created an unsafe condition, and the protested boat shall have the burden of proving otherwise.
- 14.3. If a commercial vessel sounds five blasts at a boat which is racing, and/or the vessel or the USCG is subsequently able to identify the offending boat, the boat may be subject to protest. In the event the race committee files the protest, the protest committee shall assume that the identified boat has impeded passage or violated the U.S. Inland Navigation Rules, and the identified boat shall have the burden of proving otherwise.
- 14.4. A boat 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 boats 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 boats 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

A boat's score will be her finish position.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

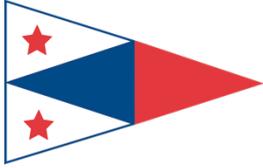
- 17.1. Competitors are required to use proper safety equipment at all times. This includes but is not limited to a safety release system which is able to be released under pressure, able to be released quickly without looking at the system and will result in the kite becoming completely disconnected from the rider.
- 17.2. Competitors are strongly encouraged to carry safety knives.
- 17.3. Also refer to SI 2.4, 2.5, and 2.6.
- 17.4. 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]
- 17.5. Except for brief periods of time while changing kites, a competitor shall not have kites rigged and lines out on Crissy Beach. [NP][DP]
- 17.6. 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. 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 boat 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.

19. 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.



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ATTACHMENT A – DESCRIPTION OF MARKS & COURSES

| MARK | DESCRIPTION |
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| Start | The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and a red buoy set to port. |
| 1 | Inflatable yellow buoy set as a windward mark near Presidio Shoals |
| 2 | Inflatable yellow buoy set north of the eastern most gap in the Berkeley Pier |
| 3 | Inflatable yellow buoy set at the western end of the Berkeley Pier |
| Finish | The finish line will be between the StFYC outer Buoy "A" and a yellow placard on the StFYC Race Deck. |

| COURSE | ROUNDING ORDER |
|----------|--|
| | p = Round to Port s = Round to Starboard |
| 1 | <p>Start -- 1(p) -- 2(p) -- Finish</p> <p><i>Start - Head west to a yellow inflatable mark set north of Presidio shoal buoy, round the yellow inflatable to port - Head East to a yellow inflatable <u>buoy set north of the eastern most gap</u> in the Berkeley Pier, round the yellow inflatable to port - proceed to the Finish Line between the StFYC outer Buoy "A" and a yellow placard on the StFYC Race Deck.</i></p> |
| 2 | <p>Start -- 1(p) -- 3(p) -- Finish</p> <p><i>Start - Head west to a yellow inflatable mark set north of Presidio shoal buoy, round the yellow inflatable to port - Head East to a yellow inflatable <u>buoy set at the western end</u> of the Berkeley Pier, round the yellow inflatable to port - proceed to the finish line between the StFYC outer Buoy "A" and a yellow placard on the StFYC Race Deck.</i></p> |