

2019 NACRA 15 YOUTH WORLD QUALIFIER
March 22-24, 2019
Organizing Authority (OA): St. Francis Yacht Club
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. All competitors shall wear a PFD while on the water, other than brief periods while adding or removing clothing. The 'Y' flag will not be flown. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.
- 1.3. This is a protected competition for the Nacra 15 class (per US Sailing Regulation 12.03). The expedited appeal process is available for this class (see Appendix R, Procedures for Appeals and Requests, rule R8, Expedited Appeals), US Sailing Regulation 10 is also in effect.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 1030 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.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 1.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the StFYC Race Deck.
- 1.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than (30) thirty minutes'. This changes rule Race Signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Friday, March 22	0930	Competitors' Meeting
	1155	First Warning
	<i>After racing</i>	Social at St. Francis Yacht Club
Saturday, March 23	1155	First Warning
	<i>After racing</i>	Social at St. Francis Yacht Club
Sunday, March 24	1155	First Warning
	1600	No Warning Signal After
	<i>After racing</i>	Social & Awards at St. Francis Yacht Club

This changes NOR section 4, Schedule.

6. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be a white flag with the nacra class logo.

7. COURSES

- 7.1. The courses are described on Attachment A – Description of Courses & Marks.
- 7.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display:
 - a placard designating the course;
 - a flag designating the mark rounding direction. If a red flag is displayed, all marks, except for a gate, shall be rounded to port. If a green flag is displayed, all marks except for a gate, shall be rounded to starboard.

8. MARKS

- 8.1. The marks are described on Attachment A – Description of Courses & Marks.
- 8.2. Mark G will be a gate. If the gate is not in place, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

9. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Each line bound by the following two points is designated as an obstruction. Boats are prohibited from crossing any of these lines while racing.

1. The southern end of the SF Marina entrance Wave Attenuator and the closest point ashore.
2. The northern end of the SF Marina entrance Wave Attenuator and the closest point ashore.
3. The "H" Beam piling (located approximately 200 yards west of the St. Francis YC) and the closest point ashore.
4. The Green/Red Bell Buoy off the West end of Alcatraz Island and Alcatraz Island.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 10.2. A boat that does not start within four (4) minutes of her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

11. RECALLS

As a courtesy, the race committee will attempt to hail On Course Side (OCS) boats. Failure to execute this hail or failure to receive it shall not relieve a boat of her sole obligation to start properly, nor shall it constitute an improper action or omission of the race committee under RRS 62.1(a).

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 12.2. The race committee may change a leg of the course by up to five (5) degrees in bearing and/or 0.2nm in length without a signal. This changes RRS 33.

13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC boat and a white inflatable ball.

14. TIME LIMITS

A boat that fails to finish within twenty (20) minutes after the first boat the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35 and A5.

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 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

- 16.1. One race will constitute a series.
- 16.2. When four (4) or fewer races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.3. When five (5) or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

The race committee may make radio broadcasts on VHF channel 69.

18. [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee via radio before leaving the course, or, when that is impossible, immediately after arrival ashore.

19. COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC

- 19.1. Racing occurs near active shipping channels. The race committee would like to call special attention to the preamble to RRS Part 2.
- 19.2. 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 pointing flag V at the boat. 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.
- 19.3. 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.
- 19.4. A boat cannot exonerate herself when she may have broken SI 19. When a protest committee decides that a boat has broken SI 19, the penalty shall be disqualification not excludable (DNE).
- 19.5. 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).

20. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded based on participation.

21. PROCEDURES FOR PROTECTED COMPETITIONS

- 21.1. US Sailing Regulation 12.03, Protected Competitions, will be in effect for this event. The following rules and procedures will apply:
- a) The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 63.2, and 63.4 shall apply to a Protected Competition, except that the words "when practicable" in the first sentence of the prescription to rule 63.4 are deleted.
 - b) Protest committees shall include 20% "sailor-athlete" representation. "Sailor-athlete" has the meaning of "athlete" set forth in USOC Bylaw, Section 8.8.2 (the 10-year rule) or Level A or B Sailor-Athlete as defined by US Sailing Sailor Athlete Council (SAC) Bylaws 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 (except that the US Sailing member class referred to in SAC Bylaw 3.3.2.3 shall be an international class recognized by World Sailing at the time of the sailor-athlete's qualification).
 - c) The right of appeal will not be denied under rule 70.5 (a), (b), or (c), but an expedited appeal process may be used that balances the needs of the competitor for certainty with respect to berths in future competitions and sufficient time to prepare the arguments and evidence for the appeal.
 - d) Any boat that is a party to a redress hearing may be represented by up to two individuals. This changes rule 63.3(a).
 - e) If a hearing is scheduled after the event is concluded and after the sailors and officials have left the venue, it will be scheduled as soon as possible, and in a place and manner chosen with deference to the competitor's preferences or circumstances; and parties to the hearing have the right to be present telephonically or via video feed as appropriate, provided all participants can hear and speak to each other.
- 21.2. The following rule changes shall be made:
- a) Rule 65.2 is changed as follows: "seven days" is changed to "24 hours"; and "promptly" is changed to " , within 24 hours,".
 - b) Rule 66, Reopening a Hearing, second sentence is deleted and replaced by:
"However, if an appeal of its decision has been sent to the national authority, the hearing shall not be reopened unless the national authority requires reopening under rule R5.4 or decides the appeal cannot be considered."
 - c) Rule 70.2 is deleted.
- 21.3. Expedited appeals Procedure:
The expedited appeals system in rule R8, Expedited Appeals, will be used.
See: <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/rules-and-appeals/expedited-appeals/>

22. 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 recording, 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.

23. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES (US Sailing Regulation 10)

10.03 Prohibited Substances

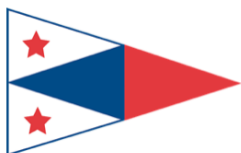
A. *No participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water:*

- 1. marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or*
- 2. any alcoholic beverages.*

B. *An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in the US Sailing Code of Conduct. If a competitor found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, they shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.*

24. 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, PC, 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 race. 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.



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ATTACHMENT A – DESCRIPTION of COURSES & MARKS

MARK	DESCRIPTION
1	Inflatable yellow cone set as a windward mark
1o	Inflatable orange ball set as an offset mark
G	Two inflatable yellow cones set as a leeward gate

COURSE	ROUNDING ORDER
1	Start → 1 → 1o → Finish
2	Start → 1 → 1o → G → 1 → 1o → Finish

