

WOODEN BOAT RACING ASSOCIATION

A Chartered Association of the Yacht Racing Association of San Francisco Bay

2011 RACING SEASON

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: The YRA of San Francisco Bay

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 Races will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012*. **These sailing instructions replace the YRA Standing Sailing Instructions.**
- 1.2 RRS 40 is changed as follows: All competitors are required to wear life jacket or other adequate personal flotation device while racing.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the YRA website, and by US Mail to entrants conforming to Notice of Race (NOR) 7.2.
- 2.2 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the YRA website, and mailed to entrants conforming to Notice of Race (NOR) 7.2, by 5 PM the Monday before they will take effect.

3.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 3.1 Dates of races, time of first warning signal, venues, host YC, VHF channel, and class participation, are given on Attachment 1.

4.0 CLASS FLAGS

- 4.1 Class flags will be International Code Flags:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
IOD	O
Knarr	K
Bird	R
Folkboat	F
Bear	E

5.0 COURSES

- 5.1 The courses and marks are described on Attachment 2.
- 5.2 The courses to be sailed will be displayed by the Race Committee (RC) with numeric International Code Flags.
- 5.3 If there is an offset weather mark, the letter "O" will be displayed on a placard. Boats shall sail to the offset mark after rounding the weather mark and leave it on the same side as the weather mark.

- 5.4 If there is a gate, the letter "G" will be displayed on a placard. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

6.0 THE START

- 6.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26. The anticipated starting sequence for the first race of each day is IOD, KNARR, BIRD, FOLKBOAT, BEAR; however the RC may change this sequence in the event of unexpected circumstances.
- 6.2 After the first races each day, a second sequence of starts will be made as soon as practicable. To begin a second sequence, the RC will alert boats that another sequence of races will begin shortly by using a series of short sound signals. The RC may also make radio announcements on the VHF channel designated for that day.
- 6.3 At the discretion of the RC, the starting sequence for the second series of races may begin while there are still boats on the race course sailing the first race. If in this case, the RC also determines that circumstances favor a different starting sequence of classes from the above, or different timing between classes, the timing of the warning signal (and class flag) for a particular class may be changed.
- 6.4 A boat whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.
- 6.5 Boats shall not start later than 10 minutes after their signaled start.

7.0 RECALLS

- 7.1 **INDIVIDUAL RECALL.** In addition to provisions of RRS 29.1, the RC may hail OCS boats by VHF radio on the designated channel. Failure of a hail, failure of a boat hearing the hail, or the order of hails shall not be grounds for redress.

8.0 STARTING AND FINISH LINES

- 8.1 An offshore Start/Finish (S/F) line will be a line between a yellow or orange flag or orange panel on the RC boat at the starboard end, and the port end S/F mark specified in the course descriptions.
- 8.2 A club house S/F line will be a line between a yellow or orange flag or orange panel on the club house race deck at the port end, and a starboard end S/F mark specified in the course descriptions. If the S/F mark is StFYC Mark A, StFYC Mark B is a limiting mark when starting or finishing.

9.0 RESTRICTED AREAS

- 9.1 For safety reasons, lines between the following objects and the closest points ashore from them are restricted: Vertical 'H' beam off Water Quality Control Plant west of StFYC, bell buoy 7 off the west end of Alcatraz, and Point Blunt buoy off Angel Island. Boats shall not pass between Anita Rock and its buoy.

9.2 The above-mentioned areas and buoys are defined as obstructions. A boat that breaks this rule may not correct her error per RRS 28.1 and shall retire.

10.0 TIME LIMIT

10.1 A time limit of three hours is set for each class if racing two races, and five hours for each class racing single races. RRS 35 is modified to state that boats finishing later than 30 minutes after the first class boat finished will be scored as DNF.

11.0 INTERFERENCE WITH OTHER VESSELS

11.1 Rule 9 of the Inland Rules of the Road applies. Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway (see US Dept. of Commerce chart 18649 for designated shipping channels and fairways) A violation of Rule 9 is subject to protest by any competitor or the RC, and is not exonerated by an alternate penalty. RRS 60.3 is changed to add: "(d) call a hearing for an alleged breach of Rule 9 if notified by government, commercial or individual vessel of possible infraction. It shall also extend the time limit under RRS 61.3 to accept the information." A DSQ for violation of Rule 9 shall be considered a DNE.

12.0 SCORING

12.1 Scores will be assigned according to the NOR.

13.0 PROTESTS

13.1 Protests under RRS 61.1 shall be submitted in writing in accordance with RRS 61.2, and shall be received in the YRA office, or if mailed, verified by postmark or certificate of mailing, not later than midnight on Monday following the regatta, or if Monday is a holiday, on Tuesday. Unless otherwise agreed to by all parties, protests will be heard at the clubhouse of the sponsoring yacht club on the third Monday following the race at 1930, or if that Monday is a holiday, it shall be held on following Tuesday. Yacht clubs are responsible for sending a copy of the protest to the protested boat along with notification of the time and place of the hearing to parties to the protest.

Attachment 1

WBRA CALENDAR 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>First Warning</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Radio Channel</u>	<u>Tide at Golden Gate</u>	<u>Participation by Class</u>				
							<u>IOD</u>	<u>KN</u>	<u>BI</u>	<u>FO</u>	<u>BE</u>
4/30	Sat	1055	Berkeley Circle	RYC	79	3.3F (0955)	0	2	0	2	2
5/7	Sat	1055	City Front, X	GGYC	71	3.1F (1425)	0	2	2	2	2
5/21	Sat	1055	Knox	CYC	72	3.5F (1439)	2	2	2	2	2
6/18	Sat	1055	City Front, A/CB	StFYC	69	4.0F (1324)	0	2	2	2	2
6/25	Sat	1055	Knox	SFYC	65	1.5E (1226)	2	2	2	2	2
8/20	Sat	1055	MidBay	BVBC	72	2.0E (0905)	2	2	2	2	2
8/27	Sat	1055	Berkeley Circle	SYC/ RP	63	3.8F (1007)	2	2	2	2	2

Attachment 2

CITY FRONT & MID-BAY COURSES

COURSE	START	MARK	MARK	MARK	MARK	MARK	MARK	FINISH	DIST
1	X/A/CB*	16s	17s	6s	-	-	-	X/A/CB*	5.5
2	X/A/CB*	16s	17s	6s	17s	6s	-	X/A/CB*	9.1
3	X/A/CB*	16s	17s	16s	17s	6s	-	X/A/CB*	9.1
4	X/A/CB*	16	6	-	-	-	-	X/A/CB*	3.4
5	X/A/CB*	16	6	16	6	-	-	X/A/CB*	6.8
6	X/A/CB*	W1	L1	-	-	-	-	X/A/CB*	4.0
7	X/A/CB*	W1	L1	W1	L1	-	-	X/A/CB*	8.0

FOR COURSES 4-7, EXCEPT FOR S/F LINE LEAVE ALL OTHER MARKS TO PORT IF RED FLAG, OR STARBOARD IF GREEN FLAG IS DISPLAYED

*STFYC MAY USE AN OFFSHORE START/FINISH LINE "CB" (CENTER BAY) INSTEAD OF MARK A

MID-BAY COURSE AREA IS DEFINED AS GENERALLY OFF THE CITY FRONT TO AVOID CONFLICTS WITH STARTING ACTIVITY AT A OR X

BERKELEY CIRCLE COURSES

COURSE	START	MARK	MARK	MARK	MARK	FINISH	DIST
1	XOC	FOC	BOC	-	-	XOC	4.0
2	XOC	FOC	BOC	FOC	BOC	XOC	8.0
3	XOC	8	BOC			XOC	6.9
4	XOC	8	BOC	FOC	BOC	XOC	11.3
5	XOC	W1	L1	-	-	XOC	4.0
6	XOC	W1	L1	W1	L1	XOC	8.0

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KNOX COURSES

COURSE	START	MARK	MARK	MARK	MARK	MARK	FINISH	DIST
1	K	15	L	-	-	-	K	4.0
2	K	15	4	15	4	-	K	5.2
3	K	15	L	12	L	-	K	7.2
4	K	15	L	15	L	-	K	8.0
5	K	N	5	N	5	-	K	10.5
6	K	W1	L1	-	-	-	K	4.0
7	K	W1	L1	W1	L1	-	K	8.0

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DESCRIPTION OF MARKS

Buoys of Berkeley circle: XOC, FOC, BOC

- A Yellow sphere "A" Outer Buoy St. Francis Yacht Club
- B Yellow sphere "B" Inner Buoy St. Francis Yacht Club
- CB Temporary orange or yellow inflatable Start/Finish mark set North of StFYC or GGYC
- K Temp YC Buoy 0.3 nm SW of YRA 4 and in line with YRA 4 and YRA 12
- L Temp YC Buoy 0.3 nm West of Pt. Blunt in line with YRA 4
- L1 Temporary inflatable mark approx.1.0 nm to leeward of S/F line
- N Temp inflatable mark in Richardson Bay approximately halfway between FI R 4s 14ft 3M "2", and Peninsula Pt (South tip of Belvedere)
- W1 Temporary inflatable mark approx.1.0 nm to windward of S/F line
- X Yellow sphere "X" or temporary orange buoy North of Golden Gate Yacht Club
- 4 R "2" FI 4s Pt Knox
- 5 Temp YC Buoy Approx. 0.5 nm WSW of Alcatraz Tank
- 6 Yellow Sphere "M" 200 yd North of Ft Mason Docks
- 8 R "4" FI 4s Horn 1 nm East of Point Blunt
- 12 G "1" FI G4s Little Harding Rock
- 15 Inflatable Buoy Approx. 0.25 nm East of Yellow Bluff (Sausalito vicinity)
- 16 Yellow Sphere "C" 0.2 nm East of Ft Point - "Blackaller"
- 17 RG "HR" FI (2+1) R6s Harding Rock
- 21 G "1" FI G6s Approx. 0.65 nm NE of Alcatraz