



San Francisco Bay Folkboat Association

2011 WEDNESDAY EVENING SERIES

St. Francis Yacht Club

5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29, 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 8/31

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and these Sailing Instructions (including Attachments A & B).
- 1.2 RRS 40 is changed as follows: All competitors are required to wear a life jacket or other adequate personal floatation device while racing. The "Y" flag will not be displayed.

2. ENTRIES

Series entries shall complete registration prior to 1800 hours on May 18, 2011 to be eligible for season scoring.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Official Notices will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located in the hallway adjacent to the side (Regatta) entrance of StFYC.
- 3.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1730 hours on the day they are to take effect, Code Flag "L" will be displayed from the Race Deck.
- 3.3 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the StFYC Race Deck.
- 3.4 Questions regarding the Sailing Instructions may be submitted in writing to the Race Committee. Questions and written responses will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.
- 3.5 Competitors should monitor VHF 69 for on the water communication with the Race Committee.
- 3.6 The Race Committee may announce which class is starting, course selection, a class's position relative to starting line and the sail number of boats that are OCS or have violated RRS 30. The failure of the Race Committee to hail a boat, the order of the hails, or the boat's inability to hear the hail shall not be grounds for redress.
- 3.7 The Race Committee's communications to competitors while racing shall not be considered outside help. This changes RRS 41.
- 3.8 Competitors retiring from a race before finishing shall notify the Race Committee as soon as reasonably possible after retiring.
- 3.9 Scoring Inquiries may be filed with the Race Office up to two Wednesdays after the night that the competitor is in disagreement. Questions and responses will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board by 1700 hours on the following Wednesday night of the series.

4. NUMBER & SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 Racing will be held on the following dates: 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29, 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 8/31.
- 4.2 One race will be held each evening, with the first Warning Signal scheduled for 1830 hours.
- 4.3 The race on Wednesday, June 29th will be a non-counter for both the Series and Degnan scoring. This race is intended to promote the participation of guest skippers, either crew, past fleet "legends", or local sailing celebrities.

5. RACING AREA

The intended racing area will be the San Francisco City Front.

6. COURSES & MARKS

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

6.2 No later than the Warning Signal, a numeral pennant(s) designating the course will be displayed from the flagpole on the StFYC Race Deck.

7. THE START

7.1 The first Warning Signal each night is scheduled for 1830 hours. Fleets will be started in the following order: IOD, Knarr, Folkboat.

7.2 The Starting Line will be between StFYC outer mark “A” and a yellow placard on the StFYC Race Deck. StFYC inner mark “B” must be left to the south.

7.3 Each class flag will be a white flag with a black class insignia.

7.4 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.

7.5 A boat shall not start later than four minutes after her starting signal. A boat that starts later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35.

8. RECALLS

The Race Committee may hail the sail number(s) of the boat(s) identified on the course side of the starting line after the starting signal. The failure of a hail, the failure of a boat hearing the hail or the order of the hails shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

9. THE FINISH

The Finish Line will be between StFYC outer mark “A” and a yellow placard on the StFYC Race Deck. StFYC inner mark “B” must be left to the south.

10. TIME LIMIT FOR EACH RACE

The Time Limit for each race will be two hours. A boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in her class will be scored DNS by the Race Committee. This Changes RRS 35.

11. TWO TURNS PENALTY

RRS 44.1 is modified as follows: A boat may take a penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 while racing. The penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty unless she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing within the zone of a rounding or finishing mark, in which case the penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty. Starting marks are not rounding marks.

12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be written on Standard US SAILING Protest Forms. Protest Forms are available at the StFYC Front Desk. For all divisions and classes, protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the Front Desk by 2100 hours on the evening of the race.

12.2 The time, place, and parties to all protest and redress hearings will be emailed to all parties. This shall serve as notification as per RRS 63.2.

12.3 A request to reopen a hearing on the last day of racing must be delivered to the front desk of the StFYC within 60 minutes of the announcement of the Protest Committee’s decision (oral or written). This changes RRS 66.

13. RESTRICTED AREAS

13.1 Boats shall not pass through the areas bound by the following objects:

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

(b) Anita Rock and its buoy.

(c) StFYC inner Mark B and the closest point ashore.

13.2 The above restricted areas are defined as obstructions.

13.3 A boat that breaks this rule may not correct her error and shall retire. This changes RRS 28.1.

14. DISPOSAL OF WASTE OR TRASH

No boat shall discharge trash of any kind into the San Francisco Bay. Any boat observed breaking this rule is subject to protest only by the Race Committee or Protest Committee. The penalty for a breach of this rule, which may include disqualification from a race, is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes rules 60.1(a) and 64.1(a).

15. SCORING

15.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply, with the following exception:

A boat that did not *start*, comply with RRS 30.2 or RRS 30.3, or *finish*, or retires after *finishing*, or is disqualified, shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that started the race. This changes RRS A4.2.

15.2 Three races shall constitute a *Series*.

15.3 For all classes, if ten or fewer races are scored in the season *Series*, a yacht may discard her worst race score. If eleven or more races are scored in the season *Series*, a yacht may discard her two worst race scores.

15.4 For the Knarr, Folkboat and IOD classes, thirteen races are scheduled in the *Series*.

15.5 For all classes, all scheduled races EXCEPT June 29th will be scored for the Degnan Trophy in accordance with the Degnan Trophy Scoring System.

16. PRIZES

Nightly trophies will be awarded to the first through third place boats in each fleet regardless of participation on each night. The Degnan Trophy will be awarded to the overall season champion.

Additional Notices

BERTHING

- All yachts competing in the event may be moored free of charge at the StFYC Guest Docks on the Tuesday night prior to racing and Wednesday night following racing. Yacht owners are responsible for applicable docking fees before or past this allowance. Docking privileges are subject to availability and require approval of the Dockmaster (415.820.3727). StFYC assumes no liability for loss of, or damage to, boats, gear or equipment brought onto Club premises.

ATTACHMENT A
OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF MARKS AND COURSES

| MARK | DESCRIPTION |
|-------------|---|
| A | Outer StFYC Start/Finish Mark |
| B | Inner StFYC Start/Finish Mark |
| X | Yellow sphere "X" or temporary orange buoy North of Golden Gate Yacht |
| 6 | White/Orange Sphere 200 yards North of Fort Mason Piers |
| 16 | Yellow Sphere "TB" .2 NM East of Fort Point (Tom Blackhaller Buoy) |

***If any of the above marks are not on station, they may be replaced by a temporary orange buoy**

| COURSE | ROUNDING ORDER |
|---------------|--|
| 1 | Start → 16s → As → 16s → Ap → 6s → Finish |
| 2 | Start → 16p → Ap → 16p → Ap → 6p → Finish |
| 3 | Start → 16s → As → 16s → As → 16s → Finish |
| 4 | Start → 16p → Ap → 16p → Ap → 16p → Finish |
| 5 | Start → 16s → Xs → 16s → Ap → 6s → Finish |
| 6 | Start → 16p → Xp → 16p → Ap → 6p → Finish |
| 7 | Start → 16s → Xs → 16s → Xs → Finish |
| 8 | Start → 16p → Xp → 16p → Xp → Finish |
| 9 | Start → 16s → Xs → 16s → Finish |
| 10 | Start → 16p → Xp → 16p → Finish |
| 11 | Start → 16s → Ap → 6s → Finish |
| 12 | Start → 16p → Ap → 6p → Finish |

ATTACHMENT B DEGNAN SCORING SYSTEM

The scoring system for the Degnan trophy will be as follows:

- B1. In all races the points awarded to a finisher is based upon his/her finish position and the total number of finishers in her fleet, as per the matrix, below¹.
- B2. Each boat finishing a race will be awarded 2 “participation” points, regardless of how many boats from a particular fleet enter, and regardless of finishing position.
- B3. The boat with the highest number of cumulative points at the end of the scheduled races wins the trophy.
- B4. In the unlikely event of a tie, the tie will be broken using the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing, “SERIES TIES”, Section A8.

| Place >> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6th or higher |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|---------------|
| 1 finisher | 4.62 | | | | | |
| 2 finishers | 5.15 | 4.09 | | | | |
| 3 finishers | 5.70 | 4.48 | 3.66 | | | |
| 4 finishers | 6.35 | 4.92 | 3.95 | 3.31 | | |
| 5 finishers | 7.10 | 5.35 | 4.20 | 3.45 | 2.95 | |
| 6 finishers | 8.00 | 6.02 | 4.70 | 3.81 | 3.21 | 2.00 |
| 7 or more finishers | 9.00 | 6.69 | 5.15 | 4.11 | 3.41 | 2.00 |

¹ The points shown on the matrix include the participation points.