



**WOODIES INVITATIONAL**  
St. Francis Yacht Club  
June 3-5, 2011

## **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** While racing and on deck, competitors shall wear adequate personal flotation, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. RRS 40 is changed as follows: The "Y" flag will not be displayed.

### **2. ENTRIES**

Eligible boats shall complete registration online ([www.stfyc.com](http://www.stfyc.com)) or with the StFYC Race Office prior to 1700 hours on June 3, 2010.

### **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 0930 hours on the day they are to take effect, except any changes to Sailing Instruction 4, Number & Schedule of Races, will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before they take effect.
- 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 are strongly encouraged to monitor VHF 69 for on the water communication with the Race Committee.

### **4. NUMBER & SCHEDULE OF RACES**

For all classes, five races are scheduled in the series as follows:

<u>RACE</u>	<u>DAY &amp; DATE</u>	<u>TIME OF FIRST WARNING SIGNAL</u>
1	Friday – June 3	1800 hours
2	Saturday – June 4	1100 hours
3	Saturday – June 4	Immediately Following Race 2
4	Saturday – June 4	Immediately Following Race 3
5	Sunday – June 5	1130 hours
6	Sunday – June 5	Immediately Following Race 5

### **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** A placard designating the course letter will be displayed from the Signal Boat.

## **7. THE START**

- 7.1** The class flag will be a white flag with a black class insignia.
- 7.2** The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the Starting Line Signal Boat and a red inflatable cone mark or an orange and yellow striped flag on a Starting Line Mark Boat.
- 7.4** 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**

- 9.1** The Finish Line on Friday, June 3 will be between StFYC outer mark "A" and a yellow placard on the Race Deck.
- 9.2** The Finish Line on Saturday, June 4 and Sunday, June 5 will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on a Race Committee Boat and a port end orange ball Finish Mark located approximately 200 yards upwind of Mark 1 or Mark 16.

## **10. TIME LIMIT FOR EACH RACE**

The Time Limit for each race will be 3 hours. A boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF 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 RRS 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, or while starting or approaching to start, in which case the penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

## **12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 12.1** Protests and requests for redress may be written on Standard US SAILING Protest Forms. Protest Forms are available after racing and at the Front Desk of StFYC. Protests shall be lodged at the Front Desk within 60 minutes after the finish of the last competitor. This time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 12.2** The time and place of all hearing(s), the boat(s) protesting, boat(s) being protested and boat(s) requesting redress will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 90 minutes of the finish of the last competitor. This shall serve as notification as per RRS 63.2.
- 12.3** Protests filed after racing on Friday, June 3, shall be heard after racing on Saturday June 4th.
- 12.4** 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 parties to the protest receiving the Jury'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 and the closest point ashore:
  - (a) The "H" Beam (located approximately 200 yards west of the St. Francis YC).
  - (b) The Bell Buoy off the west end of Alcatraz Island and Alcatraz Island.
  - (c) All breakwaters in the vicinity of Fisherman's Wharf and Aquatic Park.
  - (d) Round orange buoys set off of Piers 39, Pier 45, and the SF Marina entrance (if set).
  - (e) Anita Rock and its buoy.
- 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**

One race must be completed to constitute a series. Each boat's score will be the sum of her scores for all races. This changes RRS A2.

**16. PRIZES**

Trophies will be awarded based upon class participation.

**Additional Notices**

**BERTHING**

- All yachts competing in the event may be moored free of charge at the StFYC guest docks one night prior to the beginning of racing and one night after racing concludes.

**ATTACHMENT A  
OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF MARKS AND COURSES**

<b>MARK</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
A	Outer StFYC Start/Finish Mark
B	Inner StFYC Start/Finish Mark
X	Yellow sphere "X" North of Golden Gate Yacht Club
6	White/Orange Sphere "M" 200 yards North of Fort Mason Piers
16	Yellow Sphere "TB" .2 NM East of Fort Point (Tom Blackaller Buoy)
18	Green/Red "BR" Fl Bell at Blossom Rock
1	Inflatable yellow buoy set as a Windward Mark
10	Inflatable red buoy set as an Offset Mark to be rounded in the same manner as the Windward Mark
3g	Two inflatable yellow buoys set as a Leeward Gate (boats must pass between the two gate marks)
Change of Course Mark	Inflatable yellow buoy with a black band

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

<b>COURSE</b>	<b>ROUNDING ORDER</b>
A	Start 16p → 18p → 16p → 6p → Finish
B	Start 16s → 18s → 16s → 6s → Finish
C	Start 1p → 3g → Finish
D	Start 1s → 3g → Finish
E	Start 1p → 3g → 1p → 3p → Finish
F	Start 1s → 3g → 1s → 3s → Finish
G	Start 16p → Ap → 16p → 6p → Finish
H	Start 16s → As → 16s → 6s → Finish

## **ATTACHMENT B COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC SAFETY**

- B1 Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with the U.S. Inland Navigation Rules Act of 1980.
- B2 If a commercial vessel has sounded five blasts, and/or the vessel or the Coast Guard identifies an offending boat, the Race Committee shall protest the boat, in which case 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. In the case of a complaint by Vessel Traffic or the Coast Guard, the protest time limit shall be extended up to two days after the conclusion of the regatta. This changes RRS 60.2(a) and 61.3.
- B3 A Race Committee boat may signal a boat to alter course to avoid impeding the passage of commercial vessels by making a sound signal (horn or whistle) and pointing Code 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 which 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.
- B4 A boat may be penalized independently under B1, B2 and/or B3. A violation of any part this attachment shall not be exonerated by a Scoring Penalty, and a resulting disqualification shall not be excludable under RRS A2. 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.