



## ROLEX BIG BOAT SERIES

St. Francis Yacht Club  
September 11-14, 2014

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### 1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the *Prescriptions of US SAILING* and the Deeds of Gift for the following trophies: *St. Francis Perpetual*, the *City of San Francisco Perpetual*, the *Atlantic Perpetual*, the *Keefe-Kilborn Perpetual*, the *Richard Rheem Perpetual*, and the *Commodore's Perpetual*.
- 1.2 J/105 One Design: *Fleet 1 Articles of Association* are in effect.
- 1.3 J/120 One Design: *Fleet 5 Modifications to the J/120 Class Association Rules* are in effect.
- 1.4 Handicap divisions: *BAMA*, *ORR 2014*, and *HPR* in effect as of August 1, 2014.
- 1.5 Yachts sailing in handicap divisions shall furnish their valid certificates no later than Monday, September 1, 2014. No alteration to a yacht's rating will be permitted after this date, with the following exceptions: as a rating protest, to correct Rating Office errors, or with prior written permission of the Organizing Authority, OA, (to be granted only in extreme circumstances with an accompanying \$500 fee).
- 1.6 RRS 40 is changed as follows: Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except when below deck or briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.8 The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

#### 2.0 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising for timepieces other than for Rolex, our title sponsor, is strongly discouraged.
- 2.2 Boats shall be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

### **3.0 ELIGIBILITY and DIVISIONS**

- 3.1** Handicap yachts with valid ORR-Fully Measured, or HPR certificate; minimum 35 feet LOA.
- 3.2** Multihull Handicap yachts with valid BAMA certificate, rating of -45 or faster and minimum of 33 feet LOA, including pole.
- 3.3** One Design: Express 37, Farr 40, J/111 and J/120 with a minimum of six (6) entries.
- 3.4** One Design: Express 27, J/70, Melges 24, Moore 24 and J/105 with a minimum of fifteen (15) entries.
- 3.5** Handicap division breaks will be made at the discretion of the OA.
- 3.6** If Class minimum entry requirements are not met by Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, the OA reserves the right to cancel a division. Entered boats may be assigned to the appropriate handicap division at the discretion of the OA provided they meet all eligibility requirements of that division.
- 3.7** For handicap divisions the OA may reject the entry of any yacht that that may not fit the general parameters of the other yachts entered with regard to size and/or design.

### **4.0 ENTRY**

- 4.1** Eligible competitors may enter online at [www.rolexbigboatseries.com](http://www.rolexbigboatseries.com).
- 4.2** Entry fee is \$21.00 per foot of overall boat length, rounded up to the nearest foot. Payment is available online. Payment by check must be in U.S. DOLLARS drawn on a U.S. bank and made payable to: St. Francis Yacht Club.
- 4.3** Payment is due on Wednesday, August 20 for all entries. After that date, an additional \$200 late fee will apply. There are no exceptions to the late fee.

### **5.0 REGATTA SCHEDULE**

#### **Wednesday, September 10**

- 1000 - 1900 Registration & Check-In
- 1800 - 1830 Skipper's & Navigator's Briefing
- 1830 - 1930 Rolex Commodore's Reception

#### **Thursday, September 11**

- 1100 First Warning – Race 1 followed by Race 2
- 1700 - 2000 Rolex Party

#### **Friday, September 12**

- 1100 First Warning – Race 3 followed by Race 4
- 1700 - 1830 Mt. Gay Cocktail Party

#### **Saturday, September 13**

- 1100 First Warning – Race 5 followed by Race 6
- 1630 - 1730 No-Host Cocktails
- 1930 Crew Dinner (Advance sign-up at Registration & Check-In required)

#### **Sunday, September 14**

- 1100 First Warning – Race 7
- 1600 Rolex Trophy Ceremony

### **6.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 1700 on Wednesday, September 10.

## **7.0 FORMAT, RACING AREA & COURSES**

- 7.1** Race courses will be set on central San Francisco Bay and its approaches using both inflatable and fixed marks.
- 7.2** Competitors should expect to race a mix of windward/leeward and random leg courses.
- 7.3** The final race on Sunday is planned for an extended Bay Tour.

## **8.0 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 8.1** Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in Rule 70.5.
- 8.2** Unless a Class rule restricts otherwise, RRS Appendix T, Sections A and B will apply.

## **9.0 SCORING**

Each boat's series score will be the sum of her scores for all races. This changes Appendix A2.

## **10.0 CLUB GUEST PASSES**

All guests must obtain a guest pass at registration in order to gain access to the Club throughout the week. Each crew member will receive a competitor badge, and each boat will receive a few complimentary guest passes. Additional guest passes may be purchased during registration.

## **11.0 BERTHING & TRAILER STORAGE**

All yachts competing in the event may be moored free of charge at pre-assigned locations beginning on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> until one night after racing concludes. Please note that the parking area surrounding the yacht club is City property. Competitors planning to keep a storage trailer in the City parking lot should visit the Race Office immediately upon arrival for an overnight parking permit. Trailers without permits may be towed. All boats and trailers shall be stored at the direction of the StFYC Dock Master.

## **12.0 PRIZES**

Trophies will be awarded based on fleet participation. Daily Firsts and a Boat of the Day award will be presented for each day's top performer.

## **13.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority and its sponsors will not accept any liability for material damage, or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **14.0 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact the StFYC Race Office at 415.563.6363, email [raceoffice@stfyc.com](mailto:raceoffice@stfyc.com) or visit [www.rolexbigboatseries.com](http://www.rolexbigboatseries.com) or [www.stfyc.com](http://www.stfyc.com).