



2022 Rolex Big Boat Series

September 14-18, 2022

NOTICE OF RACE

1. GENERAL

- 1.1. St. Francis Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority (OA) of the Rolex Big Boat Series.
- 1.2. US Sailing is the national authority of the venue. World Sailing provides a downloadable copy of all the [US Sailing prescriptions](#).
- 1.3. [US Sailing](#) is the Rating Authority (RA) for the ORC class.
- 1.4. The term Skipper, as used herein, is defined as the person, whether or not the owner of the boat, who is designated on the entry form for the purpose of RRS 46 and is the person in charge as it relates to the Racing Rules of Sailing or any matters related to the Rolex Big Boat Series. The Skipper is responsible for the boat, its handling and safety, the conduct of its crew before, during, and after the race, and compliance with the rules.

2. RULES

- 2.1. All participants are expected to comply with Covid-19 Health Orders from the State of California and the County of San Francisco and the StFYC Site Specific Plan for COVID-19. Proof of vaccination is required to enter the StFYC Clubhouse. [NP]
- 2.2. The regatta is governed by:
 - a. The *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing;
 - b. Fleet rules specific to the following classes: J/105 Fleet 1, and J/88 Fleet 3.
- 2.3. Rule 40.1 will apply when boats are in the racing area, and on their way to and from the racing area. [NP]
- 2.4. US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 are deleted.
- 2.5. In all rules governing this regatta;
 - a. [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee or the technical committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5;
 - b. [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

3. ADVERTISING

Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulations 20.9.2 applies.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND CLASSES

- 4.1. The regatta is open to all:
 - a. One Design boats of the J/105, J/88, J/70, Express 37, and Cal 40 classes.
 - b. Monohull boats with a LOA $\geq 30'$ and a current ORC International rating certificate.
 - c. Classic boats built prior to 1955 with a LOA $\geq 48'$ and a current ORRez rating certificate.
- 4.2. For the J/70 class to remain eligible for a start, it must have minimum of ten (10) entries by August 1, 2022.
- 4.3. For all other classes to remain eligible for a start, they must have at least six (6) entries by August 1, 2022. In the event that a class does not meet the minimum entry requirement, the OA reserves the right to eliminate the class. Boats that were entered in a class that was subsequently eliminated will be invited to join an appropriate remaining class provided they meet all the eligibility requirements of that class.
- 4.4. ORC class assignments will be posted by 1700 on Tuesday, September 13th.

5. ENTRY AND FEES

- 5.1. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at www.rolexbigboatseries.com and paying the full entry fee by 2359 on July 31 to avoid a \$250 late fee penalty.
- 5.2. A 12% early entry discount will be offered to boats that enter and pay the entry fee by 2359 on May 15, 2022.
- 5.3. No entry will be accepted on or after September 1, 2022.
- 5.4. The entry fee is \$30.00 per foot of overall boat length, rounded up to the nearest whole number. Payments shall be made online by credit card or by StFYC member charge. An entry is not considered complete until the full entry fee has been received.
- 5.5. StFYC members using their StFYC member number to pay their entry fee are eligible for an entry fee discount of 3% which will be reflected in their September member statement.

- 5.6. If a boat chooses to withdraw, she shall notify the StFYC Race Office via email at racing@stfyc.com. The entry fee will be refunded per the following schedule:

| Request for refunds made: | Percentage of entry fee refunded |
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| On or before July 31 | 100% |
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| August 1 – August 31* | 80% |
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| On or after September 1 | 0% |
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* if a boat enters a class that subsequently does not meet the minimum entry requirements, she will receive a 100% refund if she does not subsequently join an established class.

5.7. **Additional Entry Requirements:**

- a. An accurate crew list shall be submitted online via Yacht Scoring by 1700 PDT September 7.
- b. Boats competing in an ORC class shall submit a valid rating certificate by September 1. Boats may not change their rating certificate after September 1, except as a result of a rating protest or to a correct an error by their RA. This changes RRS 78.2.

6. **SCHEDULE**

- 6.1. For the Classics class, 4 races are scheduled. For all other classes, 7 races are scheduled.

6.2.

| DATE | Event | All times are given in PDT |
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| Wednesday, August 31 | Entry Deadline | 2359 |
| Thursday, September 1 | Docking Request Deadline | 2359 |
| Thursday, September 1 | Rating Certificate Due (if applicable) | 2359 |
| Wednesday, September 7 | Crew List Due | 1700 |
| Wednesday, September 14 | Registration at StFYC | 1000 – 1730 |
| | Competitors' Briefing at StFYC | 1800 – 1830 |
| Thursday, September 15 | 2 races | First warning signal at 1100 |
| Friday, September 16 | 2 races | First warning signal at 1100 |
| Saturday, September 17 | 2 races | First warning signal at 1100 |
| Sunday, September 18 | 1 race | First warning signal at 1100 |
| | No warning signal made after | 1400 |
| | Trophy Presentation | 1600 |

7. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 7.1. The sailing instructions will be available online 1700 PDT September 7, 2022.
- 7.2. Questions regarding the notice of race or sailing instructions, may be submitted in writing to the StFYC Race Office via email racing@stfyc.com. Responses from the race committee or jury will be posted to the official notice board.

8. **VENUES & COURSES**

- 8.1. Racing will take place on San Francisco Bay.
- 8.2. Starting areas: See Attachment A, herein.
- a. TI: Treasure Island Starting Area will be approximately 0.5nm west of Treasure Island.
 - b. NC: North Course Starting Area will be approximately 1.5nm NNW of Treasure Island.
 - c. RD: Race Deck Starting Area will be immediately to the north of St. Francis Yacht Club.
- 8.3. The race committee reserves the right to relocate any starting area for any reason.
- 8.4. Courses will use both fixed and drop marks. A partial list of some of the possible marks that may be used is listed in Attachment A. The race committee will publish a complete description of the marks with the sailing instructions.

9. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 9.1. An international jury will be constituted in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 9.2. RRS Appendix T – Arbitration will apply.
- 9.3. RRS Appendix V – Alternative Penalties will apply for all boats.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. One (1) race must be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, with no score excluded. This changes RRS A2.
- 10.3. An ORC boat's corrected time will be calculated using her appropriate Time Correction Factor (TCF) based on course selection and wind strength as determined by the Race Committee. [NP]

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 11.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 11.2. With respect to RRS 41 – Outside Help, attention is drawn to [World Sailing Case 120](#). This interpretation clarifies the application of RRS 41 and governs boat's actions while racing.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1. During racing, all support boats must stay well clear of race committee boats and boats flying a jury flag or press flag. This applies at all times, except when rendering assistance to a boat in danger, either at the boat's request or at the request of the race committee. [DP] [NP]
- 12.2. Shall stay well clear of boats that are racing. [DP]

13. BERTHING [SP][NP]

- 13.1. Boats requesting dockage must notify the StFYC Dockmaster by 2359 on September 1 by filling out the following form: <https://forms.gle/hMfbY6NLZdqjA1KY9>.
- 13.2. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbor.
- 13.3. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official or the SF Marina Yacht Harbor Staff.
- 13.4. Storage of any sailing equipment or boat gear is not permitted on any docks.
- 13.5. Competitors and support persons shall not tamper with city gates for dock access.

14. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS [SP]

No boat shall be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

15. TRASH DISPOSAL [SP] [NP]

Boats shall not put trash in the water or litter in any public spaces. Trash may be placed aboard support boats, race committee boats or in an appropriate trash receptacle.

16. PRIZES

Take home prizes will be awarded based on participation. In addition to take-home prizes, the following perpetual trophies will be awarded: St. Francis Perpetual, City of San Francisco Perpetual, Atlantic Perpetual, Keefe-Kilborn Memorial, Richard Rheem Perpetual and Commodore's Cup. Eligible classes will be announced at the Rolex Commodore's Reception on Wednesday, September 14th.

17. 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 3, 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.

18. MEDIA

- 18.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images, and biographical information relating to the crew and photographs, video footage, and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during, and after the regatta without compensation.
- 18.2. By submitting an entry form, the skipper acknowledges and accepts the media conditions referred to herein, and grants the rights referred to herein on behalf of all crew members.

19. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information please contact the StFYC Race Office at racing@stfyc.com or +1 415 655 7756



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

EVENT BADGES

Included with the entry fee are event badges for the entire crew which provide access the club house and social events.

A limited number of guest badges will also be given to each boat at registration. Additional badges can be purchased, from the Front Desk for \$50 each. Anyone wishing to purchase food or drink at the St. Francis Yacht Club must obtain a Guest Card from the Front Desk upon arrival.

SCHEDULE OF SOCIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, September 14th

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| 1730-1800 | Competitors' Briefing | StFYC Courtyard |
| 1800-2000 | Rolex Commodore's Reception – hosted appetizers | Rolex Regatta Tent |

Thursday, September 15th

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| 0730 | Breakfast – Grab n' Go items for purchase | Regatta Plaza |
| Post racing | Hosted Dock-Side Beer | Regatta Plaza |
| 1700 | Regatta Social – hosted appetizers | Rolex Regatta Tent |
| | Rolex Owners Dinner – Invite Only | StFYC Clubhouse |

Friday, September 16th

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| 0730 | Breakfast – Grab n' Go items for purchase | Regatta Plaza |
| Post racing | Hosted Dock-Side Beer | Regatta Plaza |
| 1700 | Lawn Party – hosted cocktails & Food Trucks | Rolex Regatta Tent |

Saturday, September 17th

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| 0730 | Breakfast – Grab n' Go items for purchase | Regatta Plaza |
| Post racing | Hosted Dock-Side Beer & Snacks | Regatta Plaza |
| 1930 | StFYC Crew Dinner (no host) – Reservations will open on August 1 st and can be made with the StFYC Front Desk. | |

Sunday, September 18th

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| 0730 | Breakfast – Grab n' Go items for purchase | Regatta Plaza |
| Pre racing | Sailor Salute: On your way to racing, pay homage to any sailor lost this year by dropping a flower in their honor near "A" Buoy. Flowers will be available at the StFYC Docks | |
| Post racing | Hosted Dock-Side Beer | Regatta Plaza |
| ~1600 | Rolex Trophy Ceremony – hosted appetizers | Rolex Regatta Tent |

BERTHING & TRAILER STORAGE

- The entry fee includes dockage from Monday, September 12th until Monday, September 19th in the SF Marina. We will make every attempt to dock all competitors close to St. Francis Yacht Club but please be aware due to limited dock space, it may not be possible. Boats requesting dockage must notify the StFYC Dockmaster by 2359 on September 1 by filling out the following form: <https://forms.gle/hMfbY6NLZdqjA1KY9>.
- Please note that the parking area surrounding the St. Francis Yacht Club is City owned property. Competitors who would like to keep a trailer (storage or boat) in the City parking lot must visit the Race Office immediately upon arrival for an overnight parking permit. Unregistered storage trailers may be ticketed and towed by the City of San Francisco.
- All boats and trailers will be stored at the direction of the StFYC Dockmaster.



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ATTACHMENT A – COURSE AREAS

