



2023 Rolex Big Boat Series

September 13-17, 2023

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. 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.
 - c. The IMS and ORC Rating rules.
- 2.2. 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).
- 2.3. [NP] RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat.
- 2.4. [DP] US Sailing SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS (SER) (available at the US Sailing website: <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Monohull-SER-2023.0-Nearshore.pdf>) for Nearshore.
- 2.5. US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 are deleted.

3. ADVERTISING

Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 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, and Express 37 classes. Other classes with a minimum number of boats can be considered with application to the OA.
 - b. ORC: Monohull boats with a LOA $\geq 30'$. Boats with a GPH of 560 or lower are required to have an ORC International certificate. Boats with a GPH higher than 560 may compete using either an ORC International Certificate or ORC Club Certificate.
 - c. Classic boats built prior to 1955 with a LOA $\geq 48'$ and a current ORRez rating certificate.
- 4.2. For all classes to remain eligible for a start, they must have at least six (6) entries by August 1, 2023. 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.
- 4.3. All boats shall pick up their regatta packets during the registration times listed in NOR 6.2. Registration will take place in the St Francis Yacht Club.
- 4.4. ORC division assignments will be posted by 1700 on Tuesday, September 12, 2023

4.5. The Team Trophy Entry Form is due 1800 on September 9, 2023. <https://forms.gle/a4A8fmEA92Pm8qP76>

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 2100 until July 31, 2023 to avoid a late entry fee of \$250

5.2. All entries shall comply with the requirements of RRS 75.

5.3. No entry will be accepted on or after 2100 August 31, 2023.

5.4. The entry fee is \$34.00 per foot of overall boat length, rounded up to the nearest whole number:

| Entry Fee | | Early Entry Fee until May 15, 2023 (5% early entry discount) | Entry Fee from May 16, 2023 Until July 31, 2023 | Late Entry Fee from August 01, 2023 Until September 01, 2023 |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Boats not mentioned below | USD/Foot (rounded up) | \$32.30 | \$34.00 | \$34.00 |
| | Additional Late Entry Fee USD | | | \$250.00 |
| J/105 | | \$1,130.50 | \$1,190.00 | \$1,440.00 |
| J/88 | | \$936.70 | \$986.00 | \$1,236.00 |
| Express 37 | | \$1,195.10 | \$1,258.00 | \$1,508.00 |

5.5. Payments shall be made online by credit card or by StFYC member charge. Included with the entry fee are event badges for the entire crew which provide access to the club house and social events. For more information please look at Additional Information.

5.6. 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.

5.7. The StFYC Team Trophy will be presented to the yacht club team (each team member must be entered under the same yacht club), represented by three competing in at least one ORC and one One-Design boat, plus one additional boat from any class, with the best score in the Rolex Big Boat Series. All helmspersons shall be Group 1 as defined in World Sailing Regulation 22, World Sailing Classification Code. Entries may be made on the form TEAM ENTRY form [-https://forms.gle/a4A8fmEA92Pm8qP76](https://forms.gle/a4A8fmEA92Pm8qP76)

5.8. An entry is not considered complete until the full entry fee has been received.

5.9. Additional Entry Requirements:

a. An accurate crew list shall be submitted online via Yacht Scoring by 1700 PDT September 7, 2023.

b. Boats competing in an ORC class shall submit a valid rating certificate by September 1, 2023. Application for an ORC certificate is at www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/orc. Boats may not change their rating certificate after September 1, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct an error by their RA. This changes RRS 78.2.

c. Docking Requests shall be submitted (<https://forms.gle/vV4LgT79GMMqKF8w6>) by 2100 August 13, 2023

5.10. 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 |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| On or before July 31: | 100% |
| August 1 – August 31*: | 80% |
| On or after September 1: | 0% |

** 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.*

6. SCHEDULE

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

6.2. Schedule as follows:

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| Wednesday, September 13 | 1000-1730 | Registration at StFYC |
| | 1730 | Competitors' Briefing at StFYC |
| Thursday, September 14 | 1100 | First warning signal |
| Friday, September 15 | 1100 | First warning signal |
| Saturday, September 16 | 1100 | First warning signal |
| Sunday, September 17 | 1100 | First warning signal |
| | 1400 | No warning signal will be made after this time |
| | 1600 | Trophy Presentation |

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available online 1700 PDT September 6, 2023.

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 shall apply.

9.3. RRS Appendix V – Alternative Penalties will apply. Except for the Classic Class for which RRS 44.3 shall apply.

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]

10.4. Refer to 16.2 for qualifications for The Team Trophy. It will be scored by using each boat's average percentage score (finish points divided by the number of starters for each race) within its respective class for all her races during the Series. The team score is an average of all boats' average percentage scores. The trophy will be awarded to the team with the lowest average percentage points.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

11.1. The race committee will provide information to competitors via VHF radio.

11.2. While racing, except in an emergency, when communicating with the race committee or when using equipment provided by the organizing authority, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

11.3. 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. [SP] [NP]
- 12.2. Shall stay well clear of boats that are racing. [SP]

13. BERTHING [SP][NP]

- 13.1. Boats requesting dockage must complete this form by August 13th to request docking:
<https://forms.gle/vV4LgT79GMMqKF8w6>.
- 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.

- 16.1. 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, Commodore's Cup and Classic Trophy. Eligible classes will be announced at the Rolex Commodore's Reception on Wednesday, September 13.
- 16.2. The StFYC Rolex Big Boat Team Trophy will be presented to the yacht club team (each team member must be entered under the same yacht club), represented by three competing in at least one ORC and one One-Design boat, plus one additional boat from any class, with the best score calculated as set forth in NOR 10.4. All helmpersons shall be Group 1 as defined in World Sailing Regulation 22, World Sailing Categorization Code.

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 to 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

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| Wednesday, September 13 | | |
| 1730-1800 | Competitors' Briefing | StFYC Courtyard |
| 1800-2000 | Rolex Commodore's Reception | Rolex Regatta Tent |
| Thursday, September 14 | | |
| 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 |
| 1800 | Rolex Owners Dinner – Invite Only | StFYC Clubhouse |
| Friday, September 15 | | |
| 0730 | Breakfast Grab n' Go items for purchase | Regatta Plaza |
| Post racing | Hosted Dock-Side Beer | Regatta Plaza |
| 1700 | Mount Gay Lawn Party hosted cocktails & Food Trucks | Rolex Regatta Tent |
| Saturday, September 16 | | |
| 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 1st and can be made with the StFYC Front Desk. | StFYC Dining Room |

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| Sunday, September 17 | | |
| 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 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 11-Monday, September 18 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/vV4LgT79GMMqkF8w6>.
- 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

