



SPRING ONE DESIGN INVITATIONAL

St. Francis Yacht Club

March 19-20, 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). The J/120 class will be sailing under Fleet Five class rules, and the J/105 class will be sailing under Fleet One class rules.
- 1.2 RRS 40 is changed as follows: All competitors are required to wear a life jacket or other adequate personal flotation device while racing. The "Y" flag will not be displayed.
- 1.3 Add new rule A4.3 (After-Race Scoring Penalty): A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing* may take a penalty after she has *finished*, and prior to the start of a protest hearing if any involving the incident. Her penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty of 30% calculated as described in rule 44.3(c), but not more than that of a DNF score. However, if she caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.
- 1.4 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.

2. ENTRIES

Eligible boats shall complete registration online (www.stfyc.com) prior to 0930 hours on March 19, 2011.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 A Competitors' Meeting will be held at the StFYC on Saturday, March 19th at 0930 hours.
- 3.2 Official Notices will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located in the hallway adjacent to the side (Regatta) entrance of StFYC.
- 3.3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1000 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.
- 3.4 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the StFYC Race Deck.
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 Competitors should monitor VHF 69 for on-the-water communication from the Race Committee.

4. NUMBER & SCHEDULE OF RACES

Five races are scheduled in the series as follows:

<u>RACE</u>	<u>DAY & DATE</u>	<u>TIME OF FIRST WARNING SIGNAL</u>
1	Saturday - March 19 th	1100 Hours
2	Saturday - March 19 th	Immediately Following Race 1
3	Saturday - March 19 th	Immediately Following Race 2
4	Sunday - March 20 th	1100 Hours
5	Sunday - March 20 th	Immediately Following Race 4

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 placard designating the course will be displayed from the Signal Boat.

6.3 No later than the Warning Signal, a flag designating the mark rounding direction will be displayed from the Signal Boat. If a red flag is displayed, all marks except for mark 3g shall be rounded to port. If a green flag is displayed, all marks except for mark 3g shall be rounded to starboard.

7. THE START

7.1 The Starting Line will be between staffs displaying orange and yellow striped flags on the Starting Line Mark Boats.

7.2 The class flag will be a white flag with a black class insignia.

7.3 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 For Courses A, B, & C the Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on a Race Committee boat and a round orange buoy set to port (facing upwind) approximately 200 yards **upwind of Mark 1**.

9.2 For Courses for D & E, the Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on a Race Committee boat and a round orange buoy set to port (facing downwind) approximately 200 yards **downwind of Mark 3g**.

10. TIME LIMIT FOR EACH RACE

The Time Limit for each race will be 3 ½ hours. A boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in her class will be scored “Did Not Finish” by the Race Committee. This Changes RRS 35.

11. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

11.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be written on Standard US SAILING Protest Forms. Protest Forms are available at the Jury Desk located next to the Official Notice Board. For all divisions and classes, protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the Jury Representative at the Jury Desk within 60 minutes after the arrival of the last Race Committee Signal Boat ashore. This time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

11.2 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 after the arrival of the last Race Committee Signal Boat ashore. This shall serve as notification as per RRS 63.2.

11.3 In an effort to make the protest hearing process more user-friendly, the Jury will use a pager system to informally alert parties of impending hearings. Upon filing a protest or learning they are a party to a protest, parties should obtain a pager (coaster) from the Jury Representative at the Jury Desk. The Jury will attempt to page the parties approximately five minutes before the hearing is to begin. Pagers will

be returned to the Jury Representative at the Jury Desk, or if the Jury Desk is closed, to the Jury at the hearing, and parties failing to return pagers will be charged for the cost of the pager. Failure of the Jury to make a page or failure of a party to hear a page shall not be grounds for redress. Except for RRS 69, at the discretion of the Jury, hearings will take place as scheduled, with or without the presence of all parties.

11.4 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.

ATTACHMENT A
OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF MARKS AND COURSES

MARK	DESCRIPTION
1	Inflatable yellow buoy set as a Windward Mark
1o	Inflatable red buoy set as an Offset 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

COURSE	ROUNDING ORDER
A	Start → 1 → 1o → 3g → Finish (upwind)
B	Start → 1 → 1o → 3g → 1 → 1o → 3g → Finish (upwind)
C	Start → 1 → 1o → 3g → 1 → 1o → 3g → 1 → 1o → 3g → Finish (upwind)
D	Start → 1 → 1o → 3g → 1 → 1o → Finish (downwind)
E	Start → 1 → 1o → 3g → 1 → 1o → 3g → 1 → 1o → Finish (downwind)

** Reference Sailing Instruction 6.3 for rounding direction*

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.