



ROLEX BIG BOAT SERIES 2011

NOTICE OF RACE - INFORMATION
San Francisco, CA, USA
8 - 11 September 2011



St. Francis Yacht Club





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Dear Big Boat Invitee:

On behalf of the members, officers, and directors of the St. Francis Yacht Club it is my pleasure to invite you and your crew to participate in the 47th annual St. Francis Perpetual Trophy Regatta, known as the Rolex Big Boat Series, to be held September 8th-11th, 2011.

Thanks to our presenting sponsor, Rolex Watch, U.S.A., social events with live entertainment are planned each night beginning with a Rolex Commodore's Reception on Wednesday evening, September 7th. Racing for all classes will commence on Thursday, September 8th and continue through Sunday, September 11th. Rolex has again generously donated watches for the winners of the St. Francis Perpetual Trophy, the City of San Francisco Trophy, the Atlantic Perpetual Trophy, the Keefe-Kilborn Memorial Trophy, the Richard Rheem Perpetual Trophy, and the Commodore's Perpetual Trophy. Classes that will be racing for these perpetual trophies and watches will be announced at the Rolex Commodore's Reception. We are also excited to announce that the Farr 30 class will sail their 2011 World Championship at this year's regatta. We will hold the Awards Ceremony after the last race on Sunday.

The enclosed Notice of Race describes the particulars of the 2011 event. Please complete online registration at www.stfyc.com as soon as possible to receive more information on the event. If you are planning to race in the IRC handicap divisions and have any questions about obtaining a certificate and/or information regarding the IRC rating system, please reference www.us-irc.org. This web site is very informative, and if you have further inquiries, it has contact information for the Official U.S. Rating Office. Please get your applications for a measurement certificate in early to ensure that you will have the process completed by the deadline: <http://offshore.ussailing.org/IRC.htm>.

Berthing at the St. Francis Yacht Club will be available at no charge at assigned locations starting on Monday, September 5th. Please make alternate arrangements for berthing before this date. Thank you for your cooperation.

An invitation is also extended to all gentlemen to attend the annual Tinsley Island Stag Cruise, which will be held September 15th-18th, 2011. If you need further information for either the regatta or cruise, please contact the St. Francis Yacht Club Race Office at 415.563.6363 or raceoffice@stfyc.com. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,

Patrick M. Nolan Commodore
St. Francis Yacht Club



Stewart Wicht
President and
Chief Executive Officer

ROLEX WATCH U.S.A., INC.
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Dear Competitors,

For almost five decades, the St. Francis Yacht Club has honed its marquee regatta, the Rolex Big Boat Series, into one of the finest events in the country for IRC and one-design racing. In 2011, the 47th edition of the event will mark Rolex Watch U.S.A.'s tenth year of partnership with the club. We would like to invite you to join with us in celebrating this milestone, enjoy the traditions of the club, the expertise of the race committee, and the spectacular sailing conditions offered up by San Francisco Bay.

It is understandable why such an intriguing venue as San Francisco has been chosen as the new home for the America's Cup, and certainly it is by no coincidence that many St. Francis Yacht Club members have been involved in that decision and will continue to be instrumental in that event's success. It is an exciting time for sailing on the West Coast, and the club continues to innovate on behalf of the Rolex Big Boat Series, creating new reasons and opportunities for sailors from around the world to participate, including launching a new series for 40- and 52-footers that leads up to the event.

It is in this spirit of collaboration and enthusiasm for the Rolex Big Boat Series that we look forward to your participation in 2011.

Sincerely Yours,
Rolex Watch USA, Inc.

Stewart Wicht

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1 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. For Handicap Divisions: An IRC endorsed certificate is required and the IRC Rules, Parts A, B, and C shall apply. Yachts shall submit a copy of their IRC endorsed certificate not later than September 1st, 2011. No alteration in a yacht's TCC 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 (to be granted only in extreme circumstances with an accompanying \$500 fee). For One-Design Divisions: the respective class rules will apply, except for J/105 Fleet One Class rules and J/120 Fleet Five Class rules, which will replace the National Association Class Rules. The St. Francis Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority.

1.2 Rule 40 is changed to read: "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices."

1.3 IRC Crew Limitations: Either a boat's maximum total crew number shall not exceed the Crew Number printed on her certificate, OR the maximum total crew weight shall not exceed the product of the Crew Number printed on the boat's certificate multiplied by 85 kilos. Crew weigh-ins are not required for IRC entries, but IRC Crew Limitations may be subject to protest.

1.4 IRC Sail Limitations: For the purpose of IRC Rules 26.1.5(d) and (e) this regatta is on consecutive days and the sails carried shall remain the same.

2 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 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

Participation in this event is by invitation only. Competitors may apply for entry online at www.stfyc.com. Entries will be notified of their acceptance by the Race Committee.

4 FEES

For boats 35' and under, entry fee is \$525. For boats 36' and over, entry fee is \$15 per foot of overall boat length, rounded up to the nearest foot. All checks must be in U.S. DOLLARS drawn on a U.S. bank and made payable to: St. Francis Yacht Club. Fees listed below expire on Wednesday, September 1st, 2011 for all entries. After that date, an additional \$250 late fee will apply. There are no exceptions to the late fee. 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.





5 CLASS DIVISIONS

Entrants will be divided into two groupings as follows: One Design Racing: J/120, Express 37, One Design 35, J/105, Beneteau 36.7, Farr 30. IRC Handicap Racing: Yachts 35' LOA and above will be divided into divisions at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

A minimum of 6 boats per class will be required for a class start. If 6 boats per class are not entered by September 1st, the entered boats may be assigned to a handicap division, provided they hold a valid IRC endorsed certificate. Otherwise, the Organizing Authority may judge them ineligible to race. Additional classes may be added at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

6 RACING AREA

Race courses will be set on central San Francisco Bay and its approaches.

7 SCORING

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

8 PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded based on fleet participation.

9 BERTHING & TRAILER STORAGE

All yachts competing in the event may be moored free of charge at pre-assigned locations beginning on Monday, September 5th until one night after racing concludes. Please note that the parking area sur-

rounding 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.

10 REGATTA SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 7

1000 - 1900 Registration & Check-In
1800 - 1930 Rolex Commodore's Reception/
Skippers Meeting

Thursday, September 8

1100 Racing Begins - Two Races Scheduled
(three races scheduled for the Farr 30 class)
1700 - 2000 Rolex Party

Friday, September 9

1100 Racing Begins - Two Races Scheduled
(three races scheduled for the Farr 30 class)
1700 - 1830 Mt. Gay Cocktail Party

Saturday, September 10

1100 Racing Begins - Two Races Scheduled
(three races scheduled for the Farr 30 class)
1630 - 1730 No-Host Cocktails
1930 Crew Dinner (Sign-up at Registration
& Check-In)

Sunday, September 11

1100 Racing Begins - Bay Tour Race
Scheduled (up to four races scheduled for
the Farr 30 class)
1600 Rolex Trophy Ceremony

ABOUT ST. FRANCIS YACHT CLUB

An aggressive race calendar is what brings most people to the St. Francis Yacht Club. We stage racing 120 days a year or more. The sailing might be as low key as the Wednesday Night Woodies or Thursday Night Kiting—course racing in kites was born here—or it might be an Olympic class title. In 2011 we welcome competitors to the Junior Windsurfing Worlds, Laser 4.7 Worlds, Laser Masters Worlds, and of course the RBBS. We also take pride in the success of our own sailors, and the StFYC roster now has, in the same moment, both the U.S. Women's Match Racing Champion, Genny Tulloch, and the U.S. Men's Match Racing Champion, Shawn Bennett. In 2011 we are incubating junior windsurfers while developing a full-blown team race/match race program in our new J/22 club fleet. We intend to be part of a bright future of sailing in the USA.

In welcoming you to the St. Francis Yacht Club, we like to say that we are many clubs under one roof. Our social calendar is just as aggressive as the sailing calendar, to suit a membership with wide-ranging interests, and the powerboat membership runs the gamut, from the blessed many who volunteer their boats for local events, to circumnavigators on the go. Our inland station on the San Joaquin River, Tinsley Island, is unique, and the city clubhouse overlooks the great sweep of San Francisco Bay. Since the founding in 1927, much of the history of West Coast yachting has unfolded under the windows of this club. The future looks good.

ABOUT THE ROLEX BIG BOAT SERIES

The Big Boat Series has witnessed the "glory days" of SORC and IOR; over the years, it has accommodated the inclusion of Maxis, Sleds, and the notorious six-meter fleet. This event has marked the end of the S&S era and the explosion of one-design classes. It survived the 80's ups and downs, and it soared in numbers of entries in the nineties to reach 111 entries in 2008. In 1990 the series was shortened from its previous week-long format to its current schedule of seven races over four days. The St. Francis Perpetual Trophy Regatta – Rolex Big Boat Series – is known as the premier West Coast regatta. The Rolex Big Boat Series annually attracts many world-caliber sailors, all of whom are eager to win one of the six specially engraved Rolex timepieces awarded to the six Perpetual Trophy winners.

2010 PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS

St. Francis Perpetual Trophy

Dedicated in 1964, the trophy was established to stimulate and encourage competition among large ocean racing yachts. The trophy has been awarded annually since the inception of the Big Boat Series 44 years ago to yachts invited to a race or series of races that are measured and handicapped in accordance with the current measurement rule and rate 40 feet or more. This trophy was donated by Commodore A.L. Sandy McCormick, and is the only one that does not rotate among the classes each year. It was presented to the premier handicap division, the IRC A class. Vincitore, the RP52 owned by Jim Mitchell (Zurich, Switzerland) won the five-boat division.

City of San Francisco Trophy

On loan to the St. Francis Yacht Club since 1968, the trophy is one of the two golden spades used to break ground for the Golden Gate Bridge in 1933, Daniel Woolery (Alamo, CA) and his King 40 Soozal won it in the IRC B class.

Richard Rheem Perpetual Trophy

The Richard Rheem Perpetual Trophy, established in 1972 in his memory of Richard Rheem whose famous yacht Morning Star was the elapsed time winner in the 1949 and 1955 Transpac races to Honolulu, went to Dale Williams (San Francisco, CA) on his Kernan 44 Wasabi, in the six-boat IRC C/Sportboat class.

Keefe-Kilborn Memorial Trophy

Established in 1976 to honor Harold Keefe and Ray Kilborn. Thomas Brott (Cypress, CA) on his J109 Electra won the seven-boat IRC D class.

Atlantic Perpetual Trophy

The Atlantic Perpetual Trophy, established in 1978, features the ship's bell of the yacht Atlantic, longtime TransAtlantic Ocean record holder (1905). The bell was donated by John C. "Jack" Morris, and the trophy by Jack H. Feller Jr. Bruce Stone (San Francisco, CA) won the 24-boat J105 class aboard Arbitrage.

Commodore's Cup

Created in 2004 to encourage competition in one-design racing on San Francisco Bay and awarded annually to the largest one-design fleet. Luca Lalli (Milano, Italy) won the 27-boat Melges 32 class on B-Lin Sailing.



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