

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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MIDNIGHT MOONLIGHT MARITIME MARATHON

Saturday, June 29, 2002

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: The San Francisco Yacht Club, Belvedere, California

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 Attention is directed to the fact that racing rules do not govern the navigation of non-participating vessels, which may be met during the course of the race. Contestants should exercise due caution that there be no violation of the applicable international or inland rules of the road.

1.3 BOATS MUST NOT INTERFERE WITH COMMERCIAL OR NAVAL VESSELS OR TUGS AND THEIR TOWS. BOATS DOING SO AND THEREBY ENDANGERING THEIR OWN SAFETY OR THAT OF THE COMMERCIAL VESSEL WILL BE SUBJECT TO PROTEST BY THE RACE COMMITTEE OR CONTESTANTS.

1.4 Boats must carry all safety and emergency equipment required by the YRA and the law, **INCLUDING RUNNING LIGHTS.** Failure to show running lights will result in disqualification.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on The San Francisco Yacht Club deck.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Starting times will be posted by 1200 noon on June 28, 2002. Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted by noon on June 29.

4. SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 29, 2002 - Warning signal at 1550 (yellow shape). First start at 1600. Refer to the schedule of starting times to be posted by noon on June 28.

5. HANDICAPS

Handicaps will be developed by the SFYC race committee as follows:

- a. Boats which submit a copy of a current SF Bay PHRF base rating or BAMA rating will receive that rating. Multihulls will be scored separately from monohulls.
- b. One-design boats shall receive their one-design class PHRF base rating.
- c. All other boats will receive ratings assigned by the race committee and not subject to protest.

6. THE COURSE AND MARKS

Start - Between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat, anchored approximately 1/4 mile north of Point Stuart, and an orange inflatable buoy. Cross the line from West to East.

Course - From the start around the center pier of Carquinez Bridge leaving the pier to port; then through the finish line. Castro Rock Buoy "2CR"(Fl R) shall be left to the East; Point San Pablo Buoy "2" (Fl R 4 sec) shall be left to the East; Pinole Shoal Channel restricted area bounded by Channel Marks 8, 10, 12 and 14 shall be left to the North.

Finish - Between Green Entrance Buoy off the Corinthian Yacht Club and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat. Boats will please illuminate their racing numbers at the finish.

7. THE START

- 7.1 The race will be started as follows: Signals will be identified by shapes, which will be displayed at five-minute intervals. Each shape will be removed one minute before the next signal is made. The sound signal accompanying each shape will be either a gun or horn, but times will be taken from the visual signals. The failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.
- 7.2 The starting signal shapes - - yellow, blue and red - - will be hoisted alternately and in sequence from the first (warning) signal at 1550 hours. The preparatory signal for each starting group will be the signal displayed five minutes before that start.
- 7.3 Boats shall start in accordance with individual handicaps beginning at 1600 hours, June 29, 2002. The committee boat will provide your starting time on request; however, it is each boat's responsibility to start at the proper time.
- 7.4 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.
- 7.5 This changes RRS 26.

8. TIME LIMIT

- 8.1 Time limit shall be 0200, Sunday, June 30, 2002, or when no boats have finished for a period of 30 minutes and 75% of the yachts that started have finished.
- 8.2 Boats not completing the course must report to the Race Committee as soon as possible, but no later than 1000 hours on Sunday, June 30, so that all boats may be accounted for. The Race Committee Signal Boat will monitor VHF Channel 72 and will be available by cell phone at 415-990-9133; or call the SFYC Clubhouse on 415-435-9133.

9. PROTESTS

- 9.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at The San Francisco Yacht Club and lodged there no later than 1000 hours on Sunday, June 30.
- 9.2 Protests will be heard in the approximate order of submission at The San Francisco Yacht Club at 1900 hours on Thursday, July 9, 2002.

10. PERSONAL BUOYANCY

All competitors are urged to wear life jackets or personal buoyancy while racing.

11. FINISH PLACES

Starting times are calculated based on handicaps and starting times are staggered so that winners and finishing places can be determined by the order of finish.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

The Race Committee may broadcast information about the day's racing and OCS on Channel 72. Neither failure of the Race Committee to communicate the sail numbers of recalled boats in a timely manner nor failure of a recalled boat to receive or hear transmitted information will be grounds for redress (affects RRS 62).

13. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for the First, Second, and Third-place finishers for monohull boats. A prize will be awarded for the first place double-handed boat and the first place single-handed boat, if at least five entries have been received respectively. A prize will be awarded to the first place multi-hull boat, if at least three entries have been received. All prizes will be mailed to contestants after July 9, 20021.

14. GUEST BERTHING

Due to a previously scheduled cruise-in, there will be limited space at the guest docks after the race. However, all boats that have reserved space for the night will be accommodated.

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