



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Fourth Annual Oktoberfest Cup
October 15, 2011

1.0 RULES: The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012, the prescriptions of USSailing, the Northern California PHRF rules, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. RRS 75.1 requiring membership in a yacht or sailing club is waived. The regatta is designated as Advertising Category A.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY: Eligibility is defined in the Notice of Race.

3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS: Any notices will be posted on the Race Bulletin Board located on the South wall in the bar area of Berkeley Yacht Club and on the BYC website: <http://www.berkeleyyc.org>.

4.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Any change in these instructions will be posted before 0930 hours on the day it will take effect and will be available from the Race Committee boat before the 1st Warning Signal.

5.0 SAIL NUMBERS: Prior to the start of any of the races, it shall be the responsibility of each competitor to notify the Race Committee of any sails to be flown with a number differing from that specified on her entry form. Finishing yachts failing to make such notification may not be scored.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACE: Saturday, Oktober 15, 2011: This is a "pursuit race," with the slowest rated yachts starting first. The Warning Signal will be at 1225 hours. It will be synchronized to GPS as closely as possible. If a postponement is deemed necessary, the new Warning will be on an integral multiple of 5-minute intervals thereafter, and will be announced on VHF 72. See Section 17 for the scheduled starting times.

7.0 SCORING: The Time-On-Distance method is used to assign starting times, whereupon Scoring will be via finishing order.

8.0 TROPHIES:

8.1 Trophies will be awarded to the first finishers of each division and the name of the winning boat and skipper of the spinnaker division will be engraved on the designated perpetual trophy, which will remain on display at the Berkeley Yacht Club. 2nd place trophies will be awarded if there are at least 4 starters in a division and 3rd place trophies will be awarded if there are at least 7 starters in a division.

8.2 Trophies will be awarded at BYC Saturday evening as soon as is practicable.

9.0 RESTRICTED AREAS: The ruins of the Berkeley Pier and the lines between the closest associated shore to the following shall be considered as obstructions: the bell buoy off the Northwest end of Alcatraz Island and the outer most rocks off Point Blunt (extending to any buoy marking same). Furthermore, if any part of a yacht or her equipment crosses any of these obstructions, she shall be considered to have violated RRS 31 and shall act in accordance with RRS 31.2.

10.0 RESTRICTED LINE: After the starting sequence has begun, only yachts preparing to start shall sail closer than 200 feet from the start line.

11.0 START, FINISH LINES AND COMMUNICATION:

11.1 The start line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and Olympic Circle buoy “FOC”.

11.2 The finish line will be between a blue shape on the northwest corner of the Berkeley Yacht Club and the speed limit sign on the opposite side of the marina entrance.

11.3 The Committee will use VHF 72.

12.0 INDIVIDUAL RECALL:

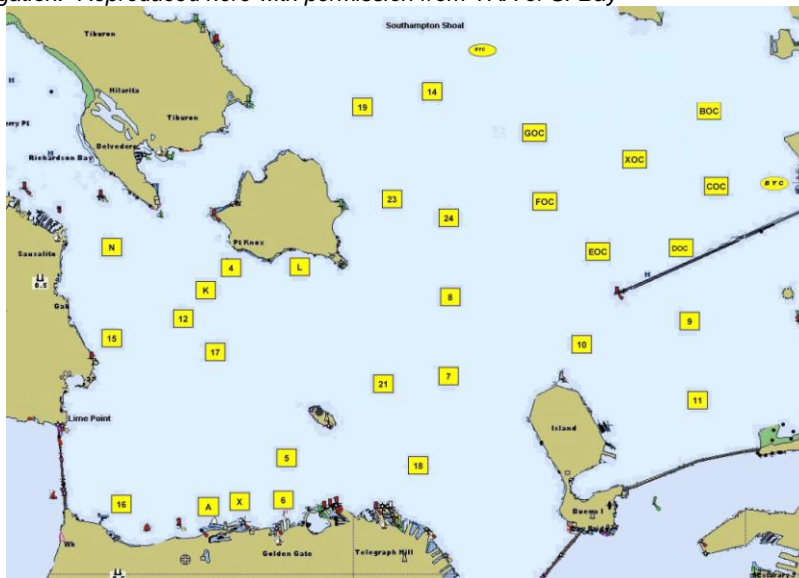
12.1 There will be no visual signal from the committee boat indicating premature starters (Amends RRS 29.1).

12.2 Race committee will attempt to hail the sail number any yacht recalled using a loud hailer and VHF, however, it is the responsibility of each yacht to make a proper start.

13.0 INTERFERENCE WITH COMMERCIAL VESSELS: Yachts shall not impede the passage of ship traffic while racing. Rule 9 of the Inland Rules of the Road applies with respect to all shipping traffic on San Francisco Bay and its tributaries. A violation of Rule 9 is subject to protest by any competitor and or the race committee. Compliance with RRS 60-63 will not be required with respect to a protest involving a Rule 9 infraction. A violation of Rule 9 may not be exonerated by an alternate penalty.

14.0 PROTESTS: Protests shall be submitted to the Race Committee in writing within 90 minutes after the protesting yacht finishes or withdraws. Protest hearings shall begin approximately 90 minutes after the last yacht finishes.

A chartlet - not to be used for navigation. Reproduced here with permission from YRA of SFBay



15.0 COURSE: (See chartlet) Alcatraz Island may be rounded to port or starboard. See Section 11 for definition of start and finish lines.

1) Start, Alcatraz Island, Finish

9.3 nm

16.0 TIME LIMIT: Yachts finishing after 1700 hours will be scored DNF..

17.0 START SIGNALS AND TIMES: See next page.