



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Ninth Annual Oktoberfest Cup
Oktober 14, 2017

1.0 RULES: The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, 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 on line (www.berkeleyyc.org/racing) and on the race bulletin board on the South Wall in the bar area before 10:00 on the day it will take effect.

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 14, 2017: 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 based on number of participants. 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.

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 START, FINISH LINES AND COMMUNICATION:

10.1 The start line will be between the BYC buoy (approximate location: 37-52.0268N X 122-19.499W) and an orange flag on a Signal Boat.

10.2 The finish line will be between an orange flag on the northwest corner of the Berkeley Yacht Club and the speed limit sign on the opposite side of the marina entrance.

10.3 The Committee will use VHF 72.

11.0 INDIVIDUAL RECALL:

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

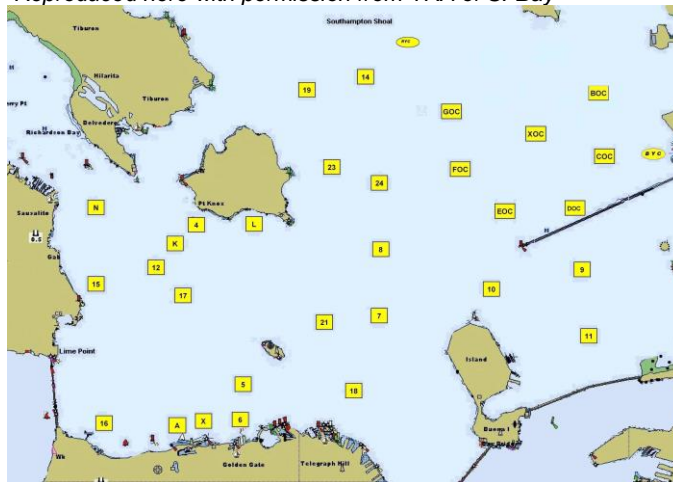
11.2 Race committee will attempt to hail the sail number any yacht recalled using a loud hailer and VHF, however, it is the responsibility of each yacht to make a proper start.

12.0 DISPOSAL OF WASTE OR TRASH: Boats observed breaking RRS 55 are 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. Discarding elastic or wool bands when setting a sail is permitted. This changes RRS 55, 60.1(a) and 64.1.

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.

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15.0 COURSE: (See chartlet) Alcatraz Island may be rounded to port or starboard. See Section 10 for definition of start and finish lines.

1) Start, Alcatraz Island, Finish

11.3 nm

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

17.0 START SIGNALS AND TIMES: See next page.