

HANDICAP DIVISIONS ASSOCIATION

A Chartered Association of the Yacht Racing Association of San Francisco Bay

2009 RACING SEASON

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: The YRA of San Francisco Bay

1. RULES

- 1.1. Races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2009-2012 (RRS).
- 1.2. There is no time limit for races in this series. RRS 35 is deleted

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. All yachts that meet PHRF minimum requirements are invited to compete in the HDA Long Course Series of races to be held on San Francisco Bay.
- 2.2. All competitors must:
 - 2.2.1. Hold a 2009 PHRF Certificate from the NCPHRF Committee.
 - 2.2.2. Be members of YRA
 - 2.2.3. Be members of a Yacht Club (YC) belonging to the YRA:

3. REGISTRATION

- 3.1. Eligible boats may enter electronically on the YRA website or request that entry forms be sent from the YRA office. Entry Forms are also available for download on the YRA web site and are printed in the Latitude 38 Master Racing schedule for San Francisco. YRA may be contacted at: YRA of San Francisco Bay, Quarters 35S Fort Mason, San Francisco, California 94123, <http://www.yra.org>, e-mail: info@yra.org, Voice: (415) 771-9500, Fax (415) 276-2378.

4. FEES

- 4.1. Entry fees and deadlines are outlined on the YRA entry form described in Paragraph 3.1.

5. MANAGEMENT

- 5.1. Each race shall be under the management of a race committee of the sponsoring yacht club. The Yacht Club and Race Committee Chairman for each race is listed in the Sailing Instructions for that race.
- 5.2. The HDA board contact information is listed on the YRA web site (<http://www.yra.org>).
- 5.3. An Alpha Numerical code flag determined by the HDA Chartered Association denoting the assigned division must be flown from the backstay of each boat

6. SCHEDULE AND RACING AREAS

- 6.1. Dates, venues, and sponsoring yacht club are as follows:

Date	Racing Area
5/23	Spring 1 – Knox
5/30	Spring 2 – South bay

6/20	Spring 3 – Berkeley Circle
8/8	Fall 1 – Richmond Long/Southampton
8/22	Fall 2 – City Front
8/30	Fall 3 – Knox

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. Sailing Instructions will be posted on the YRA web site approximately 2 weeks before the race.
- 7.2. Notices to competitors and changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the YRA web site.
- 7.3. Entrants may request that sailing instructions be sent by US Mail. This request may accompany their entry or thereafter, but must be in writing and include name, boat name, sail number, and address.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. Courses are 12 to 20 miles long and are selected by the Race Committee to provide 2 to 3 hours of racing. These courses use mostly permanent marks.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. The Low Point Scoring System RRS A4.1 will be used to score finishing boats. RRS 4.2 is modified to state, penalty points will be added to the number of boats that came to the starting area plus one for OCS, DNF, DNS or RAF (prior to protest hearing), plus two for DNC, and plus three for DSQ. A DSQ for Safety violation is considered as a (DNE) in addition to RRS 89.3(b). Ties will be broken in accordance with RRS A7 or A8 as appropriate. RRS A9 is deleted.
- 9.2. This series uses the Time-on-Time (TOT) system of scoring

10. COMMUNICATIONS

- 10.1. RRS 25 is changed to allow for on-the-water radio communication between the Race Committee and racing boats on the VHF channel specified in the Sailing Instructions for that day. The RC may hail OCS and may advise the fleet starting order by loud hailer and/or VHF radio.

11. MINIMUM EQUIPMENT LIST

- 11.1. Comply with the United States Coast Guard's equipment requirements for recreational vessels
- 11.2. USCG approved life jackets for each member of the crew
- 11.3. One horseshoe life ring or USCG approved ring buoy
- 11.4. A USCG approved fire extinguisher, readily accessible
- 11.5. A manually operated bilge pump
- 11.6. Suitable anchor and cable
- 11.7. Fog horn
- 11.8. Marine compass
- 11.9. Suitable charts for piloting

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in a YRA event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will

not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.