



2011 YRA Spring/Summer Series

NOTICE OF RACE

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1. RULES

1.1. Races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2009-2012 (RRS).

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1. All yachts that meet PHRF minimum requirements are invited to compete in the HDA Division of the YRA Spring/Summer Series of races to be held on San Francisco Bay.

2.2. All HDA competitors must:

2.2.1. Hold a 2011 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.

2.3. All yachts that meet one-design class requirements are invited to compete in the ODCA Division of the YRA Spring/Summer Series of races to be held on San Francisco Bay.

2.4. All ODCA competitors must:

2.4.1. Be members of YRA

2.4.2. Be members of a Yacht Club (YC) belonging to the YRA

2.4.3. Be members of a One-Design fleet that has secured at least 5 entries for a particular race.

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.

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 the race committee of the sponsoring yacht club for that race. The Yacht Club and Race Committee Chairman for each race is listed in the Sailing Instructions for that race.

5.2. The HDA contact information is listed on the YRA web site

5.3. The ODCA contact information is listed on the YRA web site

5.4. An Alpha Numerical code flag determined by the HDA denoting the assigned division must be flown from the backstay of each HDA boat.

6. SCHEDULE AND RACING AREAS

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

Date	Race – Racing Area	Sponsoring Club
5/21	Spring 1 – City Front X	Berkeley YC
6/12	Spring 2 – South Bay	Bay View BC
6/18	Spring 3 – The Summer Sailstice Regatta (central bay)	South Beach YC
8/6	Summer 1 – Richmond Long/Southampton	Richmond YC
8/13	Summer 2 – City Front X	SSS
8/17	Summer 3 – Knox/Bonita	Sausalito YC

6.2. Two races will be scheduled for each race day, except for the Spring 3 and the Summer 3 which will only have 1 race scheduled. All fleets have the option of racing either one or two races for the YRA Spring/Summer Races except for the Spring 3 & Summer 3. Fleet Captains for each

fleet must notify the YRA office at least **three** weeks before each race date whether they wish to race one or two races.

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 will be defined in the sailing instructions for each race day.
- 8.2. Courses are of varying distances from 3 to 20 miles long and are selected by the Race Committee to provide 2 to 3 hours of racing.
- 8.3. HDA & ODCA courses use predominately permanent marks with occasional temporary 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. The HDA fleets will be using the Time-on-Time (TOT) system of scoring

10. AWARDS & CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 10.1. Daily trophies will be handed out for each individual race in the YRA Spring/Summer Series.
- 10.2. HDA Racers and ODCA Fleets that sign up for the entire YRA Spring/Summer Series will be eligible to compete for overall Series Championships. Single Race entries will not be counted towards series championships.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

- 11.1. 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.
- 11.2. Participating boats must notify the Race Committee if they are dropping out of the race or will be unable to finish the race within the stated time limit found in the sailing instructions.

12. MINIMUM EQUIPMENT LIST

- 12.1. Comply with the United States Coast Guard's equipment requirements for recreational vessels
- 12.2. USCG approved life jackets for each member of the crew
- 12.3. One horseshoe life ring or USCG approved ring buoy
- 12.4. A USCG approved fire extinguisher, readily accessible
- 12.5. A manually operated bilge pump
- 12.6. Suitable anchor and cable
- 12.7. Fog horn
- 12.8. Marine compass
- 12.9. Suitable charts for piloting

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 13.1. 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.