

HDA/ODCA Spring 2 – May 30, 2009

Yacht Racing Association of SF Bay
415-771-9500

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: The YRA of San Francisco Bay

1.0 RULES

1.1 Races will be governed by the *rules* as defined in current version of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. **These sailing instructions replace the YRA Standing Sailing Instructions.**

2.0 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the YRA website, and mailed to entrants conforming to the HDA and ODCA Notices of Race (NOR) 7.3, by 5 PM the Wednesday before they will take effect.

3.0 CLASS FLAGS

3.1 HDA Classes

Flag

HDA G (99 & Under) G (GOLF)
HDA D (SF 30's) D (DELTA)
HDA K (102 & Up) K (KILO)

3.2 Class flags **are required** to be flown from the backstay of HDA fleets.

3.3 ODCA Classes

Flag

ALERION EXPRESS 28 A (ALPHA)
BENETEAU 36.7 J (JULIET)
EXPRESS 37 C (CHARLIE)
ISLANDER 36 E (ECHO)
OLSON 25 H (HOTEL)
SANTANA 22 W (WHISKEY)
SF 180 T (TANGO)

3.4 Class flags **are not required** to be flown from the backstay for ODCA fleets.

4.0 STARTING AND FINISH LINES

4.1 The Start/Finish line (S/F) will be a line between a yellow or orange flag or orange panel on the RC boat, or a panel on the club house race deck, and the Start/Finish mark specified in the course descriptions. The RC boat may set a limiting mark (which shall be considered part of the RC boat) close to her and on the same end of the starting line to protect her. There **may** be a separate Finish line, which will be on the starboard side of the RC boat, opposite the Starting line. It will be delimited by an orange flag on the RC boat and an orange ball or inflatable mark.

4.2 Refer to **Attachment 1** to determine specific Start & Finish line locations.

5.0 COURSES

5.1 The courses and marks are described on **Attachment 1**.

5.2 The courses to be sailed will be displayed by the Race Committee (RC) with numeric International Code Flags.

6.0 THE START

6.1 See **Attachment 1** for Scheduled start time and order.

6.2 Races will be started using RRS 26 as modified. Times will be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Signal Flag(s)	Sound	Minutes before Start	Course Signal
WARNING Class or Group	1 gun or horn	5	Raise Course Signal
PREPARATORY P, I, or Z	1 gun or horn	4	
Drop PREP	1 horn	1	Drop Course Signal
START	1 gun or horn	0	

Warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal for the preceding class. NOTE: PREP Signal 'Black Flag' will not be used for YRA races. Boats shall not start later than 10 minutes after their signaled start.

7.0 TWO-RACE DAYS:

- 7.1 At the discretion of the RC, the starting sequence for the second race may begin while there are still boats on the race course sailing the first race (this shall not relieve the RC of its obligation to finish these boats). Classes not scheduled for a second race will be eliminated from sequence to compress starts. To start the second race, the RC may sound two signals and drop the Blue Flag, followed in one minute by a Warning signal for the first start of the second series. RC may announce the starting fleet by radio. If the second sequence must be delayed, RC may fly Postponement flag and announce delay by radio. If not previously advised, a finishing fleet may request their approximate start from the RC boat or race deck. A Warning will proceed one minute after lowering the 'AP' flag.
- 8.0 STARTING SEQUENCE FOR TWO RACE DAYS:** Classes shall start the first race on a two-race day in the order listed in Attachment 1, with classes that have dropped out of a race day eliminated from the sequence to compress starts. Race number two shall start according to article 7.0.
- 9.0 COMMUNICATIONS**
- 9.1 **The Race Committee will attempt to hail boats for OCS and other pertinent information on VHF Channel 71.** The inability of a competitor to hear a hail for OCS or any other information shall not relieve her of her responsibility, nor shall it be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 25 and 63.1. Check in is not required. Boats are also encouraged to monitor VHF Channel 14 for updates on large vessel traffic.
- 10.0 RECALLS**
- 10.1 **INDIVIDUAL RECALL.** In addition to provisions of RRS 29.1, the RC may hail OCS boats by VHF radio on the designated channel. Failure of a hail, failure of a boat hearing the hail, or the order of hails shall not be grounds for redress.
- 10.2 **GENERAL RECALL.** In addition to provisions of RRS 29.2, add: If there is a second General Recall, that group will start after the last scheduled group of starters in first starting sequence on a course determined by the race committee.
- 11.0 RESTRICTED AREAS**
- 11.1 For safety reasons, lines between the following objects and the closest points ashore from them are restricted: Anita Rock and any buoy marking same, vertical 'H' beam off Water Quality Control Plant west of StFYC, bell buoy 7 off the west end of Alcatraz, and Point Blunt buoy off Angel Island. . Above obstructions are not marks of the course. The South Tower of the Golden Gate Bridge must be left to the South at all times. Any rocks visible at Mean Lower Low water immediately adjacent to Contra Costa County, Marin County or San Francisco shorelines shall be left to shoreward, except for Mile Rock, The Brothers and Red Rock.
- 11.2 The above-mentioned areas and buoys are defined as obstructions. A boat that breaks this rule may not correct her error per RRS 28.1 and shall retire.
- 11.3 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of any boat whose preparatory signal has been made. Boats shall not cross the Start or Finish line except when preparing to start, starting or finishing. Boats observed by the race committee to be in violation of this instruction may be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1. On courses signaled as twice around, boats shall NOT sail through start/finish line to start second rounding.
- 12.0 INTERFERENCE WITH OTHER VESSELS**
- 12.1 Rule 9 of the Inland Rules of the Road applies. Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway (see US Dept. of Commerce chart 18649 for designated shipping channels and fairways) A violation of Rule 9 is subject to protest by any competitor or the RC, and is not exonerated by an alternate penalty. RRS 60.3 is changed to add: "(d) call a hearing for an alleged breach of Rule 9 if notified by government, commercial or individual vessel of possible infraction. It shall also extend the time limit under RRS 61.3 to accept the information." A DSQ for violation of Rule 9 shall be considered a DNE.
- 13.0 SCORING**
- 13.1 Scores will be assigned according to the NOR.
- 14.0 PROTESTS**
- 14.1 Protests under RRS 61.1 shall be submitted in writing in accordance with RRS 61.2 and mailed or faxed to the YRA office not later than midnight on Monday following the regatta, or if Monday is a holiday, on Tuesday. Unless otherwise agreed to by all parties, protests will be heard at the clubhouse of the sponsoring yacht club on the third Monday following the race at 1930, or if that Monday is a holiday, it shall be held on the following Tuesday. Yacht clubs are responsible for sending a copy of the protest to the protested boat along with notification of the time and place of the hearing to parties to the protest.

Attachment 1

SCHEDULED START TIME AND ORDER:

Fleet	Flag	Race No.	Time	PHRF
Warning			1225	
HDA G	G	1		99 & Under
HDA K	K	1		102 & Over
SF 180	T	1		180
Express 37	C	1		72
Beneteau 36.7	J	1		75
HDA D (SF 30's)	D	1		SF 30's
Islander 36	E	1		144
Olson 25	H	1		159
Alerion Express 28	A	1		168
Santana 22	W	1		234
Express 37	C	2		72
Beneteau 36.7	J	2		75
HDA D (SF 30's)	D	2		SF 30's
Islander 36	E	2		144
Olson 25	H	2		159
Alerion Express 28	A	2		168
Santana 22	W	2		234

RACING AREA:

South Bay, from a Start Area located approximately .5 NM, WSW of 2NAS, at the approximate Lat/Lon of N37 46'14. 5 - W122 21'02. 5. The coordinates are provided for reference only.

COURSES:

- Course 1: S – W – O – LG – F (Approx. 6 miles)
 Course 2: S – W – O – LG – W – O – LG – F (Approx. 12 miles)
 Course 3: S – W – O – LG – W – O – LG – W – O – LG – F (Approx. 18 miles)
 Course 4: S – W – O – 32s – 34s – 35 – W – O – LG – F (Approx. 15.7 miles)

There will be a separate finish line which will be on the starboard side of the RC Boat, opposite the starting line (see course diagram). It will be delimited by an orange flag on the RC Boat and an orange ball or inflatable mark.

Four Courses 1, 2, & 3 round all marks to Port, except "LG", Leeward Gate: pass between "LG" and round either side. All Marks for courses 1, 2, & 3 are temporary YC buoys.

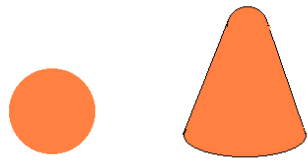
For Course 4: Round all marks to Port, except 32, 34 & "LG". Take 32 & 34 to Starboard. For "LG" pass between "LG" and round either side. All Marks except 32, 34 & 35 are temporary YC buoys.

32 – FL Y 4s "A" Approx. 2.5 miles East of Army St. Terminal

34 – FL R 2s Red "2" Approx .5 miles East of Portrero Point

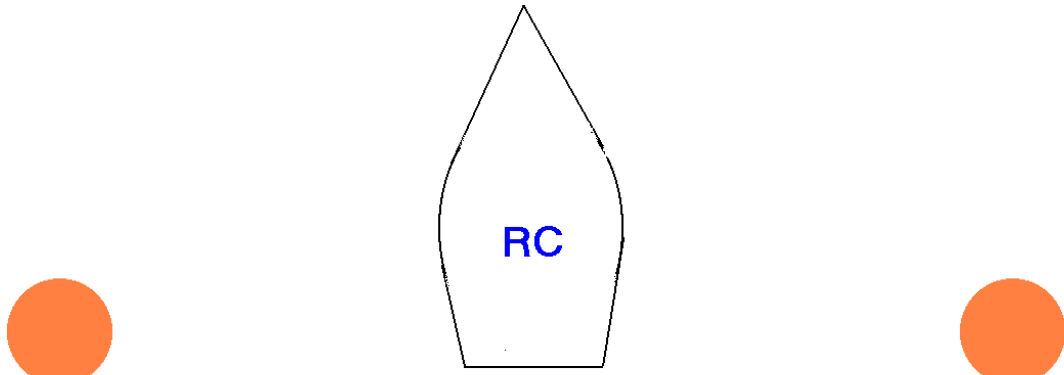
35 – Green Daymark "3", FL G 2.5s, Alameda NAS Entrance Channel

The diagram below shows approximate relative positions of the temporary marks for all courses. For all courses the Race Committee will signal the bearing to Mark W with numerical flags. All temporary marks will be approximately 1.5 nautical miles from the Start/Finish.



"O" Mark Offset

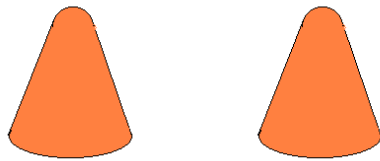
"W" Weather Mark



"S" Start Mark

Committee Boat

"F" Finish Mark



"LG" Leeward Gate