



# 2011 OYRA Ocean Racing Series

## NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: The YRA of San Francisco Bay  
1070 Marina Village Pkwy, Ste 202-G  
Alameda, CA 94501  
415-771-500 ph, 415-276-2378 fx  
[Info@yra.org](mailto:Info@yra.org) email, [www.yra.org](http://www.yra.org) website

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. These races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2009-2012 (RRS), the Prescriptions of U.S. Sailing, this Notice of Race, and any Rules modified by the Sailing Instructions for OYRA races.
  - 1.1.1. Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, as recorded in any standard tide & current book for San Francisco Bay, the Steering and Sailing Rules from IRPCAS (International Rules for Prevention of Collisions at Sea, effective 1977) and UIR (the Unified Inland Rules, effective 1981) shall replace Part 2 of the RRS. Preamble to RRS Part 2 still applies. Competitors are advised that non-competing boats are not governed by RRS and that IRPCAS or UIR govern meetings with non-competing boats.
  - 1.1.2. The 2011 – 2012 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing for Monohulls & Multihulls, prescriptions for Category 2 Racing, as modified by the "OYRA Minimum Equipment List" shall apply.
  - 1.1.3. 406 EPIRBs are required to compete in all OYRA Races.
  - 1.1.4. RRS 40 is deleted and replaced with, "all competitors shall wear life jackets or adequate personal buoyancy while on deck." Note that Flag Y will not be displayed.
  - 1.1.5. RRS 41(d) is modified to include the use of cell phones to obtain NOAA weather and buoy information.
  - 1.1.6. RRS 44.2 is not in effect. Penalties shall apply under RRS 44.3 using a penalty of 20% of the number of boats that came to the starting area, but not less than one, nor worse than DNF. This changes RRS 44.3(c)
  - 1.1.7. RRS 52 is modified to allow boats the use of powered winches, powered hydraulics, or powered furling devices as long as those boats have declared this information on their PHRF application. Only those boats that have declared this equipment and have been rated accordingly can sail in this configuration.
  - 1.1.8. RRS 77 is deleted and replaced with "All mainsails and head sails larger than 125% must carry sail numbers identifying the vessel. The number on the mainsail and all headsails must be the same as on the entry form. Spinnakers need not carry sail numbers.
  - 1.1.9. RRS 89.2 (a) is deleted and replaced with "Sailing Instructions, Notice of Race, Minimum Equipment Requirements, Boat/Crew Information and Statement of Compliance Forms, Entry Forms and other related material may be downloaded from the YRA website".

### 2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. All Mono-hulls with a valid NCPHRF Certificate and Multi-hulls with a valid BAMA Certificate, which are equipped for offshore sailing, including having a 406 EPIRB, are invited to compete in the OYRA Series of races to be held on the ocean waters surrounding San Francisco Bay.
  - 2.1.1. Mono-hull boats must have an enclosed cabin, a minimum overall length of twenty feet and a displacement of 2,000 lbs empty. Multi-hull boats shall have weather-tight enclosed accommodations for the crew and shall have the ability to float in an inverted position indefinitely.
  - 2.1.2. All boats must meet the Minimum Equipment Requirements and all standards set forth by the OYRA. Minimum Equipment Requirements can be found on the YRA website.
- 2.2. All OYRA competitors must:
  - 2.2.1. Be members of YRA
  - 2.2.2. 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.
- 3.2. Prior to each and every OYRA Race a competitor must submit a Boat/Crew Information sheet. This sheet will include a statement that the vessel has complied with all requirements of the OYRA Minimum Equipment List. Failure to submit a Boat/Crew Information Sheet will result in a boat being scored DNS.

### 4. FEES

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

### 5. DIVISIONS

- 5.1. The Following five divisions shall make up the OYRA Fleet:
  - 5.1.1.1. PHRO1A – Boats with a PHRF of 0 (zero) or less
  - 5.1.1.2. PHRO 1 – Boats with a D/W Ratio of less than 100
  - 5.1.1.3. PHRO 2 – Boats with a D/W Ratio of 100 to 199 or more
  - 5.1.1.4. PHRO 3 – Boats with a D/W Ratio of 200 or more
  - 5.1.1.5. SHS – Short Handed Sailing, open to any boat single or double handing. Must be specifically requested at time of entry

### 6. MANAGEMENT

- 6.1. Each race shall be under the management of the 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.
- 6.2. The OYRA board contact information is listed on the YRA web site

### 7. SCHEDULE AND RACING AREAS

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

Date	Race – Racing Area	Sponsoring Club
4/23	Lightship 1 *	St Francis YC
5/7	Duxship	South Beach YC
6/11	Full Crew Farallones	San Francisco YC
6/25	One Way to Half Moon Bay *	Half Moon Bay YC
7/9	Jr Waterhouse	Richmond YC
8/20	Drakes Bay 1	Corinthian YC
8/21	Drakes Bay 2	Corinthian YC
9/18	Southern Cross *	San Rafael YC
10/1	Lightship 2 *	Golden Gate YC

- 7.2. The series shall consist of the nine ocean races described above. The number of races allows a boat to experience diverse weather conditions, night sailing, overnight anchoring and close encounters with marine life.
- 7.3. A boat's worst score shall be excluded from the full series.
- 7.4. To qualify for awards a boat must start 50% of the series races.
- 7.5. \*The Lightship 1, One Way to Half Moon Bay, Southern Cross and Lightship 2 races are part of the OYRA Daylight Series. This series is intended as an introduction to ocean racing.
  - 7.5.1. The OYRA Daylight Series will have a later start time than the rest of the OYRA Ocean Series
  - 7.5.2. The OYRA Daylight Series will have an earlier finish time than the rest of the OYRA Ocean Series
  - 7.5.3. Participants in the OYRA Daylight Series must still meet all the requirements for the OYRA Ocean Series.
  - 7.5.4. Racers who sign up for the entire OYRA Ocean Series are automatically entered into the Daylight Series. Additional entry is not required.
  - 7.5.5. The OYRA Daylight Series will be a four race series with no throw out race.

### 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. Sailing Instructions will be posted on the YRA web site approximately 2 weeks before the race.

- 8.2. Notices to competitors and changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the YRA web site.
- 8.3. 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.

## **9. COURSES**

- 9.1. Courses will be defined in the sailing instructions for each race day.
- 9.2. Courses range from 21 to 58 NM.

## **10. SCORING**

- 10.1. 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.
- 10.2. The Time-on-Time (TOT) system of scoring shall be used.

## **11. AWARDS & CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 11.1. Daily trophies will be awarded for each individual OYRA Race
- 11.2. Series Championships will be awarded for OYRA Daylight Series, the first half, second half and overall for the full series.

## **12. COMMUNICATIONS**

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. 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.

## **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.