



2011 PC Series

NOTICE OF RACE

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1. RULES

1.1. The PC Series of regattas will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2009-2012 (RRS).

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1. All yachts that meet PHRF minimum requirements and/or one-design class requirements are invited to compete in the YRA PC Series of regattas to be held on San Francisco Bay.

2.2. All 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 a member 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.

4. FEES

4.1. Competitors may enter the entire 3 regatta series as a discounted package or may enter any of the 3 regattas individually.

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

5. MANAGEMENT

5.1. Each Regatta is a standalone event and shall be under the management of the race committee of the sponsoring yacht club for that Regatta. The Yacht Club and Race Committee Chairman for each race is listed in the Sailing Instructions for that race.

5.2. The YRA Board of Directors contact information is listed on the YRA web site

6. SCHEDULE AND RACING AREAS

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

Date	Race – Racing Area	Sponsoring Club
4/30 – 5/1	YRA Season Opener/The Great Vallejo Race	Vallejo YC
6/18	The Summer Sailstice Regatta*	South Beach YC
7/23 – 7/24	YRA 2 nd Half Opener	Encinal YC
9/24 – 9/25	YRA Season Closer, The Islands Tour	Corinthian YC

6.2. Only one race is scheduled for each race day.

6.3. * The Summer Sailstice Regatta is a bonus regatta available to PC racers for an **additional** fee of \$5.

7. ENTERTAINMENT

7.1. There will be a party, hosted by the Sponsoring Yacht Club, on the Saturday night of each weekend event. Food and Drink tickets may need to be purchased for each participant and will be available at the event.

7.2. All participants are encouraged to overnight at the sponsoring club for each event. Docking, anchoring and/or rafting space will be available.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1. Sailing Instructions will be posted on the YRA web site approximately 2 prior to each regatta.

- 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. Saturday Courses are considered "destination" courses, with distances 20+ miles long.
- 9.3. Sunday courses are shorter courses, generally 8 to 15 miles long, designed to get racers home by late afternoon.
- 9.4. PC courses use predominately permanent marks.

10. DIVISIONS

- 10.1. Divisions will be provided for the following types of boats:
 - 10.1.1. PHRF
 - 10.1.2. Sportboat
 - 10.1.3. One-Design
 - 10.1.4. Multihull
 - 10.1.5. Short-Handed
 - 10.1.6. Non-Spinnaker
- 10.2. The YRA may breakdown the divisions into fleets to ensure good racing.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. 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.
- 11.2. The Handicap fleets will be using the Time-on-Time (TOT) system of scoring

12. CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 12.1. Division Champions will be named for each regatta. There will not be an overall series champion.

13. COMMUNICATIONS

- 13.1. 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.
- 13.2. 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.

14. MINIMUM EQUIPMENT LIST

- 14.1. Comply with the United States Coast Guard's equipment requirements for recreational vessels
- 14.2. USCG approved life jackets for each member of the crew
- 14.3. One horseshoe life ring or USCG approved ring buoy
- 14.4. A USCG approved fire extinguisher, readily accessible
- 14.5. A manually operated bilge pump
- 14.6. Suitable anchor and cable
- 14.7. Fog horn
- 14.8. Marine compass
- 14.9. Suitable charts for piloting

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1. 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.