WOODEN BOAT RACING 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

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 Races will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012*. **The Sailing Instructions replace the YRA Standing Sailing Instructions**.
- 1.2 RRS 40 is changed as follows: All competitors are required to wear life jacket or other adequate personal flotation device while racing.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Members in good standing of the following classes are invited to participate: BIRD, FOLKBOAT, IOD and KNARR.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may request that entry forms be sent from the YRA office.
 They are also available on the YRA web site, and in the *Latitude 38 2009 Northern California Sailing Calendar and YRA Master Schedule.*
- 2.3 In order to avoid a late fee, entry forms and fee must be **received at the YRA office by 5 PM, Monday, April 6, 2009** to enter the full season; and thereafter by 5 PM the Monday preceding any race, to enter the remainder of the season.
- 2.4 If an entry form and fee is received after 5 PM on the Monday preceding the full season, or after 5 PM on the Monday preceding any race for the purpose of entering the remainder of the season, such entry form and fee must be received by 5 PM the following Wednesday and include an additional late fee of \$35.
- 2.5 The normal WBRA entry fee is \$230, which includes YRA membership and US Sailing membership. An entrant who has previously paid YRA membership dues for the current year is eligible for a \$40 adjustment. An entrant who has already paid US Sailing dues through December of the current year is eligible for a \$40 adjustment.

3.0 MANAGEMENT

- 3.1 Each race shall be under the management of a race committee of the sponsoring yacht club.
- 3.2 Sponsoring Yacht Clubs, Class Officers, and WBRA Officers, are listed in Appendix A.

4.0 SCHEDULE AND RACING AREAS

4.1 Dates, first warning signal, and venues are as follows:

4/11	1055	City Front			
4/25	1055	Berkeley Circle			
5/9	1055	Knox			
5/30	1055	Mid Bay			
6/19-21		City Front (StFYC Woodies, Invitational)*			
6/13	1055	City Front			
8/23	1155	Southampton			
8/30	1055	City Front			
9/20		TBD (SFYC Leukemia Cup, Invitational)*			
10/17		Knox (SFYC Fall Classic, Invitational)*			
* Separate Entry Fee required					

5.0 MINIMUM EQUIPMENT LIST

5.1 Boats must comply with the United States Coast Guard's requirements for recreational vessels, and minimum additional equipment as follows: (1) USCG approved life jackets for each member of the crew; (2) one horseshoe life ring or USCG approved ring buoy; (3) a USCG approved (or equivalent) fire extinguisher, readily accessible; (4) a manually operated bilge pump; (5) suitable anchor and cable; (6) fog horn; (7) marine compass; and (8) suitable charts for piloting.

6.0 SCORING

- 6.1 The Low Point Scoring System RRS A4.1 will be used to score finishing boats.
- 6.2 RRS A9 will apply. RRS A4.2 is deleted.
- 6.3 For the purposes of qualifying the fleet for the season, a race that is abandoned shall be listed as a valid race for any boat that came to the starting area.

7.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Sailing instructions, notices to competitors, and changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the YRA website, www.yra.org, to be downloaded by the entrant:
- 7.2 Entrants may request that sailing instructions, notices to competitors, and changes to the 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.

8.0 COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 RRS 25 is changed to allow for on-the-water radio communication between the Race Committee and racing boats on the VHF channel specified for that day in the WBRA Sailing Instructions. In addition to the normally displayed signal for boats OCS, the RC may hail OCS boats by loud hailer or VHF radio. Additionally, for the second race, the RC may advise the fleet starting order by loud hailer and/or VHF radio.

9.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

9.1 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.

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Appendix A

HOST CLUBS

Host Club	Committee Chair	Phone & E-mail	
San Francisco YC	Anne McCormack	415-789-5647	race@sfyc.org
St. Francis YC	John Craig	415-563-6363	raceoffice@stfyc.com
Berkeley YC	Bobbi Tosse	925-939-9885	race@berkeleyyc.org
Sausalito YC	Paul Adams	415-269-1973	race@syconline.org
Corinthian YC	Donal Botkin	415-497-5411	dbbotkin@mac.com

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