



Aldo Alessio Race
September 21, 2024
Organizing Authority St. Francis Yacht Club
NOTICE OF RACE

The notation [NP] in a rule in the NOR means it shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation [DP] in a rule in the NOR or SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

Introduction: The 2024 Aldo Alessio Race starts September 21 from St. Francis Yacht Club and continues down the California coast. There will be scoring gates near Monterey, Point Conception, Los Angeles, and San Diego, with recognition for best corrected time to each gate. Participants may end their race after any of the gates. AIS and liferafts are required if continuing south of Monterey.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 [DP] US Sailing SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS (SER) (available at the US Sailing website: <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Monohull-SER-2023.0-Coastal.pdf>) for Coastal.
- 1.3 YRA of the SF Bay Ocean Yacht Racing Association OYRA SER 2.2.2 applies. Boats must have a stability index greater or equal to 103 or meet the requirements of ISO 12217-2B.
- 1.4 While racing, competitors are required to wear lifejackets that comply with OYRA SER requirement 3.1.1 and 3.1.2.
- 1.5 AIS Transceivers which shall be set to transmit at all times are required.
- 1.6 Automatic and wind-vane devices for steering may be used. This changes Rule 52.
- 1.7 Boats may be required to carry live trackers to be supplied by the OA. Trackers shall be returned to the OA no later than September 30, 2024. A refundable deposit will be collected prior to distributing trackers.
- 1.8 Boats racing past the Monterey Gate (defined below) are required to carry Life rafts as defined in the US Sailing SER, but these are not required for boats not racing past Monterey.
- 1.9 Rule RRS 41 is changed to read: Rule 41(c), weather information that is available to all boats for a fee may be received, but it shall not include specific weather or routing advice customized for the boat or a group of boats.
- 1.10 For determination of the right of way among contestants, Part 2 of the racing rules shall govern, except between sunset and sunrise, the following shall be substituted for RRS Rule 17: "When two boats are on the same tack and within three of the larger boat's overall length of each other, the overtaking boat shall keep clear and neither boat shall alter course toward the other. Sunset and sunrise shall be determined as published by the US Naval Observatory at each boat's current position." This changes RRS 17.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after 1200 on September 18, 2024 at <https://www.stfyc.com/racing>.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://www.stfyc.com/racing>.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 Competitors are required to check in by VHF within 30 minutes before their warning signal. Boats failing to check in will be scored 'DNC' without a hearing. This changes A5.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The race is open to:
 - Monohull boats with a minimum LOA $\geq 23'9''$ and a current NC PHRF or ORC certificate.
 - Multihull boats with a minimum LOA $\geq 23'9''$ and a current SFBAMA PHRF certificate.

- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at <https://www.stfyc.com/racing> on or before September 04, 2024.
- 4.3 The minimum number of entries is 5 boats. The organizing authority may cancel the event if the minimum number of entries has not been reached by September 04, 2024 and a refund will be provided.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Monohull or Multihull	Entry Fee until August 04	Late Entry Fee from August 05
23'9" - 35 feet	\$100	\$150
35-45 feet	\$125	\$185
> 45 feet	\$150	\$225

- 5.2 All entry fees on or after September 04, 2024 are non-refundable.
- 5.3 If a boat enters a class that later fails to meet the minimum requirements, it will receive a 100% refund minus credit card fees if it does not enter another class.
- 5.4 The regatta socials are included in the entry fee for the sailors. Guests are welcome and encouraged to purchase tickets.

6 SCHEDULE

The schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Event
Friday, September 20	1900	Zoom Competitors' Briefing
Saturday, September 21	1100	First Warning

7 COURSES

- 7.1 The race runs from San Francisco Bay to San Diego with scoring gates as follows:
- Monterey Gate: A line of latitude at 38° 45'
 - Conception Gate: A line of latitude at 34° 30'
 - Los Angeles Gate: A line of latitude at 33° 45'
 - San Diego Gate: A line of latitude at 32° 45'
- 7.2 Entrants may conclude racing after any of the gates and be scored and awarded prizes based on their time to each gate.
- 7.3 The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

8 HANDICAPPED CLASS BREAKS

- 8.1 Handicapped class breaks (as required) will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 1700 September 19, 2024.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 Boats will be scored Time on Time (TOT) using ORC and Northern California PHRF.
- 9.2 Boats competing in an ORC class shall submit a valid ORC rating certificate by September 04, 2024. Boats may not change their rating certificate after September 04, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct an error by their RA. This changes RRS 78.2.
- 9.3 Scoring will be based on elapsed time to each Gate.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Appendix V1 and V2 – Alternative Penalties will apply.

11 [NP] [DP] BERTHING

- 11.1 Docking is available for registered boats three (3) days prior to the regatta, at no cost. Additional days may be permitted by the Dockmaster. Boats requesting dockage must complete this form by September 14, 2024 to request docking: <https://tinyurl.com/DockingRequest>.
- 11.2 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbor.
- 11.3 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official or the SF Marina Yacht Harbor Staff.
- 11.4 Storage of any sailing equipment or boat gear is not permitted on any docks.
- 11.5 Competitors and support persons shall not tamper with city gates for dock access.

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 Trophies will be awarded to the first place PHRF and ORC corrected-time finishers at each gate. Where a team wins multiple categories and/or gates, the trophies may be combined.
- 12.2 Additional prizes may be awarded based on the number of entrants.
- 12.3 Prizes not claimed at the prize giving ceremony will remain with the organizing authority.

13 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

14 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 incident or the equivalent.

15 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 15.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.
- 15.2 Additionally, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and race officials the right to use their personal contact information, including but not limited to a current email address and cell phone number, for the purpose of race administration and race communications.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please go to www.stfyc.com or contact:

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