2024 SPRING FEST



April 06-07, 2024

Organizing Authority (OA): St. Francis Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation [NP] in a rule in the NOR means it shall not be grounds for protest. 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 jury, be less than disqualification.

GENERAL INFORMATION

StFYC is enhancing consistency throughout the 2024 regatta season. Our Spring Fest (April 6 & 7) and Fall Invitational (October 19 & 20) will be conducted with the same course formats and invited fleets.

The Spring Fest is held annually on the first weekend in April, while the Fall Invitational Regatta is held annually on the weekend after Columbus Day.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The regatta is governed by the IMS and ORC Rating rules.
- 1.3 Appendix V applies.
- 1.4 The local fleet rules for each of the one design classes apply.
- 1.5 [NP] [DP] Rule 40.1 will apply when boats are in the racing area and on their way to and from the racing area.
- 1.6 The Vakaros RaceSense system may be utilized by the race committee and competitors. This changes RRS 41(c).
- 1.7 Boats may be required to mount a working Vakaros Atlas 2 configured for RaceSense on the aft side of the mast at all times while racing. A boat shall either provide a working Atlas 2 at check-in for configuration with RaceSense or an Atlas 2 will be provided by the organizing authority during the Check-In to any boat which does not have one available.
- 1.8 Boats utilizing a loaner Vakaros Atlas 2 will be responsible for loss or damage to the Altas 2 due to negligence.
- 1.9 Failure of an Atlas 2 or the RaceSense system shall not be grounds for opening a hearing considering redress.

 This changes RRS 63.1.
- 1.10 RRS 56.2 is deleted.
- 1.11 <u>US Sailing Prescriptions</u> to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 are deleted.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on April 03, 2024 at the event website.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at the event website.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all one design boats stated in 5.1.
- 4.2 The regatta is open to all ORC Monohull boats. Boats with an APH of 500 or lower are required to have an ORC International certificate. Boats with an APH higher than 500 may compete using either an ORC International Certificate or ORC Club Certificate. Boats may apply for an ORC certificate with US Sailing: https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/orc/#application.
- 4.3 Boats competing in an ORC class shall submit a valid ORC rating certificate by April 01, 2024. Boats may not change their rating certificate after April 01, 2024, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct an error by their Rating Authority. This changes RRS 78.2.
- 4.4 The minimum number of entries for each class is stated in the table in NoR 5.1. The organizing authority may cancel a class if the minimum number of entries has not been reached by March 27, 2024.
- 4.5 Eligible boats may enter by registering online at the event website and paying the entry fee.
- 4.6 ORC division assignments will be posted by 1700 on April 05, 2024.

5. FEES

5.1 The entry fees are as follows:

Class	Early Entry Fee until March 13, 2024	Standard Entry Fee until March 27, 2024	Minimum number of entries
J/22	\$170	\$178	6
Folkboat			6
Olson 25			6
ORC/PHRF <26 feet			*
Express 27	\$195	\$205	6
Alerion 28			6
J/88			6
ORC/PHRF 26-30 feet			*
Knarr	\$218	\$230	6
J/105			6
Express 37			6
ORC/PHRF >30 feet			*

^{*} The minimum number of entries for ORC is 6.

5.2 All entry fees are non-refundable on or after March 27, 2024.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 The schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Event	Number of Races
Friday, April 05	1600-1800	Registration	
Saturday, April 06	0800-0930	Registration	
	0930	Competitors' Meeting & Vakaros RaceSense Information Session	
	1100	First Warning Signal	3
	after racing	Social & Vakaros data debrief	
Sunday, April 07	1030	First Warning Signal	3
	after racing	Social & Awards	

6.2 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1600.

7. RACING AREA AND COURSES

- 7.1 Addendum 'Racing Areas' shows the location of the starting areas and racing areas. The intended racing area will be set on the San Francisco City Front between Treasure Island and the Presidio Shoal.
- 7.2 The course may be a windward leeward, any variation of a triangle, or other course.

8. SCORING

- 8.1 One (1) race will constitute a series.
- 8.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 8.3 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 8.4 RRS 90.3(e) applies.

9. BERTHING

- 9.1 Docking is available for registered boats one (1) day prior and one (1) day after the regatta, at no cost.

 Additional days may be permitted by the Dockmaster. Boats requesting dockage must complete this form by April 03, 2024 to request docking: https://tinyurl.com/DockingRequest.
- 9.2 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbor.
- 9.3 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official or the SF Marina Yacht Harbor Staff.
- 9.4 Storage of any sailing equipment or boat gear is not permitted on any docks.
- 9.5 Competitors and support persons shall not tamper with city gates for dock access.

10. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

[DP] Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes will be given based on participation.
- 11.2 ORC classes will be competing for the 'Frank Stone Perpetual Trophy' (Stone Cup).
- 11.3 Prizes not claimed at the prize giving ceremony will remain with the organizing authority.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Ratings 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 race. By participating in this race, 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.

13. RIGHTS TO USE NAME, LIKENESS, AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

- 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.
- 13.2 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 regatta communications.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

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

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