



St. Francis Yacht Club
September 20-25, 2010

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2009-2012.
- 1.2 The “class rules” for purposes of the definition of “rules” are the International Melges 32 Class Rules (IM32CR)
- 1.3 Boats are required to comply with the provisions of Attachment A.
- 1.4 RRS 40 is changed as follows: All competitors are required to wear life-jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy while racing. Code Flag “Y” will not be displayed.
- 1.5 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that, except for infringements of Part 2 that occur within three boat lengths Zone of a rounding mark or finish mark, only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required. This changes RRS 44.1 and RRS 44.2.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages, English shall prevail.

2. ENTRIES

Eligible boats shall complete registration online (www.stfyc.com) prior to 1800 hours on Tuesday, September 21, 2010.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 A Skippers Briefing will be held at StFYC Tuesday, September 21 at 1730 hours.
- 3.2 Official Notices will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located in the hallway adjacent to the side (Regatta) entrance of StFYC.
- 3.3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0930 hours on the day they are to take effect, except any changes to Sailing Instruction 4, Number & Schedule of Races, will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before they take effect.
- 3.4 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the StFYC Race Deck.
- 3.5 Questions regarding the Sailing Instructions may be submitted in writing to the international Jury. Questions and written responses will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.
- 3.6 Competitors should monitor VHF 69 for on the water communication with the Race Committee.

4. NUMBER & SCHEDULE OF RACES

<u>RACE(s)</u>	<u>DAY & DATE</u>	<u>TIME OF FIRST WARNING SIGNAL</u>
4.1 Practice	Tuesday – Sept. 21	1300 Hours
4.2 Championship	Wednesday-Saturday – Sept. 22-25	1200 Hours

It is the intent of the Race Committee to conduct as many races as practical on each scheduled day of racing, up to a maximum of three races per day and ten races for the Series. No Warning Signal will be made after 1430 on the last scheduled day of racing.

5. RACING AREA

The intended racing area will be the Berkeley Circle.

6. COURSES & MARKS

- 6.1 The courses and marks are described in Attachment A – Official Description of Marks and Courses.
- 6.2 No later than the Warning Signal, a placard designating the course will be displayed from the Signal Boat.

7. THE START

- 7.1 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the Starting Line Signal Boat on the starboard end and a yellow inflatable cone mark on the port end (facing upwind).
- 7.2 The class flag will be the Melges 32 Class Flag.
- 7.3 A boat shall not start later than four minutes after her starting signal. Any boat that starts later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35.

8. THE FINISH

- 8.1 For Courses A - B, the Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on a Race Committee boat and a round orange buoy set to port (facing upwind) approximately 200 yards **upwind of Mark 1**.
- 8.2 For Courses for C - D, the Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on a Race Committee boat and a round orange buoy set to port (facing downwind) approximately 200 yards **downwind of Mark Gate**.

9. TIME LIMIT FOR EACH RACE

The Time Limit for each race will be 2 hours. A boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat will be scored "Did Not Finish" by the Race Committee. This Changes RRS 35.

10. PROTESTS

- 10.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be written on Standard US SAILING Protest Forms. Protest Forms are available at the St. Francis Yacht Club Jury Desk. Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the Jury Secretary at the Jury Desk within 60 minutes after the arrival of the Race Committee Signal Boat ashore. This time limit will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.
- 10.2 The time and place of all protest hearing(s), the boat(s) protesting, boat(s) being protested and boat(s) requesting redress will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board within 90 minutes after the arrival of the Race Committee Signal Boat ashore. This shall serve as notification as per RRS 63.2.
- 10.3 A request to reopen a hearing on the last day of racing must be delivered to the jury desk of the St. Francis Yacht Club within 60 minutes of the posting of the Protest Committee's decision (oral or written). This changes RRS 66.
- 10.4 Protests for a breach of ISAF Regulation 22 (Classification) shall be made within protest time limit on the first day of racing,. However where the protest relates to a replacement crew allowed in accordance with SI 16, the protest shall be made within protest time on the first day, for that individual . This changes Rule 60.1.
- 10.5 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 11, 13 and 19 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1. A Penalty under these Rules is under the jurisdiction of the international Jury and may be less than a Disqualification and will be marked as DPI on the scoring sheet This changes rules 60.1(a) and 64.1(a).
- 10.6 Notices will be posted within thirty (30) minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located in the clubhouse at StFYC.

11. DECALS ON BOATS

All boats shall display bow numbers in the manner described at registration by the Organizing Authority from 1800 hours Tuesday, September 21, 2010 to one hour after the finish of the last race of the series. The bow numbers will be supplied by the Class.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 12.1** The Race Committee will use VHF 69 to broadcast information such as signals made ashore, location of the Race Committee Boat, bow or sail numbers of boats recalled, etc. A time check will be transmitted by the Race Committee over VHF 69 approximately 15 minutes before the first warning signal of each day's race.
- 12.2** Neither failure to receive or hear radio transmissions nor failure to make them, nor delay or errors in them, will be grounds for requests for redress by competitors. (Amends RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a)).
- 12.3** A boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

13. DISPOSAL OF WASTE OR TRASH

No boat shall discharge trash of any kind into the San Francisco Bay. .

14. SCORING

- 14.1** Three races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 14.2** When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 14.3** When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15. REPLACEMENT OF CREW AND EQUIPMENT

- 15.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without the prior written approval of Joy Dunnigan, IM32CA Administrator and approval prior to the race to which it applies. Applications for such substitution shall be made in writing and handed in at the Jury Desk as soon as possible. Crew substitutions may weigh-in during the designated Substitute Crew Weigh-In period, from 830-930 hours, on the first day they compete.
- 15.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

16. COMMITTEE BOAT, JURY BOAT, MEASURER'S BOAT, SERVICE BOATS AN PRESS BOATS

- 16.1** The Committee boat will display a blue flag with R.C.
- 16.2** The Jury boat will display a white flag with "Jury".
- 16.3** The Measurer's boat will display a white flag with "Official".
- 16.4** Vessels used by Press, Photographers, Film Crews, etc. are not under the jurisdiction of the Race Committee but will display a red flag with "Press".

17. HAULING OUT

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with prior written permission of the International Jury.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat may be instructed by the race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19. SUPPORT BOATS

- 19.1** Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 19.2** All support boats shall register at registration or with the Race Office prior to the start of racing.

20. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded for the top five competitors.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 21.1** The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor, who must ensure the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, manned by a crew sufficient in number and experience and who are physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/competitor must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging and all gear. He/she must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is used.
- 21.2** Neither the establishment of these conditions, nor their use by the Organizing Authorities and the Race Organizers in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor. The crew and guests are nonetheless advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.

Additional Notices

BERTHING, HAUL OUT & TRAILER STORAGE

- Competitor's Boats may be moored, free of charge, at the StFYC Guest Docks during regatta race days.
- All boats shall remain in the water from noon on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 through completion of their final race.
- If you plan on leaving a trailer in the City parking lot, an overnight parking permit must be obtained from the StFYC Race Office (trailers without permit may be towed). All trailers shall be stored at the parking lot to the east of the StFYC clubhouse, or at the direction of the StFYC Dock Master.

ATTACHMENT A
OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF MARKS AND COURSES

MARK	DESCRIPTION
W	Inflatable yellow buoy set as a Windward Mark
Wo	Inflatable red buoy set as an Offset Mark
Gate	Two inflatable yellow buoys set as a Leeward Gate (boats must pass between the two gate marks)
Change of Course Mark	Inflatable yellow buoy with a black band

COURSE	ROUNDING ORDER
A	Start → W(p) → Wo(p) → Gate → Finish (Upwind)
B	Start → W(p) → Wo(p) → Gate → W(p) → Wo(p) → Gate → Finish (Upwind)
C	Start → W(p) → Wo(p) → Gate → W(p) → Wo(p) → Finish (Downwind)
D	Start → W(p) → Wo(p) → Gate → W(p) → Wo(p) → Gate → W(p) → Wo(p) Finish (Downwind)