



Rolex Big Boat Series

St. Francis Yacht Club
September 13-17, 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of US Sailing and the Deeds of Gift for the following trophies: St. Francis Perpetual, the City of San Francisco Perpetual, the Atlantic Perpetual, the Keefe-Kilborn Perpetual, the Richard Rheem Perpetual, and the Commodore's Perpetual.
- 1.2 J/70 One Design: J/70 Class Rules are in effect.
- 1.3 J/105 One Design: J/105 Class Rules are in effect.
- 1.4 J/111 One Design: J/111 Class Rules are in effect.
- 1.5 J/120 One Design: Fleet 5 Modifications to the J/120 Class Association Rules are in effect.
- 1.6 Farr 40 One Design: Farr 40 Class rules are in effect.
- 1.7 Handicap divisions: BAMA, ORR, and NorCal PHRF Sportboat are in effect.
- 1.8 Yachts sailing in handicap divisions shall furnish their valid certificates no later than Tuesday, September 5th. No alteration to a yacht's rating will be permitted after this date, with the following exceptions: as a rating protest, to correct Rating Office errors, or with prior written permission of the Organizing Authority (OA) to be granted only in extreme circumstances with an accompanying \$500 fee.
- 1.9 Rule 40 will be changed as follows: Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except when below deck or briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.10 RRS Appendix T, Sections A, B and D will apply.
- 1.11 The following US Sailing prescriptions will not apply: 60.3, 63.2 and 63.4.
- 1.12 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising for timepieces other than for Rolex, our title sponsor, is strongly discouraged.
- 2.2 Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY & DIVISIONS

- 3.1 One Design: Express 37, Farr 40, J/111 and J/120 with a minimum of six (6) entries.
- 3.2 One Design: J/70 and J/105 with a minimum of fifteen (15) entries.
- 3.3 Handicap yachts with valid ORR-Fully Measured Certificate that measure a minimum of 35' LOA and have a minimum of four (4) entries.
- 3.4 Multihull Handicap yachts with valid BAMA certificate, a rating of -45 or faster, and minimum of 33' LOA, including pole, and have a minimum of six (6) entries.
- 3.5 Handicap yachts with a valid NorCal PHRF Sportboat certificate as defined by the following sportboat guidelines: Any boat with a SA_DW/D ratio ≥ 61 , a D/WL ratio ≤ 105 that carries a sprit and has a LWL $< 33'$. Yachts must also conform to the following parameters: have a minimum 28' LOA to 36' LOA, a rating between 9 and 81, and have a minimum of eight (8) entries.
- 3.6 Handicap division breaks will be made at the discretion of the OA.
- 3.7 If Class minimum entry requirements are not met by Monday, August 1st, the OA reserves the right to cancel a division. Entered boats may be assigned to the appropriate handicap division at the discretion of the OA provided they meet all eligibility requirements of that division.

- 3.8 For handicap divisions the OA may reject the entry of any yacht that that may not fit the general parameters of the other yachts entered with regard to size and/or design.

4 ENTRY AND FEES

- 4.1 Eligible competitors may enter online at www.rolexbigboatseries.com before Tuesday, September 6th.
- 4.2 For all classes, the entry fee is \$22.00 per foot of overall boat length, rounded up to the nearest foot. Payment is available online. Payment by check must be in U.S. DOLLARS drawn on a U.S. bank and made payable to: St. Francis Yacht Club.
- 4.3 Any entry or payment for an entry received on or after August 1st will incur an additional fee of \$200.
- 4.4 An entry is not considered complete until the online entry form and fee are received.

5 REGATTA SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 13th

- 1000 - 1900 Registration & Check-In
1800 - 1830 Skippers & Navigators Briefing
1830 - 1930 Rolex Commodore's Reception

Thursday, September 14th

- 1100 First Warning – Race 1 followed by Race 2
1700 - 2000 Rolex Party

Friday, September 15th

- 1100 First Warning – Race 3 followed by Race 4
1700 - 1830 Mt. Gay Cocktail Party

Saturday, September 16th

- 1100 First Warning – Race 5 followed by Race 6
1630 - 1730 No-Host Cocktails
1930 Crew Dinner (Advance sign-up at Registration & Check-In required)

Sunday, September 17th

- 1100 First Warning – Race 7
1600 Rolex Trophy Ceremony

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available no later than 1700 on Wednesday, September 13th.

7 FORMAT, RACING AREA & COURSES

- 7.1 Race courses will be set on central San Francisco Bay and its approaches using both inflatable and fixed marks.
- 7.2 Competitors should expect to race a mix of windward/leeward and random leg courses.
- 7.3 The final race on Sunday is planned for an extended Bay Tour.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in Rule 70.5.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 Each boat's series score will be the sum of her scores for all races. This changes Appendix A2.
- 9.2 For the ORR division(s), SF Bay TOT will be used.

10 CLUB GUEST PRIVILEGES

All competitors will receive a competitor's badge at registration. A limited number of guest badges will also be given to each boat at registration. Additional guest badges may be purchased at the Front Desk. Anyone wishing to purchase food and/or beverages must obtain a Yacht Club Guest Card at the Front Desk upon arrival.

11 BERTHING & TRAILER STORAGE

- 11.1 All yachts competing in the event may be moored free of charge at pre-assigned locations beginning on Monday, September 11th until Monday, September 18th. We will make every attempt to dock all competitors close to St. Francis Yacht Club but please be aware due to limited dock space, it may not be possible.
- 11.2 Storage of any sailing equipment or boat gear is not permitted on any docks. Violation of this rule may result in the removal of docking privileges during the event, a fine as administered by the San Francisco Marina Yacht Harbor office and/or a \$250 administered by the St. Francis Yacht Club.

11.3 Please note that the parking area surrounding the St. Francis Yacht Club is City property. Competitors who would like to keep a trailer (storage or boat) in the City parking lot must visit the Race Office immediately upon arrival for an overnight parking permit. Trailers without permits may be towed.

11.4 All boats and trailers will be stored at the direction of the StFYC Dock Master or Race Coordinator.

12 PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded based on fleet participation.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority and its sponsors will not accept any liability for material damage, or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the StFYC Race Office at 415.655.7756, email racing@stfyc.com, or visit www.rolexbigboatseries.com or www.stfyc.com.