

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Windjammers Race
Friday, August 29, 2008

1. SPONSORSHIP

This event is sponsored by the San Francisco Bay Windjammers and hosted by the Santa Cruz and St. Francis Yacht Clubs.

2. RULES

This race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (2005-2008) and the US SAILING prescriptions collectively referred to as RRS, the rules of the Monterey Bay or NorCal PHRF Committees, and the rules of accepted one-design classes (except as any of these are modified by the Windjammers NOR and SIs). From sunset to sunrise the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) shall replace Part 2 of the RRS. The race is classified as a Category C event in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

Yachts meeting the eligibility requirements described in the Notice of Race may enter by completing the entry form and filing it together with the required fee with the SCYC prior to 1400 hours, Wednesday, August 27, 2008.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Prior to the start of the race, official notices will be posted on the Official Race Bulletin Board located in the hallway adjacent to the side entrance of the St. Francis Yacht Club. After the start of the race, official notices will be posted on the Official Race Bulletin Board located on the deck of the Santa Cruz Yacht Club.

5. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be approved by the Race Committee and posted by 0800 hours on August 29, 2008. Code flag "L" will be flown from the race deck to indicate such a change.

6. THE COURSE

From the Starting Line via any route to the finish line in Santa Cruz. All San Francisco County rocks and the South Tower of the Golden Gate Bridge must be left to shoreward except Mile Rock, which may be left to either hand. Ano Nuevo buoy (R"8" Fl R 6s Whistle) must be left to shoreward.

All yachts must leave the "H" Beam (located approximately 200 yards west of the St. Francis Yacht Club) and Anita Rock (and its buoy) **to the south**. These rocks, beam and buoys are defined as obstructions.

7. THE START

7.1 The race will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

7.2 The Starting Line will be between the St. Francis Yacht Club outside buoy and a placard located on the StFYC race deck.

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The StFYC inside buoy, which is a permanent yellow buoy located near shore between the StFYC outside buoy and the race deck, must be left to the south. It is not part of the Starting Line but serves as a limiting buoy to keep yachts in safe water.

- 7.3 Entrants must check in via radio **during the hour prior to the first Warning Signal**. Contact the Race Committee on VHF channel 69, giving yacht name and sail number. The Race Committee must acknowledge the check-in to make it valid. This changes RRS 41. **Entries who fail to check-in will be subject to a one-hour penalty.** The Race Committee may remind boats of their check in requirement over VHF channel 69.
- 7.4 Yachts whose Warning Signal has not been made shall remain further than 100 yards away from the Starting Line and keep clear of all yachts whose Warning has been signaled.
- 7.5 OCS boats (premature starters) who do not properly restart will have 30 minutes added to their elapsed times, except a yacht starting more than 15 minutes early will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.2.
- 7.6 Starting Signals: Friday August 29, 2008.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Signal</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Flag</u>
1155	Warning	Motor Division B	B
1156	Preparatory		
1200	Start		
	Warning	PHRO1A (PHRF < 1)	1
	Warning	PHRO1 (> 31.5' – light < 200 D/W ratio)	2
	Warning	PHRO2 (> 31.5' – heavy > 199 D/W ratio)	3
	Warning	MORA (31.5' and under)	4
		etc.	

Divisions will be started independently in accordance with RRS 26. **After the first start, Warning Signals for subsequent divisions will occur not earlier than one minute after the preceding start.** While an attempt will be made to start divisions in the order shown above, the Race Committee may alter the starting order for any reason. The class flag raised at the Warning Signal will determine starting order. It is the responsibility of each competitor to observe class flags.

The Race Committee may communicate starting order, and countdown signal times over VHF channel 69. This changes RRS 41.

Final division breakdowns/starting assignments will be posted on the Official Race Bulletin Board located in the hallway adjacent to the side entrance of the St. Francis Yacht Club not later than 1200 Thursday August 28, 2008. This breakdown will also be sent electronically to e-mail addresses supplied with entries.

8. RECALLS

8.1 Individual Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The Race Committee may hail OCS boats (premature starters) on VHF channel 69. The failure of a hail, the failure of a boat to hear the hail, or the order of hails shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 41 and RRS 62.1(a).

8.2 General Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2. A new Warning Signal for that class will be displayed one minute after the lowering of code flag "First Substitute." Subsequent class sequences will follow.

9. THE FINISH

The Finish Line will be an imaginary line between the end of the Municipal Wharf in Santa Cruz and a temporary mark approximately 200 yards off the wharf and approximately in line with the RW "SC" Whistle Buoy. The temporary mark shall be left to starboard. Yachts are requested to notify the Finishing Committee on VHF Channel 69 as they're approaching the Finish Line.

10. TIME LIMIT

All yachts not finishing by 1600 hours on August 30, 2008 will be scored DNF.

11. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply. The penalty shall be three (3) places.

12. MINIMUM EQUIPMENT

Yachts must meet the OYRA Minimum Equipment Requirement. These requirements can be found on the YRA web site (www.yra.org/OYRA). Life rafts, while recommended, are not required. **In addition, all competitors while racing and on deck shall wear a personal flotation device.**

13. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE RACE

Yachts withdrawing from the race shall notify the Race Committee via VHF Channel 69 of their withdrawal. If contact cannot be made via VHF radio, the Race Committee at the Santa Cruz Yacht Club shall be notified via telephone (831.425.0690) at the first reasonable opportunity. **Failure to notify the Race Committee will be grounds for rejecting future entries to the Windjammers Races.**

14. MOTOR DIVISION

Motor Division (Division B) yachts are permitted to motor for the length of time calculated for the yacht to travel 20 miles at a speed equal to $(1.3 \times \sqrt{\text{waterline length}})$. **In addition, yachts entered in the Motor Division are permitted to use motors from their preparatory signal to the GG Bridge. This shall not count toward a yacht's total motor allowance.**

Yachts with engines running and/or a white steaming light shall be considered under power with respect to right of way rules. In order to qualify for a trophy, those competing in Division B (Motor Division) must maintain a Motoring Log (attached) and submit it to the Santa Cruz Yacht Club Office within two hours of completing the race.

15. TIME ALLOWANCE

15.1 The distance used for classes other than the Motor Division is 67 miles.

15.2 The distance used for Motor Division is 47 miles sailing at the PHRF rating and 20 miles motoring at the stipulated speed.

16. SCORING

RRS Appendix A Low Point System applies. PHRF time-on-distance calculations will be used.

17. INTERFERENCE WITH COMMERCIAL VESSELS

Yachts must not interfere with commercial vessels or tugs and their tows or naval vessels. Yachts so doing and endangering their own safety or that of the commercial vessel will be subject to protest by the race committee and/or protest by competitors and possible disqualification.

18. PROTESTS

All protests shall be filed on USSA protest forms submitted to the Race Committee at the Santa Cruz Yacht Club office by 1600 hours on August 30, 2008. Protest hearings will take place as soon as possible after 1600 hours. Parties to the protest will be notified of the time and place of the hearing by notice on the Official Race Bulletin Board at the SCYC. It is the competitor(s) responsibility to be aware of the schedule and location of hearings.

19. AWARDS

Trophy presentation will commence at approximately 1800 hours on Saturday, August 30th at the Santa Cruz Yacht Club.

20. DOCKING

20.1 In San Francisco: the St. Francis Yacht Club requires all boats that wish to use the docks at the St. Francis Yacht Club to sign in with the Dockmaster or the front desk. There is no charge for docking 48 hours before the race. Boats arriving more than 48 hours before the start of the race are subject to docking fees. All boats and equipment must be removed from the visitor docks prior to the start of the Windjammers Race.

20.2 In Santa Cruz: complimentary berthing will be provided Friday and Saturday nights. Boats will be rafted on end ties. An official of the Santa Cruz Port District will direct boats to the appropriate end tie. Participants will be offered the opportunity to obtain gate and shower keys for a refundable deposit. It is important that skippers understand that the gates to the docks must be locked at all times. The Santa Cruz Port District can be reached on VHF channel 09.

MOTORING REPORT

Vessel Name: _____

Skipper: _____

Navigator: _____

Vessel Waterline Length: _____

Calculated Motoring Speed: _____ (1.3 x square root WL)

Allowed Motoring Time: _____ hrs _____ min _____ sec (20 NM / Calc speed)

MOTORING LOG

Start Time _____ Stop Time _____ Duration _____ hrs _____ min _____ sec

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Start Time _____ Stop Time _____ Duration _____ hrs _____ min _____ sec

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Start Time _____ Stop Time _____ Duration _____ hrs _____ min _____ sec

TOTAL _____ hrs _____ min _____ sec

Finish Time _____

We certify that these times are accurate and are within the allowed motoring handicap for our vessel (signed):

Skipper: _____

Navigator: _____

This signed report must be turned in to the Windjammers Race Committee (at the Santa Cruz Yacht Club Office) within two hours of finishing, in order to qualify for a trophy.