

2004 FRIDAY NIGHT WINDSURFING SERIES

St. Francis Yacht Club

April 9 & 23, May 7 & 21, June 11 & 18, July 2 & 23, August 6 & 20, September 17, October 1

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **RULES**

The Series will be governed by the 2001-2004 Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. **ELIGIBILITY**

The Series is open to all members of Yacht Clubs and/or the San Francisco Boardsailing Association. An Entry Form and liability waiver shall be filled out and signed prior to racing. Qualification as to proficiency may be required by the Committee and enforced arbitrarily. Sail numbers must be displayed on all sails, both sides.

3. **ENTRY**

The Entry Fee is \$75 for the series. A \$10 drop-in fee will be charged to those racing on a daily basis.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE OVERALL SERIES SCORING, EACH COMPETITOR MUST SERVE ONE EVENING ON THE RACE COMMITTEE, AS WELL AS REGISTER / PAY BY MAY 21, 2004.

4. **COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS**

4.1 Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be approved by the Race Committee and posted by 1600hrs on the day they will take effect. If changes have been made Code Flag L will be displayed from the halyards on the St. Francis Yacht Club's Race Deck.

4.2 Questions regarding the Sailing Instructions may be submitted in writing to the Race Office. Questions and written responses will be posted in the Race Office.

4.3 Starting Signals will be displayed from the halyards on the flagpole located on the StFYC Race Deck.

5. **SCHEDULE**

Twelve Friday evenings of racing are scheduled. Registration begins on Friday evenings at 4:30 pm at the St. Francis Yacht Club Race Office. The first warning signal each night is scheduled for 5:30 pm. Two to five races will be run each evening depending on the wind conditions. The Series Dates are April 9 & 23, May 7 & 21, June 11 & 18, July 2 & 23, August 6 & 20, September 17, October 1

6. **RACING AREA**

The Racing area will be off the City Front.

7. **COURSES**

The Race Committee will announce the course to be sailed on the PA before the warning signal.

Course A START - Anita Rock to port - X (Golden Gate) to starboard – Finish

Course B START - Anita Rock to port - B (inside StFYC start mark) to port - X (Golden Gate) to starboard – Finish

Course C START - Anita Rock to port – A(outside StFYC start mark) to starboard – B (inside StFYC start mark) to port – X to starboard – Finish

Course D START - Anita Rock to port - B (inside StFYC start mark) to port – A (outside StFYC start mark) to starboard - X to port -- Finish

Course E START - Anita Rock to port - A(outside StFYC start mark) to port – X to starboard -- Finish

8. THE START

8.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

TIME	SIGNAL	FLAG - SOUND
5 Minutes-	WARNING SIGNAL	Class Flag - One Horn
4 Minutes-	PREPARATORY SIGNAL	Code Flag "P" – One Horn
1 Minute-		"P" Lowered – One Whistle
0 Minute-	START	Class Flag Removed

8.2 The Starting Line will be between the St. Francis Yacht Club Buoys "A" and "B".

8.3 A Competitor shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal.

9. RECALLS

Individual Recalls will be signaled by the display of Code Flag "X", one horn and the Race Committee may hail the sail number(s) of the boat(s) identified on the course side of the starting line after the starting signal.

10. THE FINISH

The Finish line will be between St. Francis Yacht Club Buoys "A" and "B".

11. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race will be 30 minutes. A boat finishing more than 15 minutes after the first boat in her class shall be scored "DNF" by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 35.

12. 720 DEGREE PENALTY

The 720-degree penalty will be in effect.

13. SCORING

13.1 Nightly Scoring - The Low Point Scoring System will be used as modified below. Each evening's races will be totaled and competitors will receive one score for each evening regardless of how many races are sailed.

DNF (Did Not Finish)	=	Number of Starters + 1
DNS (Did Not Start)	=	Number of Starters + 1
DSQ (Disqualified)	=	Number of Starters + 2
RET (Retired)	=	Number of Starters + 1
DNC (Did Not Compete)	=	Total Number of Series Registrants + 1

13.2 Series Scoring - Competitors must register and pay for the entire series by **May 21, 2004** to be eligible for overall series scoring. Competitors must also use one throw-out as a race committee volunteer to be eligible for overall series scoring. The limit for Race Committee is 5 people on a first call and/or e-mail basis. Series scores will be based on results from each individual night.

13.3 Throw-outs - There will be three throw-out evenings. One throw-out must be used for an evening as a race committee volunteer for competitors to be scored for the overall series. In addition, if five or more races are sailed in an evening, there will be one throw-out for that evening.

14. PRIZES

Prizes are to be determined for the whole series. Prizes will be awarded in the Open division.

15. SHORT BOARDS Short Boards will be eligible to compete as long as port-starboard right-of-way rules are complied with off the Starting Line in accordance with RRS 10. Short Boards starting on port tack must give way to starboard tack boards.