



Offshore Yacht Racing Association

HALF MOON BAY RACE – Rev 6/6/13

Organizing Authority: OYRA
Sponsoring Club: Half Moon Bay Yacht Club

1. RULES

- 1.1. This race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2013-2016 (RRS). These sailing instructions replace the YRA Standing Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the Steering and Sailing Rules of the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea and of the Unified Inland Rules shall replace Part 2 of RRS. See <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=navRulesContent> for the complete text.
- 1.3. RRS 40 will be changed as follows: All competitors are required to wear lifejackets that comply with the equipment requirements (33.7 lb or greater inflatable or USCG type 1) while racing. The “Y” flag will not be displayed.
- 1.4. Communication with Vessel Traffic Service or with commercial vessels about their movements shall not be construed as outside help under RRS 41
- 1.5. RRS 41(d) is modified to include the use of cell phones and other internet devices to obtain NOAA weather and buoy information.
- 1.6. RRS 44.2 will not be used. The two turn penalty will not apply. See section 12.
- 1.7. RRS A9 is deleted.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1. This race is open to all qualified yachts that are season racers in OYRA, or have paid a one-time entry fee for this YRA event, and have met the minimum equipment requirements for YRA Ocean Races.
- 2.2. Yachts that have not completed the online Boat and Crew Registration including EPIRB data and Statement of Compliance through www.jibeset.net by the Thursday 1700 deadline will not be considered starters and will be scored DNC. Provided the Thursday 1700 deadline is met, changes can and should be made right up until race time, please notify the Race Committee if you have made a change and when.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1. **ALL YACHTS MUST CHECK IN ON VHF CHANNEL 69 WITH THE RACE COMMITTEE DURING THE CHECK IN PERIOD 0830 TO 0930.**
 - 3.1.1. **Yachts checking in will provide: Name of Vessel, Sail Number, Number of Crew on Board and if the Crew matches the registration as of noon the day before the race**
 - 3.1.2. Failure of a boat to check in before the deadline will result in the boat not being considered to have started and will be scored DNC.
- 3.2. Competitors should monitor VHF 69 for the on the water communications with the Race Committee while inside the Golden Gate Bridge. Once outside the GGB, racers should change and monitor channel 16. Boats with the capability to monitor multiple channels are encouraged to monitor both VHF 16 and the race channel.
- 3.3. Official notices will be posted on the YRA website
- 3.4. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the YRA website by 1700 the Thursday before the race.



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4. SCHEDULE OF RACE:

Race	Day and Date	Time of Warning Signal & Shape
Half Moon Bay	Saturday June 29, 2013	0940 hours First Division Warning

5. COURSES and MARKS

Course Number	Marks	Distance
1	Start – Main Ship Channel Buoy “R8” (port) – Pillar Point Gong Buoy #1 (port) - Finish	26.5 nm
2	Start – Main Ship Channel Buoy “R2” (port) – Pillar Point Gong Buoy #1 (port) - Finish	28.5 nm
3	Start – Approach Buoy R “SF” (YRA SF) (port) – Pillar Point Gong Buoy #1 (port) - Finish	32.0 nm
4	Start – YRA16 (s) – YRA 17 (s) – YRA 7 (p) – YRA 1 (p) – YRA 18 (s), YRA 16 (p) – Finish (alternate in the bay course)	22.3 nm

Mark	Description
YRA 16	Yellow Sphere “C” 0.2 nm East of Ft Point - “Blackaller”
YRA 17	RG “HR” Fl (2+1) R6s Harding Rock
YRA 7	R “2” Fl 6s nm Northwest of Treasure Island
YRA 1	Red Rock Island
YRA 18	RG “BR” Fl (2+1)G6s Bell, Blossom Rock

5.1. In the event a mark is missing the course shall be the same as indicated in these instructions. Boats shall round the mark by navigation to the Lat/Lon of the mark as indicated in the most recent Light List. Skipper shall maintain a log of the Lat/Lon and time of rounding.

5.2. No later than the Warning Signal, a code flag will be displayed from the Race Committee designating the course to be sailed

5.3. The race committee will attempt to announce courses and starting groups on the race channel. The absence of this announcement or the failure of a boat hearing the announcement shall not be grounds for redress.

6. SCHEDULED STARTING SEQUENCE

FLEET	DIVISION FLAG
PHRO 1 – PHRF = 0 or less	C - CHARLIE
PHRO 2 – D-W/L < 199 all PHRF	D - DELTA
PHRO 3 – D-W/L > 200 all PHRF	E - ECHO
SHS	F - FOXTROT
Multi-hull	G - GOLF



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7. START

7.1. The starting line will be between Mark "A" and an Orange Marker on the St Francis Yacht Club race deck.

8. RECALLS

8.1. 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. The failure of a hail, the failure of a boat hearing the hail or order of the hails shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

8.2. General Recall: If there is a second general recall, that group will start after the last scheduled group of starters.

9. FINISH

9.1. On an imaginary line running through the 50' tower at the end of the Half Moon Bay breakwater and Pillar Point Bell Buoy # 3. (Lat/Lon approximately 37-28.90 X 122-29.00)-leaving BOTH to port. Note that the finish line lays entirely SOUTH of Buoy 3. A committee boat will be on station from 1500 to 2000 to record finishes. Boats finishing before or after the committee boat is on station, must report their crossing of the finish line and sail number on VHF channel 69 (preferably using GPS time) to the race committee. Please do not ask the Race Committee if they got your time, but note your own time, along with names or sail numbers of yachts finishing around you. The Race Committee Time List will be posted at the Half Moon Bay Yacht Club.

9.2. Please remember that there are dangerous shoals located north of the line between buoys #1 and #3. Check your charts carefully.

9.3. Boats withdrawing from the race or not finishing by the time limit shall contact the race committee on the race channel (or VHF 16 if no response on race channel) to notify them of their withdrawal. If no response via VHF and cell coverage is available call the number for the PRO listed below. If not able to report while underway, telephone contact must be made immediately after coming ashore. The race committee cannot go off duty until all boats are accounted for, please contact them as soon as possible. If the race committee is unable to establish your whereabouts at the deadline it must notify the USCG and the search and rescue process will begin.

10. TIME LIMIT

10.1. **Boats finishing after 2359 hours on Saturday June 29, 2013 will be scored DNF. This changes RRS35.**

11. RESTRICTED AREAS AND SAFETY

11.1. For safety, each of the lines bounded by the following two points is an obstruction:

11.1.1. Anita Rock Concrete Marker and Buoy "AR" (located 200yds NW of Anita Rock)

11.1.2. Anita Rock Concrete Marker and the closest point ashore

11.1.3. Buoy "AR" and the closest point ashore

11.1.4. The "H" Beam (located approximately 200yds west of StFYC) and the closest point ashore

11.1.5. The South Tower of the Golden Gate bridge shall be left to the south at all times

11.1.6. The Bell Buoy (GR Bell) off the West end of Alcatraz Island and the closest point ashore

11.1.7. The buoy (G 3) South of Point Blunt on Angel island and the closest point ashore

11.1.8. Each visible rock in the course area shall be left to shoreward except Mile Rock and Red Rock.

11.2. A boat is prohibited from sailing across any of these lines while racing



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11.3. Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway (see US Dept. of Commerce chart 18649 for designated narrow channels and fairways of SF Bay) or fishing or other vessels with restricted ability to maneuver. Boats identified who endanger their own safety, other sail boats, or that of a commercial or government vessel will be subject to protest by a Race Committee (RC) or contestant and face possible disqualification. RRS 60.3 is modified to add (d) to read: A hearing for allegations of the above will be instigated by a protest committee if notified by government, commercial or individual vessel of possible infraction. It shall also extend the time limit under RRS 61.3 to accept the information.

12. PENALTIES

12.1. Penalties shall apply under RRS 44.3 using a penalty of 20% of the number of boats that came to the starting area but not less than one or worse than DNF.

13. SCORING

13.1. The Low Point Scoring System RRS A4.1 will be used to score finishing boats.

13.2. RRS 4.2 is modified as follows:

13.2.1. DNF, OCS, RAF (prior to protest hearing) - # of finishers + 1

13.2.2. DNS - # of boats that came to the starting area + 1

13.2.3. DNC - # of boats that came to the starting area + 2

13.2.4. DSQ - # of boats that came to the starting area + 3

13.3. The Time-on-Time (TOT) system of scoring shall be used.

14. PROTEST

14.1. Protests under RRS 61.1 shall be submitted in writing in accordance with RRS 61.2 and mailed, emailed or faxed to the YRA of San Francisco Bay, no later than midnight the Monday following the regatta, or if Monday is a holiday, on Tuesday.

14.2. Once a protest is received by the YRA, the YRA shall contact the sponsoring Yacht Club and a protest committee shall be formed. Copies of the protest, as well as notification of the time and date of the protest will be sent to the involved parties

15. MINIMUM EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

15.1. All boats shall comply with the NorCal ORC minimum equipment list as adopted by the OYRA found at www.yra.org/OYRA/

15.2. Boats shall have a radio on deck at all times (on channel 16) and recommends in short handed situations that it is carried by one crew member.

15.3. RRS 52 is amended, No restriction is placed on the use of powered winches, powered hydraulics or powered furling devices for those boats that have declared this information on the PHRF application. Only those boats that have declared this equipment and have been rated accordingly can sail in this configuration.



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16. INSPECTIONS

- 16.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the race committee equipment inspector or PRO to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. At the finish the RC will notify the competitor with three short blasts on the horn immediately following the finish signal, and by VHF with instructions for the inspection.
- 16.2. A boat that refuses an equipment inspection will be protested.
- 16.3. Boats that fail an equipment inspection may elect to accept a 20% scoring penalty in lieu of a protest by the PRO.
- 16.4. Any boat that fails an equipment inspection is strongly encouraged to complete a pre-race full inspection prior to the next scheduled race.

17. SHORT HANDED SAILING DIVISION

- 17.1. Autopilots are allowed
- 17.2. RRS 50.2 is modified to allow two jibs 'poled out' for downwind sailing

18. SEASON CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 18.1. OYRA will provide first place trophies for each division for the OYRA Series.
- 18.1.1. For the OYRA series a boats worst score will be excluded (one throw out)

19. RELEASE OF LIABILITY

19.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizer (organizing 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 event. By participating in this event, 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.

RACE COMMITTEE

Half Moon Bay Yacht Club (650) 728-2120

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INFORMATION

YRA: (415)771-9500 or e-mail info@yra.org.