

## **2007 U.S. Windsurfing Nationals & North American Championship Aug 7 - 11, 2007**

### **Sailing Instructions**

#### **1. Rules**

The Championship shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the International Formula Windsurfing Class Rules, US Formula Class Rules & Championship Racing Guidelines will apply, except where any are altered by these Sailing Instructions.

**1.2** Competitors' attention is drawn to:

RRS 1.2 – Fundamental Rules – Life Saving Equipment and Personal Buoyancy. "Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions."

RRS 1.1 Helping those in Danger

RRS 4 Decision to Race

SI 18 Interference with Other Vessels

**1.3** Competitors are required to check in with either the Race Committee on the water or with the beach tower when retiring from a race.

**1.4** Competitors shall wear full wet suits while racing.

**1.5** Lycra vests issued by the local organizer shall be worn outside other clothing when going afloat to race or racing.

**1.6** Sail numbers must be legible, legal size and match the number each competitor registered with.

#### **2. Entries**

Eligible boards shall complete registration with the St. Francis YC Race Office prior to 1000 hrs Aug 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

### **3. Communication with competitors**

**3.1** Official Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the south side of the Announcer's platform on Crissy Field.

**3.2** Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted 90 minutes before the next race that they are to take effect, except any changes in Sailing Instruction 6.1, Schedule of Races, will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it takes effect.

**3.3** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the halyards on the flagpole attached to the Announcer's platform.

**3.4** Questions regarding the Sailing Instructions may be submitted in writing to the Race Committee. Questions and written responses will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

### **4. Initial Assignment of Boards to Groups/Divisions/Fleets; Time Limits; Target Times; Wind Speeds.**

**4.1** Competitors who have registered in the formula class may race in a qualification series, prior to being assigned to Championship fleets. Formula Junior Men, Junior Women and Women fleets will not be split and will not be required to race a qualification series.

**4.2** The time limit for the first finisher in a course race is 40 minutes.

**4.3** The time limit of the first racer in each group/division/fleet to reach the first mark is 15 minutes.

**4.4** For course racing racers finishing more than 15 minutes or at the Race Committee's discretion after the first finisher in their group/division shall be scored DNF except those who are scored DSQ, OSC, RAF, RDG or DNE.

**4.5** The target elapsed time for a course race in planing conditions is 15 to 20 minutes.

### **5. Championship Series**

**5.1** If a qualification series boards is required competitors will be assigned to a Gold or Silver fleet for the Championship series on the basis of their qualifying-series scores. The Gold and Silver fleet assignments will be made to equally split all boards that were scored in the qualification series. If the number of boards scored is odd, the odd boat will be assigned to the Gold fleet.

**5.2** Any recalculation of qualifying-series scores after boards have been assigned to Gold and Silver fleets will not affect assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet.

### **6. Schedule of Races**

**6.1** The time of the first warning signal each day of the event are as follows:

Tuesday, Aug 7th	- Formula Course Qualification or Championship Series Course Races - Championship Course Races for Junior Men, Junior Women & Women - Or Slalom	12:00
Wednesday, Aug 8th	- Formula Course Qualification Series or Championship Course Races - Championship Course Races for Junior Men, Junior Women & Women - Or Slalom	11:00

Thursday, Aug 9 <sup>th</sup>	- Championship Course & or Long Distance & or Slalom	11:00
Friday, Aug 10 <sup>th</sup>	- Championship Course & or Long Distance & or Slalom	11:00
Saturday, Aug 11 <sup>th</sup>	- Championship Course & or Long Distance & or Slalom	11:00

**6.2** The intended race times for all groups/divisions will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 10:00 on the day they are to take effect.

**6.3** On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1600 hrs.

## **7. Class Flag**

**7.1** In the formula course qualifying series if required, the class flag will be a flag of the color of the appropriate group.

**7.2** The class flag for Gold fleet will be an orange flag and the class flag for Silver fleet will be a yellow flag.

**7.3** The class flag for Junior Men and Women will be international code flag F.

## **8. Racing Area**

The intended racing area is described on Attachment A - Racing Area.

## **9. The Course**

**9.1** For course racing the courses and marks are described on Attachment B – Official Description of Marks and Courses.

**9.2** For the Long Distance Race the courses and mark descriptions will be posted on the Official Notice board at least 2 hours prior to the warning signal for start of that race. A course chart will also be available for pick up at the Official Notice Board at that time.

**9.3** A placard designating the Course will be displayed prior to each class (group/division) Warning Signal from the Signal Boat.

**9.4** For Slalom racing the course and mark description will be posted on the official notice board at least 1 hour prior to the warning signal of the 1<sup>st</sup> heat. A course chart let will also be available for pick up at the Official Notice Board at that time.

## **10. The Start**

**10.1** The course and the long distance races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Flag and Sound</u>	<u>Minutes before Starting Signal</u>
Warning	Class flag 1 Sound	5
Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z with a I; 1 Sound	4
One Minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed; 1 sound	0

**10.2** The Starting Line for course and long distance racing will be between staffs displaying orange and yellow striped flags on the Starting Line Mark Boats

**10.3** The Starting Line for slalom racing will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the Signal Boat and an orange round buoy set to leeward

**10.4** A board whose Warning Signal has not been made shall keep clear of the Starting Area and of all boards whose Preparatory Signal has been made.

**10.5** A board shall not start later than 4 minutes after her starting signal. This changes RRS 26.

## **11. Recalls**

**11.1** After the starting signal, in the case of an Individual Recall, the Race Committee may hail the sail number(s) of the board(s) identified on the course side of the starting by loud hailer. The failure of a hail, the failure of a board to hear the hail or the order of the hails shall not be grounds for redress.

**11.2** In the case of a General Recall a new Warning Signal will be displayed one minute after the lowering of Code Flag "First Substitute."

**11.3** When a General Recall has been signaled, the start(s) for any succeeding groups/divisions will be postponed accordingly.

## **12. The Finish**

**12.1** For course racing, the Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the Finish Boat and an orange round buoy set to port.

**12.2** For the long distance race the Finish line will be between the StFYC outer Buoy "A" and a yellow placard on the race deck.

**12.3** For slalom racing, the Finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the Finish Boat and an orange buoy set to leeward.

## **13. Protests**

**13.1** Protests and requests for redress shall be written on Standard US SAILING Protest Forms. Protest Forms are available at the Front Desk of the St. Francis YC For all groups/divisions, protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the Race Committee representative at the Front Desk of the St. Francis YC within 60 minutes of the finish of the last board in the last race of the day. This time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

**13.2** The time and place of all and protest hearing(s), the boat(s) protesting, boat(s) being protested and boat(s) requesting redress will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 90 minutes of the finish of the last boat in the last race of the day. This shall serve as notification as per RRS 63.2.

**13.3** A request to reopen a hearing must be delivered to the front desk of the St. Francis YC within 60 minutes of the parties to the protest receiving the Jury's decision (oral or written). This changes RRS 66.

**13.4** Infringements of Sailing Instruction 1.4, 1.5 and 1.6 shall not be grounds for protest from one racer to another, but may result in action from the Jury and or Race Committee.

## **14. Scoring**

**14.1** The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the Racing Rules, will apply except that a competitor's result in the Long Distance Race will be counted twice in their total score. (For example: LD Race = Two Course Races: If you place 30<sup>th</sup> in the Long Distance / Race #5, you will also receive 30 pts for Race #6.) Twelve races are scheduled in the series. When ten or more races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of their scores excluding their worst score. Three races will constitute a series. Racing will take place on the City Front Racing Area, San Francisco Bay

**14.2** A Board may request correction of an alleged scoring error by completing a scoring inquiry available at the Official Notice Board.

**15. Prizes**

Trophies will be awarded in accordance with division and fleet size.

**16. Interference with Other Vessels**

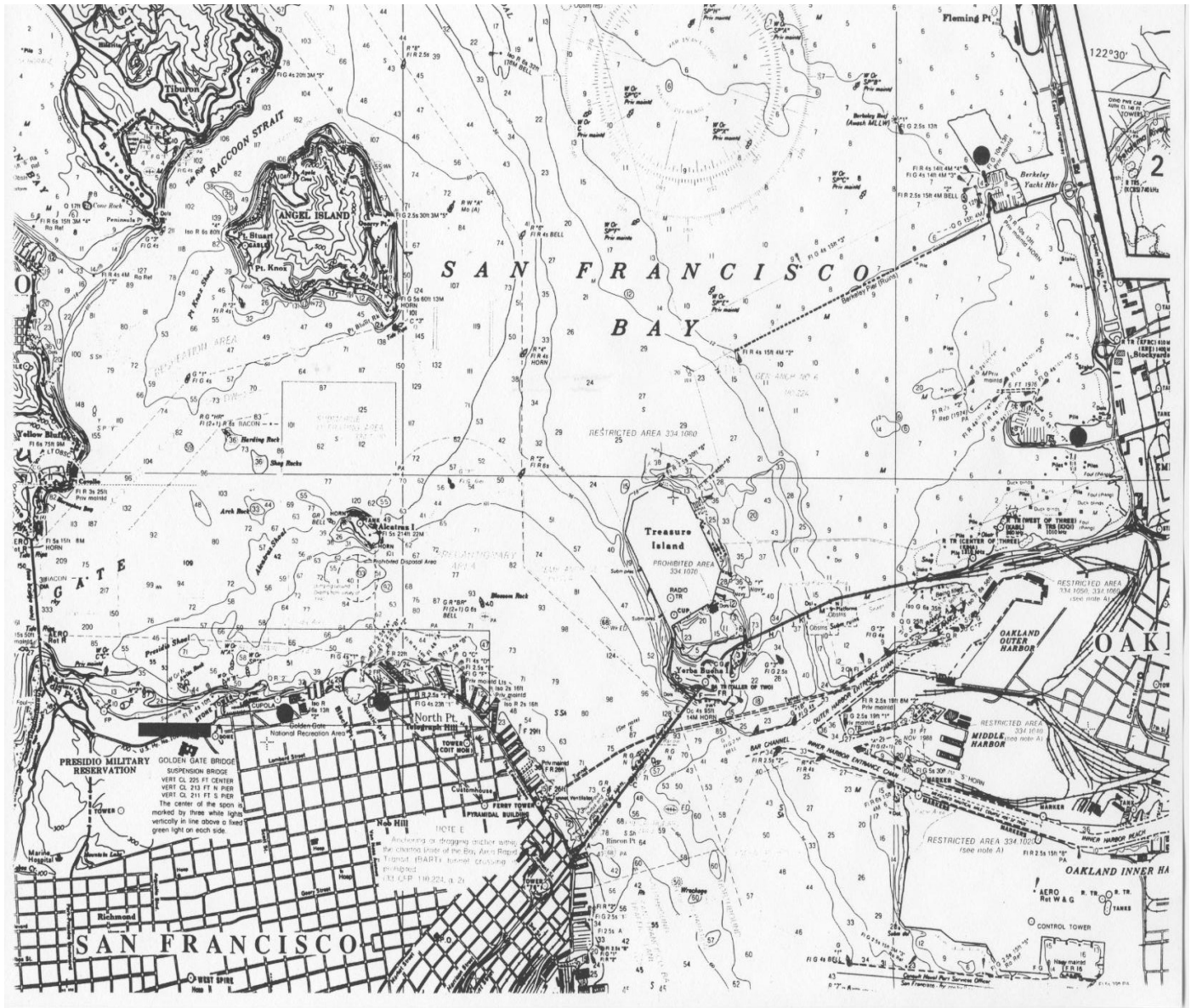
Boards shall not impede the passage of ship traffic while racing. Rule 9 of the Inland Rules of the Road applies with respect to all shipping traffic on San Francisco Bay and its tributaries. A violation of Rule 9 is subject to protest by any competitor and the Race Committee. Compliance with the RRS 60-63 will not be required with respect to a protest involving a Rule 9 infraction. A violation of Rule 9 may not be exonerated by an alternate penalty.

Any complaint received by the Race Committee from the United States Coast Guard or the captain or bar pilot of any ship that has sounded five blasts on its horn during the course of a race shall result in an automatic protest by the race committee if the captain, bar pilot or Coast Guard identifies an offending board by sail number. In any case where a ship has sounded five blasts on its horn, a presumption shall be created at the protest hearing that the protested yacht(s) has (have) violated Rule 9 and the protested yacht(s) shall have the burden of proving that it did not impede the progress of the ship.

Race Committee chase boats may patrol the racecourse from time to time and may hail boats to alter course to avoid impeding ship traffic. Failure of any board to comply with the hail of the Race Committee shall result in an automatic protest by the race committee.

A protest of a Rule 9 infraction by a competitor may be made at any time prior to the conclusion of the regatta, but not more than 24 hours after the incident. A protest by the Race Committee for an infraction of Rule 9 may be made at any time up to two days after the conclusion of the regatta. The St. Francis Yacht Club will cooperate and provide relevant information to any investigations of violations of Rule 9 by the Coast Guard or other competent governmental authority.

## Attachment A



## **Attachment B – Official Description of Marks and Courses**

### **Formula Courses**

<b>PLACARD</b>	<b>ROUNDING ORDER</b>
<b>A</b>	Start – 1p – 2p – 3p – 1p - Finish
<b>B</b>	Start – 1s – 2s – 3s – 1s - Finish
<b>C</b>	Start – 1p – 3p – 1p – 3p – Finish
<b>D</b>	Start – 1s – 3s – 1s – 3s – Finish
<b>E</b>	Start – 1p – 3p – 1p – 3p – 1p - Finish
<b>F</b>	Start – 1s – 3s – 1s – 3s – 1p – Finish

<b>MARK</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
Start	The Starting Line will be between staffs displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the Starting line Mark boats.
1	<b>Yellow</b> Inflatable cone Mark set as a Windward Mark.
2	Yellow Inflatable cone Mark set as a Reach Mark.
3	Yellow Inflatable cone Mark set as a Leeward Mark set to windward of the Start Line.
Finish	The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on a Race Committee Boat and an orange round buoy mark.

### **Junior Men, Junior Women and Women Courses**

<b>PLACARD</b>	<b>ROUNDING ORDER</b>
<b>A</b>	Start – 1p – 2p – 3p – 1p - Finish
<b>B</b>	Start – 1s – 2s – 3s – 1s - Finish
<b>C</b>	Start – 1p – 3p – 1p – 3p – Finish
<b>D</b>	Start – 1s – 3s – 1s – 3s – Finish
<b>E</b>	Start – 1p – 3p – 1p – 3p – 1p - Finish
<b>F</b>	Start – 1s – 3s – 1s – 3s – 1p – Finish

<b>MARK</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
Start	The Starting Line will be between staffs displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the Starting line Mark boats.
1	<b>Red</b> Inflatable cone Mark set as a Windward Mark.
2	Yellow Inflatable cone Mark set as a Reach Mark.
3	Yellow Inflatable cone Mark set as a Leeward Mark set to windward of the Start Line.
Finish	The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on a Race Committee Boat and an orange round buoy mark.