



# 2024 Rolex Big Boat Series

September 11-15, 2024

## NOTICE OF RACE

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

- St. Francis Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority (OA) of the Rolex Big Boat Series.
- US Sailing is the Rating Authority (RA) for the ORC class.
- All times are PDT (Pacific Daylight Time).

*The notation [NP] in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means it shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).  
The notation [DP] in a rule in the NOR or SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the jury, be less than disqualification.*

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta is governed by:
  - 1.1.1. The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing;
  - 1.1.2. Fleet rules specific to the following classes: J/105 Fleet 1, and J/88 Fleet 3.
  - 1.1.3. The IMS, ORC and ORRez and OMR Version 9 Rating rules.
- 1.2. [NP] RRS 40.1 applies at all times while racing and to and from the race area to the harbor.
- 1.3. [DP] For ORC Classes and multihulls, US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for Nearshore, Section 3 Safety Equipment (available at the US Sailing website: [Safety Equipment Requirements](#)) shall apply except for Section 3.6.6 Flares.
- 1.4. [DP] SER Coastal 2.4.1, to 2.4.9, excluding 2.4.4, regarding Hull and Structure: Lifelines shall apply, except that boats not originally configured with lifelines are exempt from these requirements.
- 1.5. [US Sailing Prescriptions](#) to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 are deleted.
- 1.6. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies.
- 1.7. RRS 52 (Manual Power) shall apply for all classes, except non-manual power may be used for the operation of halyards, backstays, and roller furlers. ORC Rule 204 (Manual Power) shall not apply.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after 1700 on September 04, 2024 at [the event website](#).

### 3. COMMUNICATION AND RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at [the event website](#).
- 3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channels will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.3. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The regatta is open to all:
  - 4.1.1. One Design boats of the J/88, J/105, Cape 31, Melges 24, and Express 37 classes. Other classes with a minimum number of entries may be considered with application to the OA.
  - 4.1.2. ORC: Monohull boats with a LOA  $\geq 30'$ . Boats with an APH of 500 or lower are required to have an ORC International certificate. Boats with an APH higher than 500 may compete using either an ORC International

Certificate or ORC Club Certificate. Apply for an ORC certificate with US Sailing:

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/orc/#application>.

- 4.1.3. Classic boats built prior to 1955 with a LOA  $\geq$  48' and a current ORRez rating certificate
- 4.1.4. Multihull boats with a valid 2024 OMR certificate issued by the Bay Area Multihull Association (<https://sfbama.org>) with a rating of between 0.89 and 1.22. Trapezes are not permitted.
- 4.2. For all classes to remain eligible for a start, they must have at least six (6) entries by July 31, 2024, except Melges 24 Class, they must have at least fifteen (15) entries by July 31, 2024. In the event that a class does not meet the minimum entry requirement, the OA reserves the right to eliminate the class. Boats that were entered in a class that was subsequently eliminated will be invited to join an appropriate remaining class provided they meet all the eligibility requirements of that class.
- 4.3. All boats shall pick up their regatta packets during the registration times listed in NOR 6.2. Registration will take place in the St Francis Yacht Club.
- 4.4. ORC division assignments will be posted by 1700 on September 10, 2024.
- 4.5. The Team Trophy Entry Form is due 1700 on September 04, 2024.
- 4.6. An accurate crew list shall be submitted online via Yacht Scoring by 1700 September 04, 2024.
- 4.7. Boats competing in an ORC class shall submit a valid ORC rating certificate by September 01, 2024. Boats may not change their rating certificate after September 1, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct an error by their RA. This changes RRS 78.2.
- 4.8. Multihulls only: Boats shall submit a valid OMR rating certificate by September 01, 2024. Application for an OMR certificate is at <https://sfbama.org>. Boats may not change their rating certificate after September 1, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct an error by their RA. This changes RRS 78.2.

## 5. ENTRY FEES

- 5.1. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at [www.rolexbigboatseries.com](http://www.rolexbigboatseries.com) and paying the full entry fee by 2100 on July 31, 2024 to avoid a late entry fee of \$275.
- 5.2. No entry will be accepted on or after 2100 on September 01, 2024.
- 5.3. All entries shall comply with the requirements of RRS 75.
- 5.4. The entry fee is as follows:

Entry Fee		Early Entry Fee until May 15, 2024 (5% early entry discount)	Entry Fee from May 16, 2024 until July 31, 2024	Late Entry Fee from August 01, 2024 until September 1, 2024
Boats not mentioned below	USD/Foot (rounded up)	\$33.92	\$35.70	\$35.70
	Additional Late Entry Fee USD			\$275.00
Melges 24		\$1,187.03	\$1,249.50	\$1,524.50
J/88		\$983.54	\$1,035.30	\$1,310.30
Cape 31		\$1,051.37	\$1,106.70	\$1,381.70
J/105		\$1,254.86	\$1,320.90	\$1,595.90
Express 37		\$813.96	\$856.80	\$1,131.80

- 5.5. Payments shall be made online by credit card or by StFYC member charge. Included with the entry fee are event badges for the entire crew which provide access to the club house and social events. For more information please look at Additional Information.
- 5.6. StFYC members using their StFYC member number to pay their entry fee are eligible for an entry fee discount of 3% which will be reflected in their September member statement.

- 5.7. The Storm Trysail Team Trophy (formerly known as the StFYC Team Trophy) will be presented to the 3-boat-team from one ORC class, one one-design class plus one from any other class, with the best score in the Rolex Big Boat Series. All helmpersons shall be Group 1 as defined in World Sailing Regulation 22, World Sailing Classification Code. Entries may be made on the [TEAM ENTRY form](#).
- 5.8. An entry is not considered complete until the full entry fee has been received.
- 5.9. If a boat chooses to withdraw, she shall notify the StFYC Race Office via email at [racing@stfyc.com](mailto:racing@stfyc.com). The entry fee will be refunded per the following schedule:

Request for refunds made	Percentage of entry fee refunded
On or before July 31:	100% minus credit card fees
August 1 – August 31*:	80% minus credit card fees
On or after September 1:	0%

*\* If a boat enters a class that later fails to meet the minimum requirements, it will receive a 100% refund minus credit card fees if it does not enter another class.*

## 6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. For the Classics class 4, races are scheduled. For all other classes, 7 races are scheduled.
- 6.2. Schedule as follows:

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday, September 11	1000-1730	Registration at StFYC
	1730	Competitors' Briefing at StFYC
Thursday, September 12	1100 1200	First warning signal all Classes except Classic Class First warning signal Classic Class only
Friday, September 13	1100 1200	First warning signal all Classes except Classic Class First warning signal Classic Class only
Saturday, September 14	1100 1200	First warning signal all Classes except Classic Class First warning signal Classic Class only
Sunday, September 15	1100 1200	First warning signal all Classes except Classic Class First warning signal Classic Class only
	1400	No warning signal will be made after this time
	1600	Trophy Presentation

## 7. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display event advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority, in compliance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

## 8. VENUES & COURSES

- 8.1. Racing will take place on San Francisco Bay.
- 8.2. Starting areas: See Attachment 'Start Areas', herein.
- 8.2.1. TI: Treasure Island Starting Area will be approximately 0.5nm west of Treasure Island.
- 8.2.2. NC: North Course Starting Area will be approximately 1.5nm NNW of Treasure Island.
- 8.2.3. RD: Race Deck Starting Area will be immediately to the north of St. Francis Yacht Club.

- 8.3. The race committee reserves the right to relocate any starting area for any reason.
- 8.4. Courses will use both fixed and drop marks. The race committee will publish a complete description of the marks with the sailing instructions.

## **9. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 9.1. The intention is to appoint an international jury as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 9.2. The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.5.

## **10. SCORING**

- 10.1. One (1) race must be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, with no score excluded. This changes RRS A2.
- 10.3. [NP] An ORC boat's corrected time will be calculated using her appropriate Time Correction Factor (TCF) based on course selection and wind strength as determined by the Race Committee.
- 10.4. Refer to NOR 15.3 for qualifications for the Team Trophy. It will be scored by using each boat's average percentage score (finish points divided by the number of starters for each race) within its respective class for all her races during the Series. The team score is an average of all boats' average percentage scores. The trophy will be awarded to the team with the lowest average percentage points.

## **11. [NP] [DP] SUPPORT BOATS**

- 11.1. During racing, all support boats must stay well clear of race committee boats and boats flying a jury flag or press flag. This applies at all times, except when rendering assistance to a boat in danger, either at the boat's request or at the request of the race committee.
- 11.2. Shall stay well clear of boats that are racing.

## **12. [NP] [DP] BERTHING**

- 12.1. Boats requesting dockage must complete the [docking request form](#) by August 15, 2024.
- 12.2. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbor.
- 12.3. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official or the SF Marina Yacht Harbor Staff.
- 12.4. Storage of any sailing equipment or boat gear is not permitted on any docks.
- 12.5. Competitors and support persons shall not tamper with, prop open, vandalize, deface, or damage any city dock access gates.

## **13. [NP] [DP] HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

No boat shall be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

## **14. [NP] [DP] TRASH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not put trash in the water or litter in any public spaces. Trash may be placed aboard support boats, race committee boats or in an appropriate trash receptacle.

## **15. PRIZES**

- 15.1. Take home prizes will be awarded based on participation.
- 15.2. Top three positions in each ORC Class will be awarded titles and trophies in recognition for the 2024 ORC West Coast Championship.
- 15.3. In addition to take-home prizes, the following perpetual trophies will be awarded: St. Francis Perpetual, City of San Francisco Perpetual, Atlantic Perpetual, Keefe-Kilborn Memorial, Richard Rheem Perpetual, Commodore's Cup, and Classic Trophy. Eligible classes will be announced at the Rolex Commodore's Reception on Wednesday, September 11. The Storm Trysail Team Trophy (formerly known as the StFYC Team Trophy).

**16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

**17. RIGHTS TO USE NAME, LIKENESS, AND PERSONAL INFORMATION**

- 17.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images, and biographical information relating to the crew and photographs, video footage, and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during, and after the regatta without compensation.
- 17.2. By submitting an entry form, the skipper acknowledges and accepts the media conditions referred to herein, and grants the rights referred to herein on behalf of all crew members.

**18. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 incident or the equivalent.

**19. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For additional information please contact the StFYC Race Office at [racing@stfyc.com](mailto:racing@stfyc.com) or +1 (415) 655 7756.

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### EVENT BADGES

Included with the entry fee are event badges for the entire crew which provide access to the club house and social events. A limited number of guest badges will also be given to each boat at registration. Additional badges can be purchased from the Front Desk for \$50 each. Anyone wishing to purchase food or drink at the St. Francis Yacht Club must obtain a Guest Card from the Front Desk upon arrival.

#### SCHEDULE OF DEADLINES

Item	NOR	Date	Time
<a href="#">Early Entry Fee ends</a>	5.4.	May 15, 2024	2100
<a href="#">Regular Entry Fee ends</a>	5.4.	July 31, 2024	2100
<a href="#">Minimum of six (6) entries</a> (Melges24: 15)	4.2.		--
<a href="#">Docking Request Deadline</a>	12.1.	August 15, 2024	--
<a href="#">No Entry will be Accepted</a>	5.2.	September 1, 2024	2100
<a href="#">Late Entry Fee ends</a>	5.4.		2100
<a href="#">ORC &amp; Multihull Classes: Submit Rating Certificate</a>	4.7. 4.8.		--
<a href="#">Sailing Instructions online</a>	2.	September 4, 2024	1700
<a href="#">Team Trophy Entry Deadline</a>	4.5.		
<a href="#">Required Crew List via Yacht Scoring</a>	4.6.		
<a href="#">ORC Division Assignments online</a>	4.4.	September 10, 2024	1700

#### SCHEDULE OF SOCIAL EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
<b>Wednesday, September 11</b>		
1730-1800	Competitors' Briefing	StFYC Courtyard
1800-2000	Rolex Commodore's Reception	Rolex Regatta Tent
<b>Thursday, September 12</b>		
0730	Breakfast - Grab n' Go items for purchase	Regatta Plaza
Post racing	Hosted Dock-Side Beer	Regatta Plaza

1700	Regatta Social – hosted appetizers	Rolex Regatta Tent
1800	Rolex Owners Dinner – Invite Only	StFYC Clubhouse
<b>Friday, September 13</b>		
0730	Breakfast - Grab n’ Go items for purchase	Regatta Plaza
Post racing	Hosted Dock-Side Beer	Regatta Plaza
1700	Mount Gay Lawn Party hosted cocktails & Food Trucks	Rolex Regatta Tent
<b>Saturday, September 14</b>		
0730	Breakfast - Grab n’ Go items for purchase	Regatta Plaza
Post racing	Hosted Dock-Side Beer & Snacks	Regatta Plaza
1930	StFYC Crew Dinner (no host) – Reservations will open on August 1st and can be made with the StFYC Front Desk.	StFYC Dining Room
<b>Sunday, September 15</b>		
0730	Breakfast - Grab n’ Go items for purchase	Regatta Plaza
Pre racing	Sailor Salute: On your way to racing, pay homage to any sailor lost this year by dropping a flower in their honor near “A” Buoy.	Flowers will be available at StFYC Docks
Post racing	Hosted Dock-Side Beer	Regatta Plaza
~1600	Rolex Trophy Ceremony – hosted appetizers	Rolex Regatta Tent

#### **BERTHING & TRAILER STORAGE**

- The entry fee includes dockage from September 09, 2024 to September 16, 2024 in the SF Marina. 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.
- Please note that the parking area surrounding the St. Francis Yacht Club is City-owned 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. Unregistered storage trailers may be ticketed and towed by the City of San Francisco.
- All boats and trailers will be stored at the direction of the StFYC Dockmaster.

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## ATTACHMENT 'START AREAS'

