



Rolex Big Boat Series
J/105 North American Championship
St. Francis Yacht Club
September 17-20, 2015

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of US Sailing and the Deeds of Gift for the following trophies: St. Francis Perpetual, the City of San Francisco Perpetual, the Atlantic Perpetual, the Keefe-Kilborn Perpetual, the Richard Rheem Perpetual, and the Commodore's Perpetual.
- 1.2** J/105 One Design: J/105 Class Rules are in effect.
- 1.3** J/111 One Design: J/111 Class Rules are in effect.
- 1.4** J/120 One Design: Fleet 5 Modifications to the J/120 Class Association Rules are in effect.
- 1.5** Handicap divisions: BAMA, ORR, HPR, and PHRF are in effect.
- 1.6** Yachts sailing in handicap divisions shall furnish their valid certificates no later than Monday, September 7th. No alteration to a yacht's rating will be permitted after this date, with the following exceptions: as a rating protest, to correct Rating Office errors, or with prior written permission of the Organizing Authority, OA, (to be granted only in extreme circumstances with an accompanying \$500 fee).
- 1.7** Rule 40 will be changed as follows: Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except when below deck or briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.8** If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1** Advertising for timepieces other than for Rolex, our title sponsor, is strongly discouraged.
- 2.2** Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY & DIVISIONS

- 3.1** One Design: Express 37, Farr 40, J/111 and J/120 with a minimum of six (6) entries.
- 3.2** One Design: Express 27, J/70, Melges 24, and J/105 with a minimum of fifteen (15) entries.
- 3.3** Handicap yachts with valid ORR-Fully Measured, or HPR certificate; minimum 35' LOA.
- 3.4** Multihull Handicap yachts with valid BAMA certificate, rating of -45 or faster and minimum of 33' LOA, including pole.
- 3.5** PHRF racing based on the specific handicap ranges listed below will take place if critical mass is achieved for these specific ranges. StFYC reserves the right to adjust these ranges and boat types based on entries.
 - (a)** A minimum of eight boats is necessary to establish a PHRF class. PHRF owners are asked to register as early as possible to help others gauge the level of interest in PHRF racing.
 - (b)** PHRF Sport Boat: For boats 28' to 36' with a NorCal PHRF rating between 9 and 75
 - (c)** PHRF 1: For boats 32' to 38' with a NorCal PHRF rating between 45 and 90.
- 3.6** Handicap division breaks will be made at the discretion of the OA.

- 3.7** If Class minimum entry requirements are not met by Saturday, August 15th, the OA reserves the right to cancel a division. Entered boats may be assigned to the appropriate handicap division at the discretion of the OA provided they meet all eligibility requirements of that division.
- 3.8** For handicap divisions the OA may reject the entry of any yacht that that may not fit the general parameters of the other yachts entered with regard to size and/or design.
- 3.9** J105s must have completed inspection with the class designated inspector no later than 1400 on Wednesday, September 16.

4 ENTRY

- 4.1** Eligible competitors may enter online at www.rolexbigboatseries.com.
- 4.2** For all classes except J/105, entry fee is \$21.00 per foot of overall boat length, rounded up to the nearest foot. Payment is available online. Payment by check must be in U.S. DOLLARS drawn on a U.S. bank and made payable to: St. Francis Yacht Club.
- 4.3** For the J/105 class, entry fee is \$900.
- 4.4** Payment is due by Saturday, August 15th for all entries. After that date, an additional \$200 late fee will apply. There are no exceptions to the late fee.

5 REGATTA SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 16th

- 1000 - 1900 Registration & Check-In
1800 - 1830 Skipper's & Navigator's Briefing
1830 - 1930 Rolex Commodore's Reception

Thursday, September 17th

- 1100 First Warning – Race 1 followed by Race 2
1700 - 2000 Rolex Party

Friday, September 18th

- 1100 First Warning – Race 3 followed by Race 4
1700 - 1830 Mt. Gay Cocktail Party

Saturday, September 19th

- 1100 First Warning – Race 5 followed by Race 6
1630 - 1730 No-Host Cocktails
1930 Crew Dinner (Advance sign-up at Registration & Check-In required)
1930 J/105 Class Dinner

Sunday, September 20th

- 1100 First Warning – Race 7
1600 Rolex Trophy Ceremony

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 1700 on Wednesday, September 16th.

7 FORMAT, RACING AREA & COURSES

- 7.1** Race courses will be set on central San Francisco Bay and its approaches using both inflatable and fixed marks.
- 7.2** Competitors should expect to race a mix of windward/leeward and random leg courses.
- 7.3** The final race on Sunday is planned for an extended Bay Tour.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1** Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in Rule 70.5.
- 8.2** Unless a Class rule restricts otherwise, RRS Appendix T, Sections A and B will apply.

9 SCORING

Each boat's series score will be the sum of her scores for all races. This changes Appendix A2.

10 CLUB GUEST PASSES

All guests must obtain a guest pass at registration in order to gain access to the Club throughout the week. Each crew member will receive a competitor badge, and each boat will receive a few complimentary guest passes. Additional guest passes may be purchased during registration.

11 BERTHING & TRAILER STORAGE

11.1 All yachts competing in the event may be moored free of charge at pre-assigned locations beginning on Monday, September 14th until Monday, September 21st. 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.

11.2 Please note that the parking area surrounding the St. Francis Yacht Club is City property. Competitors planning to keep a storage trailer in the City parking lot must visit the Race Office immediately upon arrival for an overnight parking permit. Trailers without permits may be towed. All boats and trailers will be stored at the direction of the StFYC Dock Master.

12 PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded based on fleet participation.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority and its sponsors will not accept any liability for material damage, or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the StFYC Race Office at 415.655.7756, email racing@stfyc.com, or visit www.rolexbigboatseries.com or www.stfyc.com.