

**California Offshore Race Week
2024 SPINNAKER CUP
San Francisco to Monterey,
California**

AMENDED SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

VHF Channel amended in San Francisco to VHF 69 and tracker pickup defined, 5/21/2024

1 RULES

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The COLREGS Navigation Rules will apply including Inland Navigation Rule 9 - A sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway. If a vessel or the Coast Guard reports a violation of these Navigation Rules, the race committee may protest the boat. Evidence by report need not be provided in person to be considered by the protest committee. The Encinal Yacht Club (EYC), Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club (MPYC), and St. Francis Yacht Club (StFYC) will cooperate with and provide information relevant to any investigations of a violation of the Navigation Rules to the US Coast Guard, or other government authority.
- 1.3 Sailing Instructions may be changed on the water by displaying an L flag and communicating the change over VHF channel 69 ~~1065 (old 65A)~~ before the first warning.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors prior to the start will be posted on the CORW Series website (official notice board) no later than 12 hours before they are to take effect. The NOR, SIs, and amendments thereto will be posted online at www.offshoreraceweek.com

3 RACE SCHEDULE AND CLASS FLAGS

- 3.1 The first warning signal is scheduled for 10:25 hours on Saturday, May 25.
- 3.2 The expected starting order and class flags are as follows. Class flags will be international code flags.

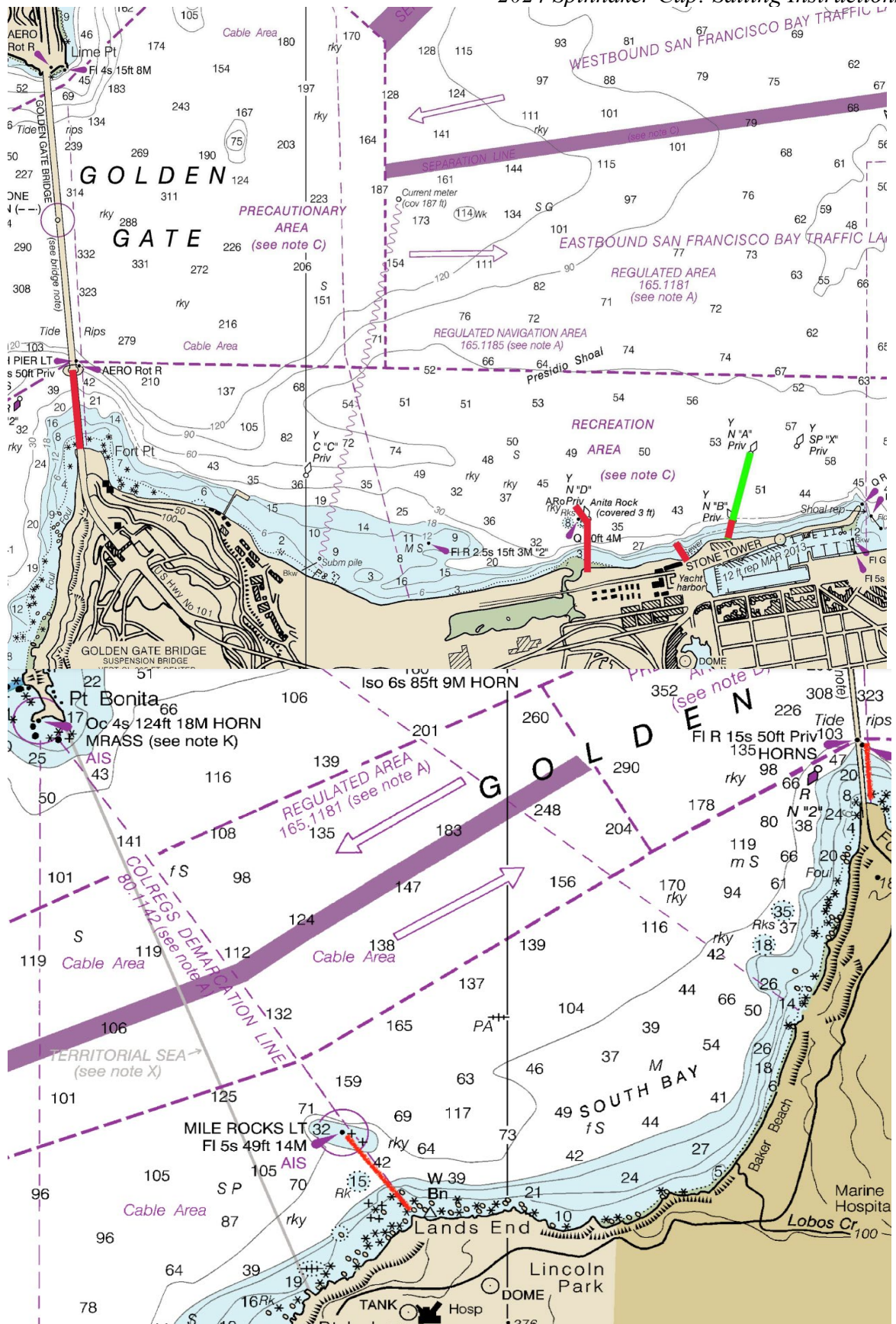
Class	Class Flag
PHRF-1	Code Flag 1
PHRF-2	Code Flag 2
PHRF-3	Code Flag 3
PHRF-4	Code Flag 4
PHRF-5	Code Flag 5
PHRF-6	Code Flag 6
PHRF-7	Code Flag 7

- 3.3 Class assignments can be found on the California Offshore Race Week website by 20:00 Thursday May 23, 2024. <https://offshoreraceweek.com/entry-list>

4 RACING AREA AND COURSE

- 4.1 The start will be located in the San Francisco Bay in the area adjacent to the St Francis Yacht Club located near Marina Green, west of Ft. Mason on the San Francisco City Front.
- 4.2 **Course 1** will be from the starting line to the finish line off Monterey Harbor Light #6 in Monterey, approximately 84 nautical miles.
- 4.3 **Course 2** will be from the starting line to the Golden Gate Main Ship Channel Buoy R8, F1 R2.5s whistle (approx. 6 NM at 242 degrees from the Golden Gate Bridge), leaving the buoy to port, then to the finish line off Monterey Harbor Light #6 in Monterey, approximately 87 nautical miles.
- 4.4 On both courses, each line bound by the following two points is designated an *obstruction*. Boats are prohibited from crossing any of these lines while *racing*.
 - a.) St Francis YC mark B, and the closest point ashore.
 - b.) Vertical 'H' beam off Water Quality Control Plant west of St. Francis Yacht Club and the closest point ashore.
 - c.) Anita Rock Offset "ARo" and Anita Rock. (ARo is located approximately 50 yards NNW of Anita Rock).
 - d.) Anita Rock, and the point ashore on a bearing of 180 degrees.
 - e.) Any rock visible at mean lower low water adjacent to the Marin County or San Francisco shorelines, and the closest point ashore.
 - f.) The south tower of the Golden Gate Bridge, and the closest point ashore.
 - g.) Mile Rock, and the closest point ashore.

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4.5 The course to be sailed will be designated by numeral placards displayed from the StFYC race deck.

5 PRE-START CHECK-IN

- 5.1 All boats shall check-in with the race committee on USA VHF 69 ~~1065 (OLD 65A)~~ between the hours of 930 and 1020 using the boat's primary fixed radio with masthead antenna. This communication is required to verify proper radio functionality and will include questions about the number and names of crew on board. **If there has been any change from the online registration, boats will be asked to switch to VHF USA 78 to provide the new information.** Check-in is not complete until a boat receives confirmation from the race committee. **Failure to complete this communication successfully shall result in a score of DNC.** This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 5.2 Random inspections may be made before the start for compliance with the Safety Equipment Requirements. If selected, the RC will come along-side the boat and request items to be shown for inspection. Boats that do not pass the inspection will be protested by the race committee. Penalties will be at the discretion of the protest committee, up to and including DSQ. This changes RRS 64.1.

6 THE START

- 6.1 The warning signal for each succeeding class will be the start signal for the preceding class.
- 6.2 The starting line will be between buoy "A" off of St Francis Yacht Club and the yellow placard on the StFYC race deck.
- 6.3 Race may be started over the radio, without visual or sound signals, on VHF channel 69 ~~1065 (old 65A)~~ by displaying flag R. This changes RRS 26, 27, 29 and 30.
- 6.4 After crossing under the Golden Gate Bridge, all boats are requested to change to VHF 16. Once boats are within 2 miles of the finish, change to USA VHF 1065 (OLD 65A). Roll calls may be conducted after dark at the discretion of the RC to check on safety and approximate locations of any boats that have not finished. The RC will hail on both VHF 16 and VHF 1065 (OLD 65A).

7 PRE-FINISH CHECK-IN

- 7.1 Approximately 2 nm prior to their finish, all boats shall check-in with the race committee using either USA VHF 1065 (OLD 65A) or cellular phone number 831-747-4597 (call or text).

8 THE FINISH

- 8.1 The starboard end of finish line will be the end the jetty of Monterey Harbor Light #6 in Monterey. The port end of the finish line will be a fixed yellow drum with a continuous white light on it, located approximately 750 feet to east (78 degrees Magnetic) of the Monterey Harbor Light #6. The approximate location of the yellow mark is: Latitude 36 deg 36.510 min N, Longitude 121 53.210 min W. Skippers are advised to check their charts and on-board navigation instruments to verify the exact location of the finish line.
- 8.2 Skippers are advised that the Monterey Harbor Light #6 is not at the extreme east end of the jetty, and is surrounded by rocks. Skippers should also be on the lookout for fishing vessels anchored in the mooring field adjacent to Municipal Wharf 2. Illustration A is provided for reference, not for navigation.
- 8.3 A boat's YB tracker will transmit a lat/lon and PDT time when it crosses the finish line. This data will be used to determine a boat's finish time.
- 8.4 There will be no committee boat on station, and boats shall record their own GPS

finish time on the finish sheet of Addendum A, and shall present their finish sheet to the Race Committee at their earliest opportunity once on shore.

- 8.5 When crossing the finish line, boats shall record their location and finish time electronically. This information shall be shown to the RC upon request for up to one week after finishing.
- 8.6 All boats shall contact the race committee using USA VHF 1065 (old 65A) immediately after finishing.
- 8.7 After crossing the finishing line, all boats that have reserved a berth in Monterey Marina shall switch to VHF 1005 (OLD 5A) for pilot guidance to their slip.
- 8.8 Random inspections may be made after the finish for compliance with the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements. If selected, the RC will contact the boat at the finishing line on USA VHF 1065 (OLD 65A) and arrangements will be made for the inspection. Boats that do not pass the inspection will be protested by the race committee. Penalties will be at the discretion of the protest committee, up to and including DSQ. This changes RRS 64.1. The same boat may be selected at both the start and the finish.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply. The penalty will be 10 minutes added to the boat's finish time. A yellow flag is not required, but a boat taking a penalty shall notify the race committee at the finish line. This changes RRS 44.3.

10 TIME LIMIT

- 10.1 The time limit for the race will be 1600 hours on Sunday, May 26.

11. WITHDRAWAL

- 11.1 A boat retiring from the race, or experiencing any type of critical mechanical or medical emergency that could affect their anticipated time on the course, or require assistance after finishing, shall notify the RC via cell phone call or text on 831-747-4597, VHF 65, or email race@mpyc.org of their situation as soon as practical. Please include the nature of withdrawal, status of crew, destinations and ETA.
- 11.2 If immediate contact with the RC is not possible by the above means, please notify the RC at the earliest opportunity.

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 The protest time limit is 2 hours after the protesting boat finishes. Protests or requests for redress may be dropped off at the concierge desk inside MPYC or emailed to: race@mpyc.org. Notices will be posted within one hour after the receipt of a protest or request for redress on the Notice Board at the MPYC. The time and place of the hearing will be noted there.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 After the last sentence of RRS Appendix A3 add: Unless the rules of the handicap system make a different arrangement, the corrected time for a boat will be rounded to the nearest

second, .5 seconds rounding up to the next higher integer.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 14.1 The race committee may broadcast information about the day's racing, and OCS boats, on USA VHF 69 ~~1065 (OLD-65A)~~. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats or failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Trophies will be awarded to the top finishers in each class, with the number of trophies depending on the number of entries per class. The trophy presentation will be held at MPYC at 1200 hours, or as soon as practicable on Sunday, May 26. The time will be posted on the Spinnaker Cup Bulletin Board at MPYC.
- 15.2 Prizes not claimed at the prize giving ceremony will remain with the organizing authority.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authorities and their volunteers 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.

17 TRACKER PICK UP

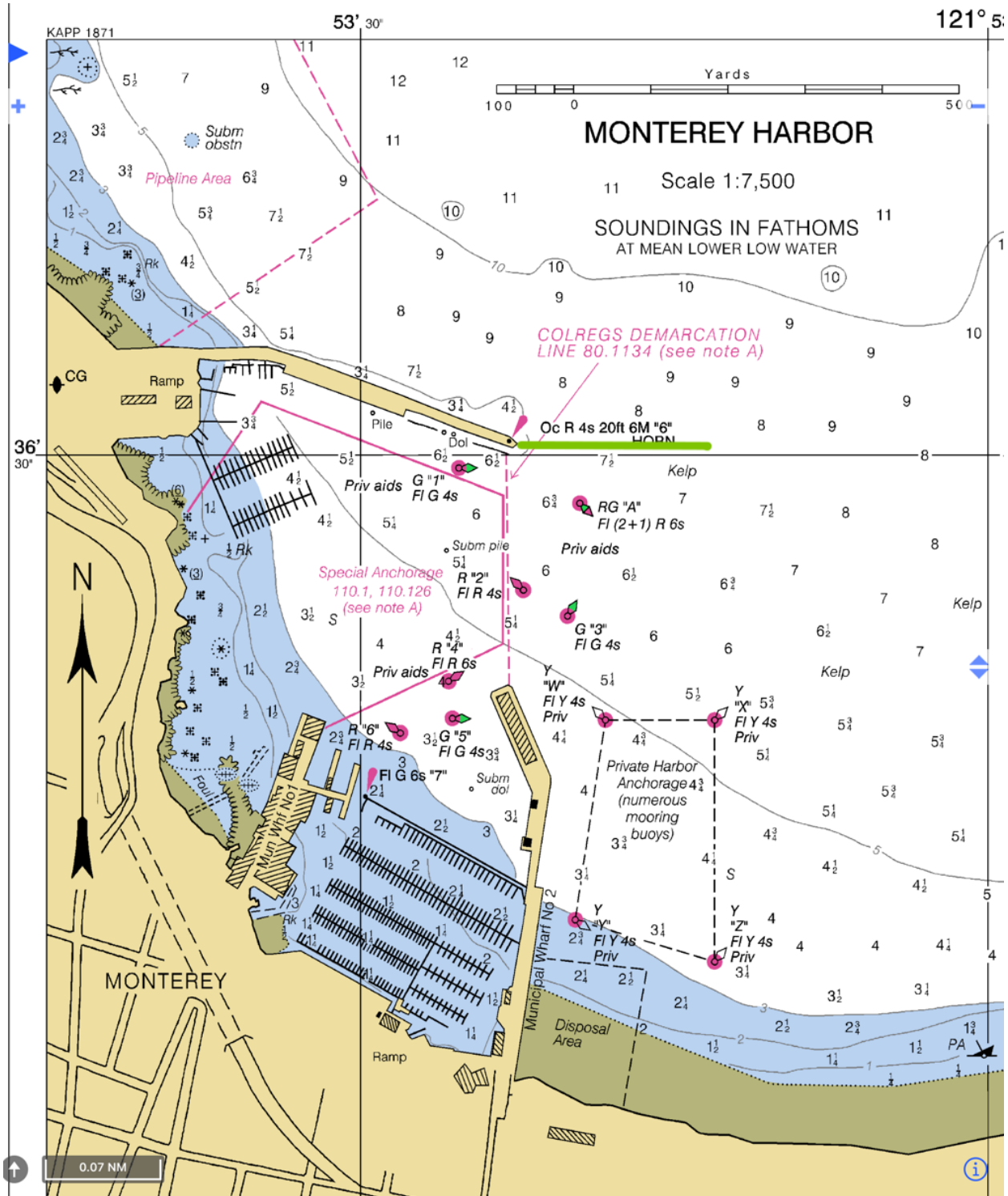
- 17.1 Each team can pick up their required YB Tracker at the Competitors Meeting at St. Francis Yacht Club on Friday, May 24, 2024 at 1700. If the tracker is not picked up on Friday, the Race Committee will hand off the tracker Saturday morning on the water no later than the close of pre-start check-ins at 1020. Call Race Committee on VHF 69 to coordinate pickup.

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Illustration A: The Finish Line

(chart for reference only, not for navigational purposes)



Addendum A – Finish Sheet

Boat Name _____

Sail Number _____

**Finish Line
Between**

Monterey Harbor Light #6 36 deg 36.510 min N, 121deg 53.381 min W

Fixed White Light 36 deg 36.510 min N, 121deg 53.210 min W

Finish Time _____ **(GPS Time)**