



ROLEX BIG BOAT SERIES
IRC North American Championship
St. Francis Yacht Club
September 6-9, 2012

NOTICE OF RACE

1.0 RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by *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** For One-Design Divisions: the respective class rules will apply, except for J/105 Fleet One Class rules and J/120 Fleet Five Class rules, which will replace the National Association Class Rules.
- 1.3** For Handicap Divisions: An IRC endorsed certificate is required and the IRC Rules, Parts A, B, and C shall apply. Yachts shall submit a copy of their IRC endorsed certificate not later than Wednesday, August 29th, 2012. No alteration in a yacht's TCC 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 (to be granted only in extreme circumstances with an accompanying \$500 fee). IRC Sail Limitations: For the purpose of IRC Rules 26.1.5(d) and (e) this regatta is on consecutive days and the sails carried shall remain the same.
- 1.4** All competitors are required to wear a life jacket or other adequate personal flotation device. RRS 40 is changed as follows: The "Y" flag will not be displayed.
- 1.5** If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2.0 ADVERTISING

- 2.1** Advertising for timepieces other than for Rolex, our title sponsor, is strongly discouraged.
- 2.2** Boats shall be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

Participation in this event is by invitation only. Competitors may apply for entry online at www.stfyc.com. Entries will be notified of their acceptance by the Organizing Authority.

4.0 FEES

For boats 35' and under, entry fee is \$595. For boats 36' and over, entry fee is \$17 per foot of overall boat length, rounded up to the nearest foot. All checks must be in U.S. DOLLARS drawn on a U.S. bank and made payable to: St. Francis Yacht Club. Payment is due on Wednesday, August 29th, 2012 for all entries. After that date, an additional \$250 late fee will apply. There are no exceptions to the late fee. 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.

5.0 CLASS DIVISIONS

5.1 Entrants will be divided into two groupings as follows: One Design Racing: TP52, J/120, Farr 40, Farr 400, Farr 30, J/111, Express 37, One Design 35, J/105. IRC Handicap Racing: Yachts 35' LOA and above will be divided into divisions at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. Additional classes may be added at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

5.2 The Organizing Authority may elect to offer an HPR class if there is sufficient interest from competitors.

5.3 A minimum of 6 boats per class will be required for a class start. If 6 boats per class are not entered by August 29th, 2012, the entered boats may be assigned to a handicap division, provided they hold a valid IRC endorsed certificate. Otherwise, the Organizing Authority may judge them ineligible to race.

6.0 REGATTA SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 5

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

Thursday, September 6

1100 Racing Begins - Two Races Scheduled
1700 - 2000 Rolex Party

Friday, September 7

1100 Racing Begins - Two Races Scheduled
1700 - 1830 Mt. Gay Cocktail Party

Saturday, September 8

1100 Racing Begins - Two Races Scheduled
1630 - 1730 No-Host Cocktails
1930 Crew Dinner (Sign-up at Registration & Check-In)

Sunday, September 9

1100 Racing Begins - Bay Tour Race Scheduled
1600 Rolex Trophy Ceremony

7.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available after 1700 on Wednesday, September 5, 2012.

8.0 RACING AREA & COURSES

Race courses will be set on central San Francisco Bay and its approaches using both inflatable and fixed government marks. A Bay-tour course is planned for all fleets on Sunday, September 9, 2012.

9.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in Rule 70.5.

10.0 SCORING

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

11.0 BERTHING & TRAILER STORAGE

All yachts competing in the event may be moored free of charge at pre-assigned locations beginning on Monday, September 3rd until one night after racing concludes. Please note that the parking area surrounding the yacht club is City property. Competitors planning to keep a storage trailer in the City parking lot should visit the Race

Office immediately upon arrival for an overnight parking permit. Trailers without permits may be towed. All boats and trailers shall be stored at the direction of the StFYC Dock Master.

12.0 PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded based on fleet participation.

13.0 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 and liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the StFYC Race Office at 415.563.6363, email raceoffice@stfyc.com or visit www.stfyc.com.