



**ROLEX BIG BOAT SERIES**  
**IRC North American Championship**  
**HPR National Championship**  
**St. Francis Yacht Club**  
**September 26-29, 2013**

**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:
- 1.3.1** An IRC endorsed certificate is required and the IRC Rules, Parts A, B, and C shall apply for the IRC classes. Yachts shall submit a copy of their IRC endorsed certificate not later than Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013. 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.
  - 1.3.2** For the HPR class or other handicap monohull classes, yachts shall submit a copy of their endorsed certificate not later than Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013. 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).
  - 1.3.3** For the Multihull classes a yacht is required to provide a current BAMA rating no later than September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013. 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).
- 1.4** Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while afloat, except when below deck or briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes the preamble to Part 4 and rule 40.

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.rolexbigboatseries.com](http://www.rolexbigboatseries.com). Entries will be notified of their acceptance by the Organizing Authority.

## 4.0 FEES

Entry fee is \$20 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, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 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: J/120, Farr 400, Farr 30, J/111, Express 37, One Design 35, J/105, J/70, and Melges24. Handicap Racing: Yachts 35' LOA and above will be divided into divisions at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. The Organizing Authority plans to offer both IRC and HPR divisions. Additional classes may be added at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. Multihull Handicap Racing: Yachts 33' LOA and above including the pole with a rating of -45 or faster that hold a valid BAMA rating.

5.2 A minimum of 6 boats per class will be required for a class start. If 6 boats per class are not entered by Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the entered boats may be assigned to the appropriate handicap division, provided they hold a valid endorsed certificate from US Sailing. Otherwise, the Organizing Authority may judge them ineligible to be scored.

## 6.0 REGATTA SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, September 25

1000 - 1900 Registration & Check-In

1800 - 1830 Skipper's & Navigator's Briefing

1830 - 1930 Rolex Commodore's Reception

### Thursday, September 26

1100 Racing Begins –Two Races Planned

1700 - 2000 Rolex Party

### Friday, September 27

1100 Racing Begins –Two Races Planned

1700 - 1830 Mt. Gay Cocktail Party

### Saturday, September 28

1100 Racing Begins –Two Races Planned

1630 - 1730 No-Host Cocktails

1930 Crew Dinner (Sign-up at Registration & Check-In)

## **Sunday, September 29**

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 25, 2013.

### **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 29, 2013.

### **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 23rd 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. A Boat of the Day award will be presented for each day's top performer.

### **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 any 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](mailto:raceoffice@stfyc.com) or visit [www.rolexbigboatseries.com](http://www.rolexbigboatseries.com) or [www.stfyc.com](http://www.stfyc.com).