

**Frank Ballentine Memorial Regatta**  
**Saturday, May 5, 2018**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1.0 RULES**

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the current version of The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as amended by these sailing instructions.
- 1.2 RRS 40 is changed as follows: All competitors are required to wear a USCG-approved personal flotation device, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

**2.0 ENTRIES**

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all members of Coyote Point Yacht Club or Sequoia Yacht Club in good standing.
- 2.2 Skippers may register their boats, including PHRF ratings, at the skippers meeting on the day of the race.
- 2.3 There will be separate spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions if there are sufficient entries in each division.
- 2.4 The skippers meeting will be held at 13:30 at Sequoia Yacht Club.

**3.0 START AND FINISH LINES**

- 3.1 The start line will be between RWC channel markers 3 and 4
- 3.2 The finish line will be between a temporary mark at approximately 37°35.847"N, 122°18.893"W and a committee boat near the entrance to Coyote Point Marina.

**4.0 COURSE**

- 4.1 Stay between the channel marks while proceeding north under the San Mateo bridge.
- 4.2 Take channel mark 8 to port
- 4.3 Finish near the entrance to Coyote Point Marina as outlined in 3.2
- 4.4 Competitors should monitor VHF 71 for on-the-water communications with the Race Committee.

**5.0 START TIME**

- 5.1 The race will start at 14:30 unless changed at the skippers meeting.
- 5.2 Competitors will be on the honor system to start as scheduled

**6.0 TIME LIMIT**

- 6.1 All boats not finished by 19:00 will be scored DNF. Signals will be display from the Race Committee boat. Following a Recall or Postponement, starting will resume with the Recalled or Postponed division in the order set out in these Sailing Instructions.

**7.0 Scoring**

- 7.1 Corrected finish times will be determined using the time on time method using the formula; corrected time = elapsed time x correction factor, where the correction factor = 650 / (550 + phrf rating).
- 7.2 The low point system described in the RRS Appendix A4 will be used to determine the order of finish.
- 7.3 A DNF will be scored the number of boats finishing plus one.
- 7.4 A DSQ will be scored the number of boats entered plus one.

**8.0 Communication**

- 8.1 Competitors should monitor VHF 71 for on-the-water communications with the Race Committee.
- 8.2 A boat that retires before finishing shall notify the race committee, at the time she retires, on VHF 7.1. Alternatively, a message can be left on 650-619-4809.

## **9.0 INTERFERENCE WITH OTHER VESSELS**

9.1 Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway, including large commercial vessels. Boats doing so will be subject to protest and disqualification upon notice by any competitor, the race committee or the operator of the vessel.

## **10.0 PROTESTS**

10.1 Protests are discouraged since this is a friendly race.

10.2 Protests shall be submitted in writing to the race committee within 48 hours of the race time limit.

10.3 Verbal notification of intent to protest must be given to the race committee within one hour of the protesting boat's finish.

10.4 Protest forms are available from the race committee at Coyote Point Yacht Club

## **11.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

11.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 4). The race organizers (committee, host club) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this race.

11.2 By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event.