



DRAKES BAY RACE

Organizing Authorities: OYRA and SSS
Sponsoring Club: Corinthian Yacht Club

SSS will hold a Skippers' Meeting at 1930 on August 24, 2016 at Island Yacht Club, all racers are welcome

1. RULES

- 1.1. This race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2013-2016 (RRS).
- 1.2. Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the Steering and Sailing Rules of the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea and of the Unified Inland Rules shall replace Part 2 of RRS. See <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=navRulesContent> for the complete text.
- 1.3. RRS 40 will be changed as follows: All competitors are required to wear lifejackets that comply with the equipment requirements (33.7 lb or greater inflatable or USCG type 1) while racing. The "Y" flag will not be displayed.
- 1.4. Communication with Vessel Traffic Service or with commercial vessels about their movements shall not be construed as outside help under RRS 41
- 1.5. RRS 41(d) is modified to include the use of cell phones and other internet devices to obtain weather and buoy information from NOAA and other freely available sources.
- 1.6. RRS 44.2 will not be used. The two turn penalty will not apply. See section 12.
- 1.7. RRS 52 is modified to allow use of autopilots.
- 1.8. RRS A9 is deleted.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1. This race is open to all qualified yachts that are season racers in OYRA or SSS, or have paid a one-time entry fee to OYRA or SSS for this event, and have met the minimum equipment requirements for YRA and SSS Ocean Races.
- 2.2. SSS entries must be received by the Wednesday skippers meeting
- 2.3. Yachts that have not completed the online Boat and Crew Registration including EPIRB data and Statement of Compliance through www.jibeset.net by the Thursday 1700 deadline will not be considered starters and will be scored DNC. Provided the Thursday 1700 deadline is met, changes can and should be made right up until race time, please notify the Race Committee if you have made a change and when.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1. **ALL YACHTS MUST CHECK IN ON VHF CHANNEL 72 WITH THE RACE COMMITTEE DURING THE CHECK IN PERIOD 0830 TO 0930. This must be done for each day's race.**
 - 3.1.1. **Yachts checking in will provide: Name of Vessel, Sail Number, Number of Crew on Board and if the Crew matches the Jibeset registration as of noon the day before the race**
 - 3.1.2. Failure of a boat to check in before the deadline will result in the boat not being considered to have started and will be scored DNC.
- 3.2. **All yachts must check in on the race channel prior to the finish. On Saturday check in should occur as soon as you can see the committee boat, but not before. On Sunday boats should check in when they are within a few minutes of finishing. Please be prepared to describe your boat.**



- 3.3. Boats withdrawing from the race Saturday or not finishing by the time limit on Saturday must contact the race committee on the race channel (or VHF 16 if no response on race channel) to notify them of their withdrawal. If no response via VHF the withdrawing boat should attempt a relay with another racer. If the withdrawing boat is unable to contact the Drakes Bay race committee directly and continues to Drakes Bay they must check in with the Drakes Bay race committee as soon as possible upon arrival.
- 3.4. Any boat that finishes in Drakes Bay and does not plan to stay the night and race on Sunday must notify the Drakes Bay race committee of their plans via VHF.
- 3.5. Any boat that returns to the bay Saturday whether they finish the race or not must call the CYC PRO, Donal Botkin, 415-497-5411 as soon as they are inside the bay.
- 3.6. Boats withdrawing from the race Sunday or not finishing by the time limit on Sunday must contact the race committee on the race channel (or VHF 16 if no response on race channel) to notify them of their withdrawal. If unable to contact the race committee via VHF boats must contact the CYC PRO, Donal Botkin, 415-497-5411 via phone at the first opportunity once inside the bay.
- 3.7. The race committee cannot go off duty until all boats are accounted for, please contact them as soon as possible. **Do not use the SSS voicemail for communication as it will not be monitored.** If the race committee is unable to establish your whereabouts at the deadline it must notify the USCG and the search and rescue process will begin.
- 3.8. Competitors should monitor VHF 72 for the on the water communications with the Race Committee while inside the Golden Gate Bridge. Once outside the GGB, racers should change and monitor channel 16. Boats with the capability to monitor multiple channels are encouraged to monitor both VHF 16 and the race channel.
- 3.9. Official notices will be posted on the YRA, SSS and Jibset websites
- 3.10. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Jibeset website by 1700 the Thursday before the race.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACE:

Race	Day and Date	Time of Warning Signal & Shape
Drake's Bay I	Saturday August 27, 2016	0940 hours First Division Warning
Drake's Bay II	Sunday August 28, 2016	0940 hours First Division Warning

5. COURSES and MARKS

Course Number	Marks	Approx. Distance
1	From the start, to Duxbury Reef (YRA DUX) Whistle Buoy "1DR" to starboard, then to the finish. (Saturday)	31.0 nm
2	From the start, to Duxbury Reef (YRA DUX) Whistle Buoy "1DR" to port, then to finish. (Sunday only)	31.0 nm
3	From the start, to the Approach Buoy R "SF" (YRA SF) to port, then to finish. (Sunday only)	35.5 nm



5.1. In the event a mark is missing the course shall be the same as indicated in these instructions. Boats shall round the mark by navigation to the Lat/Lon of the mark as indicated in the most recent Light List. Skipper shall maintain a log of the Lat/Lon and time of rounding.

5.2. No later than the Warning Signal, a code flag will be displayed from the Race Committee designating the course to be sailed. All fleets will sail course 1 on Saturday.

5.3. The race committee will attempt to announce courses and starting groups on the race channel. The absence of this announcement or the failure of a boat hearing the announcement shall not be grounds for redress.

6. SCHEDULED STARTING SEQUENCE

6.1. The starting sequence will be posted in attachment 1 on Jibaset no later than Friday August 21. OYRA and SSS season fleets will be scored separately but starts may be combined.

7. START

7.1. **SATURDAY** – Between an orange panel on the CYC Race Deck and a temporary mark set approximately 400 yards off the deck.

7.2. **SUNDAY** – Between a race committee buoy approximately 1,500 yards northeast of the abandoned USCG Pier and a Committee Boat.

8. RECALLS

8.1. The Race Committee may hail the sail number(s) of the boat(s) identified on the course side of the starting line after the starting signal. The failure of a hail, the failure of a boat hearing the hail or order of the hails shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

8.2. General Recall: If there is a second general recall, that group will start after the last scheduled group of starters.

9. FINISH

9.1. **SATURDAY** – Boats shall finish between the abandoned USCG Pier on the northwest shore of Drakes Bay and a Committee Boat at anchor. In heavy fog, upon request, the RC will give the latitude and longitude location of the Finish Line. All yachts must check in prior to finish, see 3.2.

9.2. **SUNDAY** – Between an orange panel on the CYC Race Deck and the red government buoy off Pt Stewart (R “4” FL R 2.5s) Due to the long finish line all yachts must check in prior to finish, see 3.2. Please be prepared to describe your boat since the RC may not be able to see sail numbers.

9.3. Boats finishing during the night will illuminate the boat’s sail numbers to assist the RC. In addition, each boat should record her own finish time and note both the boat ahead and behind, whenever possible.

10. TIME LIMIT

10.1. **Boats finishing after 2359 hours on Saturday August 27, 2016 or after 2059 hours on Sunday August 28, 2016 will be scored DNF. This changes RRS35.**



11. RESTRICTED AREAS AND SAFETY

- 11.1. For safety, each of the lines bounded by the following two points is an obstruction:
 - 11.1.1. Anita Rock Concrete Marker and Buoy "AR" (located 200yds NW of Anita Rock)
 - 11.1.2. Anita Rock Concrete Marker and the closest point ashore
 - 11.1.3. Buoy "AR" and the closest point ashore
 - 11.1.4. The "H" Beam (located approximately 200yds west of StFYC) and the closest point ashore
 - 11.1.5. The South Tower of the Golden Gate bridge shall be left to the south at all times
 - 11.1.6. The Bell Buoy (GR Bell) off the West end of Alcatraz Island and the closest point ashore
 - 11.1.7. The buoy (G 3) South of Point Blunt on Angel island and the closest point ashore
 - 11.1.8. Each visible rock in the course area shall be left to shoreward except Mile Rock and Red Rock.
 - 11.1.9. The water between Raccoon Strait Buoy "3" G FI G 4s and Belvedere
- 11.2. A boat is prohibited from sailing across any of these lines while racing
- 11.3. Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway (see US Dept. of Commerce chart 18649 for designated narrow channels and fairways of SF Bay) or fishing or other vessels with restricted ability to maneuver. Boats identified who endanger their own safety, other sail boats, or that of a commercial or government vessel will be subject to protest by a Race Committee (RC) or contestant and face possible disqualification. RRS 60.3 is modified to add (d) to read: A hearing for allegations of the above will be instigated by a protest committee if notified by government, commercial or individual vessel of possible infraction. It shall also extend the time limit under RRS 61.3 to accept the information.

12. PENALTIES

- 12.1. Penalties shall apply under RRS 44.3 using a penalty of 20% of the number of boats that came to the starting area but not less than one or worse than DNF.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. OYRA
 - 13.1.1. The Low Point Scoring System RRS A4.1 will be used to score finishing boats.
 - 13.1.2. RRS 4.2 is modified as follows:
 - 13.1.2.1. DNF, OCS, RAF (prior to protest hearing) - # of finishers + 1
 - 13.1.2.2. DNS - # of boats that came to the starting area + 1
 - 13.1.2.3. DNC - # of boats that came to the starting area + 2
 - 13.1.2.4. DSQ - # of boats that came to the starting area + 3
 - 13.1.3. The Time-on-Time (TOT) system of scoring shall be used.
- 13.2. SSS
 - 13.2.1. SSS scoring will be per SSS Standing Sailing Instructions



14. PROTEST

14.1. OYRA

14.1.1. Protests under RRS 61.1 shall be submitted in writing in accordance with RRS 61.2 and mailed, emailed or faxed to the YRA of San Francisco Bay, no later than midnight the Monday following the regatta, or if Monday is a holiday, on Tuesday.

14.1.2. Once a protest is received by the YRA, the YRA shall contact the sponsoring Yacht Club and a protest committee shall be formed. Copies of the protest, as well as notification of the time and date of the protest will be sent to the involved parties

14.2. SSS

14.2.1. SSS protests will be handled per the SSS Standing Sailing Instructions.

15. MINIMUM EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

15.1. All boats shall comply with the US Sailing Sailing Equipment Requirements (USSER 2016.0 NCORC) adopted by the OYRA and SSS found at www.yra.org/OYRA/ or on the OYRA notice board on Jibeset.

15.2. Boats shall have a radio on deck at all times (on channel 16) and recommends in short handed situations that it is carried by one crew member.

15.3. RRS 52 is amended, No restriction is placed on the use of powered winches, powered hydraulics or powered furling devices for those boats that have declared this information on the PHRF application. Only those boats that have declared this equipment and have been rated accordingly can sail in this configuration.

16. INSPECTIONS

16.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the race committee equipment inspector or PRO to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. At the finish the RC will notify the competitor with three short blasts on the horn immediately following the finish signal, and by VHF with instructions for the inspection.

16.2. A boat that refuses an equipment inspection will be protested.

16.3. Boats that fail an equipment inspection may elect to accept a 20% scoring penalty in lieu of a protest by the PRO.

17. SHORT HANDED SAILING DIVISIONS

17.1. RRS 50.2 is modified to allow two jibs 'poled out' for downwind sailing

18. SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP

18.1. OYRA will provide first place trophies for each division for the OYRA Series.

18.1.1. For the OYRA series a boats worst score will be excluded (one throw out)

18.2. SSS Season Championship will be per the SSS Standing Sailing Instructions.



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19. RELEASE OF LIABILITY

19.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizer (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

RACE COMMITTEE

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PRO: Donal Botkin

INFORMATION

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