

OFFSHORE YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

A Chartered Association of the Yacht Racing Association of San Francisco Bay

2008 RACING SEASON

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: The YRA of San Francisco Bay

1. RULES

- 1.1. Races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008, the Prescriptions of US Sailing, the national authority, the Notice of Race, any Rules modified by the Course Sailing Instructions and these General Sailing Instructions.
 - 1.1.1. Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, as recorded in any standard tide & current book for San Francisco Bay, the Steering and Sailing Rules from IRPCAS (International Rules for Prevention of Collisions at Sea effective 1977) and (the Unified Inland Rules effective 1981) shall replace Part 2 of the RRS. Preamble to RRS Part 2 applies. Competitors are advised that non-competing boats are not governed by RRS and that IRPCAS or Unified Inland Rules govern meetings with non-competing boats.
 - 1.1.2. The 2006-2007 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing for Monohulls & Multihulls, prescriptions for Category 2 Racing as modified by, "OYRA Equipment Exceptions" shall apply.
 - 1.1.3. RRS 40.1 is deleted and replaced with, "all competitors shall wear life jackets or adequate personal buoyancy and safety harness while on deck." Note that Flag Y will not be displayed.
 - 1.1.4. RRS 41 (d) is modified to include the use of cell phones to obtain NOAA weather and buoy information.
 - 1.1.5. RRS 44.2 is not in effect. Penalties shall apply under RRS 44.3 using a penalty of 10%. This changes RRS 44.3 (c)
 - 1.1.6. RRS 52 is modified boats are allow boats to use of powered winches, powered hydraulics, or powered furling devices as long as those boats have declared this information on their PHRF application. Only those boats that have declared this equipment and have been rated accordingly can sail in this configuration.
 - 1.1.7. All mainsails and head sails larger than 125% must carry sail numbers identifying the vessel. The number on the mainsail and all headsails must be the same as on the entry form. Spinnakers need not carry sail numbers. Boats without numbers can have their racing numbers assigned by the YRA. RRS 77 is deleted and replaced this with section.
 - 1.1.8. RRS 89.2 (a) is deleted and replaced with "Sailing Instructions, Notice of Race, Minimum Equipment Exceptions, Minimum Equipment Self Inspection Card, Entry Form and other related material may be downloaded from the YRA website, www.yra.org."
 - 1.1.9. RRS 89.2 (c) is modified to designate the YRA website, www.yra.org, as the "Official Notice Board" for the series. Changes to Sailing Instructions shall be posted at least seven days before the race.
 - 1.1.10. RRS 89.3 (a) is modified to allow the Organizing Authority to score the race based on the report of the Race Committee.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. This series is open to all ocean qualified monohull and multihull sailing vessels, with valid Northern California PHRF certificates, equipped for offshore sailing whose owners or charterers are members of SFYRA.
- 2.2. Mono-hull boats must have an enclosed cabin, a minimum overall length of twenty feet and a displacement of 2,000 lbs empty. Multihulled boats shall have weather-tight enclosed accommodations for the crew and shall have the ability to float in an inverted position indefinitely.
- 2.3. All boats shall meet the Minimum Equipment Requirements and all standards set forth herein.
- 2.4. YRA sailing membership and a membership in an YRA member yacht club are required to register a boat for this series or a single race of the series.
- 2.5. A boat meeting the majority of the Minimum Equipment Requirements may enter the either or both of the Lightship Races providing they meet the majority of the requirements and receive written permission from OYRA.

3. ENTRY AND REGISTRATION

- 3.1. Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration, meeting requirements, filling out and signing *The Minimum Equipment Self Inspection Card*, submitting a current PHRF Certificate, and paying the fees specified in the Notice of Race.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter electronically on the YRA website or request that entry forms be sent from the YRA office. Entry Forms are also available for download on the YRA web site and are printed in the Latitude 38 Master Racing schedule for San Francisco. YRA may be contacted at: YRA of San Francisco Bay, Quarters 35S Fort Mason, San Francisco, California 94123, www.yra.org, e-mail: info@yra.org, Voice: (415) 771-9500, Fax: (415) 276-2378.
- 3.3. Deadline for entering a race is the Wednesday before it is sailed.

4. FEES

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| 4.1. YRA Membership: | \$40.00 |
| 4.2. NCPHRF 2008 Renewal Certificate: | \$30.00 |
| 4.3. New Certificate / Renewal of 2006 or earlier: | \$40.00 |
| 4.4. Season Racing Fees: (US Sailing Member) | \$195.00 |
| 4.5. Season Racing Fees: (Non US Sailing Member) | \$210.00 |
| 4.6. Vallejo Race (YRA Season Opener w/ Season Fees) | \$5.00 |
| 4.7. Single Race Fee, 1 Day Race: (US Sailing Member) | \$50.00 |
| 4.8. Single Race Fee, 1 Day Race: (Non US Sailing Member) | \$55.00 |
| 4.9. Single Race Fee, 2 Day Race (US Sailing Member) | \$75.00 |
| 4.10. Single Race Fee, 2 Day Race (Non US Sailing Member) | \$80.00 |

5. DIVISIONS:

- 5.1. The following five divisions shall make up the OYRA Fleet:

PHRO 1A	NCPHRF of 0 or less
PHRO 1	Over 31.5 Feet, D/W Ratio less Than 200
PHRO 2	Over 31.5 Feet, D/W Ratio 200 & over
MORA	31.5 Feet & under. Midget Ocean Racing Association
SHS	Short Handed Sailing (Any boat sailed Single-handed or Double-handed) *

* Must be specifically requested.

6. MANAGEMENT

- 6.1. Each race shall be under the management of a race committee of the sponsoring yacht club. The Race Committee Chairman for each race is listed in the Sailing Instructions for that race.
- 6.2. The OYRA contact information is listed on the YRA web site (www.yra.org).

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. Dates, venues, and sponsoring yacht club are as follows:

SPRING SEASON

March 29, 2008	Lightship I	St Francis YC
April 26, 2008	Duxship	Encinal YC
May 10, 2008	North star	Encinal YC
June 7, 2008	Drakes Bay I	Corinthian YC
June 8, 2008	Drakes Bay II	Corinthian YC
May 23, 2008	Spinnaker Cup*	San Francisco YC

FALL SEASON

June 28, 2008	Half Moon Bay	Half Moon Bay YC
August 9, 2008	Lightship II	Golden Gate YC
August 23, 2008	Full Crew Farallones	San Francisco YC
August 30, 2008	Windjammers*	Santa Cruz YC
September 20, 2008	Southern Cross	San Rafael YC
October 18, 2008	Jr. Waterhouse	Richmond YC

- 7.2. The series shall consist of the twelve ocean races described above. Courses range from 25 to 88 NM. The number of races allows a boat to experience diverse weather conditions, night sailing, overnight anchoring and close encounters with marine life.
- 7.3. A boat's worse score for each half shall be excluded.
- 7.4. To qualify for awards a boat must start four races in each half.
- 7.5. *The Spinnaker Cup and Windjammers races are series counters but are not sponsored by the OYRA, additional fees are required.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. Sailing instructions, notices to competitors, and changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the YRA website to be downloaded by the entrant
- 8.2. The YRA web site is designated as the, "Official Notice Board" for the series.
- 8.3. Entrants may request that sailing instructions be sent by US Mail. This request may accompany their entry or thereafter, but must be in writing and include name, boat name, sail number, and address.

9. SCORING:

- 9.1. The Low Point Scoring System RRS A4.1 will be used to score finishing boats. RRS 4.2 is modified to state, penalty points will be added to the number of boats that came to the starting area plus one for OCS, DNF, DNS or RAF (prior to protest hearing), plus two for DNC, and plus three for DSQ. A DSQ for Safety violation is considered as a (DNE) in addition to RRS 89.3(b). Ties will be broken in accordance with RRS A7 or A8 as appropriate. RRS A9 is deleted.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 10.1. Competitors participate in YRA racing entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither the organizing authority nor the sponsoring yacht clubs will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, or after any race.