



2026 SF CLASSIC / UN CHALLENGE REGATTA

July 11, 2026

Organizing Authority: St. Francis Yacht Club

San Francisco, California, USA

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the NoR means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule nor request redress based on that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 and 61.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including:
 - 1.1.1 For Windsurfers, Appendix B
 - 1.1.2 For Kiteboards, RRS Appendix F
 - 1.1.3 For Wingfoil and ParaWingFoil boards, World Sailing Development Rule Appendix WF 'Wingfoiling Racing Rules'.
- 1.2 For all classes, the starting system described in Appendix F3 26 applies. This changes RRS Appendix B3 26.
- 1.3 RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat.
- 1.4 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or"
- 1.5 The [US Sailing Prescriptions](#) to the Preamble of RRS Part 5, Section B and RRS 63.1 do not apply.
- 1.6 [NP] Competitors shall wear wetsuits with a minimum thickness of 3/2mm, which cover the knees and have short sleeves as minimum coverage.
- 1.7 [NP] Competitors who are 18 years or younger shall always wear a PFD or impact vest while on the water. The 'Y' flag will not be flown. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.
- 1.8 [DP] All competitors participating in this event shall carry a cell phone, or radio which can be used to contact the race committee for safety reasons.
- 1.9  Addendum NO-GO ZONE applies and competitors shall keep clear of all commercial traffic.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available no later than July 09, 2026 online at [the event website](#).

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at [the event website](#).
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

4 SAFETY

Safety boats may be available if needed to bring competitors back to the StFYC dock or Crissy Field.

5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

This is a highly difficult course traversing strong currents in predictably strong winds.

Only expert sailors should plan to enter.

- 5.1 The regatta is open to all Windsurfers, Hydrofoil Kites, WingFoil and ParaWingFoil.
- 5.2 Eligible sailors may enter by completing the online entry form at [the event website](#).

6 [NP] IDENTIFICATION ON COMPETITORS

- 6.1 Windsurfer Only: Delete Appendix G and replace with: A windsurfer shall carry an identifying number or letter or combination of the two. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a score of DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1, RRS A2 and A5 .
- 6.2 Kiteboard, Wingfoil and ParaWingFoil RRS F9 G1(a) and 61.1 is changed to read: A competitor shall wear the 2024-2026 jersey provided by the Race Office (OA) with their personal competition number. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a score of DNC. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1, RRS A2 and A5.
- 6.3 Jerseys issued solely for this event shall be returned by the end of the day. If not, the OA will charge \$40.

7 FEES

- 7.1 The entry fee is \$90.
- 7.2 A \$15 late fee will be assessed to entries received after July 8, 2026.
- 7.3 All entry fees are non-refundable on or after July 8, 2026.
- 7.4 If a competitor withdraws from the regatta it will receive a 100% refund minus credit card and processing fees if it does not enter another class.

8 SCHEDULE

- 8.1 A competitors' meeting will be held at 1145 at the St. Francis Yacht Club on July 11, 2026 on the Race Deck outside the Race Office on the second floor of the Club..
The first warning signal will be at 1300 on Saturday July 11, 2026.
- 8.2 Awards will be presented based on participation at the social event with food and beverages on Saturday, July 11, 2026, at St. Francis Yacht Club after racing.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 SF Bay Classic is a slalom course from outside the Golden Gate Bridge to Berkeley: See Addendum 'Description of Marks and Course'. The direct line course is approximately 19 nm.
- 9.2 Ultra Nectar (UN) Challenge is the return race from Berkeley to the StFYC Race Deck: Starts at the Berkeley Pier (finish of SF Bay Classic) to finish between buoy 'A' and the StFYC Race Deck. The rhumb line course is approximately 7nm.

10 TIME LIMIT FOR EACH RACE

- 10.1 The time limit for the SF Classic is 120 minutes for all finishers in all divisions.
- 10.2 To remain eligible to compete in the UN Challenge, a board must finish the SF Classic within its time limit.
- 10.3 The time limit for each board in the UN Challenge is 90 minutes from her finish of the SF Classic.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 SF Classic: The order in which a board finishes the race at Berkeley shall determine her finishing place.
- 11.2 Ultra-Nectar (UN) Challenge: her finish for the SF Classic will be her start time for the race back from Berkeley to the StFYC Race Deck. Time to complete the race determines finishing place. (see Attachment A)

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 Awards shall be given based on participation.
- 12.2 Prizes not claimed at the prize giving ceremony will remain with the organizing authority.

13 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

14 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 14.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.
- 14.2 Additionally, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and race officials the right to use their personal contact information, including but not limited to a current email address and cell phone number, for the purpose of race administration and race communications.

15 INFORMATION

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Addendum 'Description of Marks and Course'

Start: Between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a red inflatable mark.

- (1) Round RN"2" to starboard (Red Nun Buoy, west of the South Tower of Golden Gate Bridge)
- (2) Round to starboard, a boat with an orange flag and towing a yellow inflatable, located in the vicinity of the North Tower of the Golden Gate Bridge, but east inside the Bay
- (3) Round Starting Line pin (a red inflatable mark) to starboard
- (4) Round RN"2" to starboard (Red Nun Buoy, west of the South Tower of the Golden Gate Bridge)
- (5) Round to Starboard, a boat with an orange flag and towing a yellow inflatable buoy, located east of the North Tower of the Golden Gate Bridge
- (6) Round Anita Rock "AR" Platform to port
- (7) Round Harding Rock "HR" (RG Buoy) to starboard
- (8) Round Blossom Rock "BR" (GR Bell Buoy) to Port (Alcatraz Island may be left on either side)
- (9) Round Point Blunt "PB" (G"3") to starboard
- (10) Round "R2" (FI R 6s) to port
- (11) Round "R4" (FI R 2.5s) to starboard
- (12) Round Yellow Inflatable "P" to port - near the end of the Berkeley Pier
- (13) Round Yellow Inflatable to starboard near the former Olympic Circle Buoy "X"
- (14) Pass through the easternmost gap in the Berkeley Pier

Finish: Between an orange flag on RC boat anchored off HS Lordship's Restaurant and a yellow inflatable mark set to the east.

