2026 Rolex Big Boat Series

ORC North American Championship

San Francisco, September 16-20, 2026

Organizing Authority (OA): St. Francis Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE + AMENDMENT 1

GENERAL INFORMATION

- St. Francis Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority (OA) of the Rolex Big Boat Series.
- US Sailing is the Rating Authority (RA) for the ORC class.
- All times are PDT (Pacific Daylight Time).

The notation '[NP]' 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 is governed by:

1.1.1 The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing;

1.1.2 Fleet rules specific to the following classes: J/105 Fleet 1, and J/88 Fleet 3.

1.1.3 The IMS, ORC and ORRez Rating rules.

1.2 [NP] RRS 40.1 applies at all times while racing and to and from the race area to the harbor.

1.3 [NP] [DP] The first sentence of G1.3(c)(3) is amended: The sail number shall be displayed on both sides of a spinnaker and gennaker.

1.4 [DP] For ORC Classes and multihulls, US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for Nearshore. ~~,~~ Section 3 Safety Equipment (available at the US Sailing website: Safety Equipment Requirements) shall apply except for Section 3.6.6 Flares.

1.5 [DP] SER Coastal 2.4.1, to 2.4.9, excluding 2.4.4, regarding Hull and Structure: Lifelines shall apply, except that boats not originally configured with lifelines are exempt from these requirements.

1.6 Add to RRS 41: However, in exception to rule 41(c), weather information that is available to all boats for a fee may be received, but it shall not include specific weather or routing advice customized for the boat or a group of boats.

1.7 The US Sailing Prescription to the Preamble of RRS Part 5, Section B and RRS 63.1 do not apply.

1.8 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after 1700 on September 09, 2026 at www.rolexbigboatseries.com.

3 COMMUNICATION AND RADIO COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online official notice board is located at the event website.

3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channels will be stated in the SI.

3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The regatta is open to all:

4.1.1 One Design boats of the J/88, J/105, and Express 37 classes. Other classes with a minimum number of entries may be considered with application to the OA.

4.1.2 ORC: Monohull boats with a LOA ≥ 30'. Boats are required to have an ORC International certificate. Apply for an ORC certificate with
US Sailing: https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/orc/#application
or ORC Canada: https://www.orc-canada.org/#applications.

4.1.3 Classic boats built using traditional wooden plank-on-frame construction with a LOA ≥ 40' and a current ORRez rating certificate. For the avoidance of doubt, cold moulded construction boats shall not qualify.

4.2 For all classes to remain eligible for a start, they must have at least six (6) entries by July 31, 2026. In the event that a class does not meet the minimum entry requirement, the OA reserves the right to eliminate the class. Boats that were entered in a class that was subsequently eliminated will be invited to join an appropriate remaining class provided they meet all the eligibility requirements of that class.

4.3 [DP] All boats shall pick up their regatta packets during the registration times listed in NOR 6.2. Registration will take place in the St Francis Yacht Club.

4.4 ORC division assignments will be posted by 1700 on September 15, 2026.

4.5 The Team Trophy Entry Form is due 1700 on September 09, 2026.

4.6 An accurate crew list shall be submitted online via Clubspot by September 09, 2026.

4.7 Boats competing in an ORC class shall submit a valid ORC rating certificate by September 01, 2026. Boats may not change their rating certificate after September 01, 2026, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct an error by their RA. This changes RRS 78.2.

5 ENTRY FEES

5.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at www.rolexbigboatseries.com and paying the full entry fee on July 31, 2026 to avoid a late entry fee of $275.

5.2 No entry will be accepted after September 01, 2026.

5.3 The entry fee is as follows:

Entry Fee		Early Entry Fee until May 15, 2026 (5% discount)	Entry Fee from May 16 until July 31, 2026	Late Entry Fee from August 1 until September 1, 2026
Boats not mentioned below	USD/Foot (rounded up)	$38.10	$40.11	$40.11
	Additional Late Entry Fee USD			$275.00
J/105		$1,333.00	$1,403.00	$1,678.00
J/88		$1,105.00	$1,163.00	$1,438.00
Cape 31		$1,181.00	$1,243.00	$1,518.00
Express 37		$1,409.00	$1,484.00	$1,759.00

5.4 Payments shall be made online by credit card or by StFYC member charge. Included with the entry fee are event badges for the entire crew which provide access to the club house and social events. For more information please look at Additional Information.

5.5 StFYC members using their StFYC member number to pay their entry fee are eligible for an entry fee discount of 3% which will be reflected in their September member statement.

5.6 The Storm Trysail Team Trophy will be presented to the 3-boat-team with the best score in the Rolex Big Boat Series. The 3-boat-team does not need to represent the same Yacht Club. The 3-boat-team shall consist of (1) ORC, (1) J/105, (1) from any class (can repeat ORC and J/105 or be from a new class). All helmpersons shall be Group 1 as defined in World Sailing Regulation 22, World Sailing Classification Code. Entries may be made on the TEAM ENTRY FORM no later than September 09, 2026.

5.7 An entry is not considered complete until the full entry fee has been received.

5.8 If a boat chooses to withdraw, she shall notify the StFYC Race Office via email at racing@stfyc.com. The entry fee will be refunded per the following schedule:

Request for refunds made	Percentage of entry fee refunded
On or before July 31:	100% minus credit card fees
August 1 – August 31*:	80% minus credit card fees
On or after September 01:	0%

** If a boat enters a class that later fails to meet the minimum requirements, it will receive a 100% refund minus credit card fees if it does not enter another class.*

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Ten (10) races are scheduled for all One Design classes, six (6) races for all ORC divisions, and four (4) races for the Classics.

6.2 Schedule as follows:

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday, September 16	1000-1730 1000-1730 1730	Registration at StFYC Inspections for ORC NA fleet Competitors' Briefing at StFYC
Thursday, September 17	~~0900~~1000 1100 1200	First warning signal ORC only First warning signal all Classes except Classic Class and ORC First warning signal Classic Class only
Friday, September 18	1100 1200	First warning signal all Classes except Classic Class First warning signal Classic Class only
Saturday, September 19	1100 1200	First warning signal all Classes except Classic Class First warning signal Classic Class only
Sunday, September 20	1100 1200 1400 1600	First warning signal all Classes except Classic Class First warning signal Classic Class only No warning signal will be made after this time Trophy Presentation

7 ORC ONLY: EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT

7.1 All sails planned for use shall be listed with their measurements on their ORCi certificate. To add or subtract sails from your certificate contact the US Sailing Offshore office at offshore@ussailing.org.

7.2 Each sail in the inventory shall have a measurement stamp or sticker with all required measurements clearly readable.

7.3 Each boat shall select sails to be used at the event up to the maximum numbers as shown on their certificate.

7.4 Sails listed on the certificate shall be inspected prior to racing. A schedule for sign up dates and times is available at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdbZQDDeUWvsQxqdetTO4vfjpMeBp40RTAmCQn7zYQPwM0VOg/viewform.

7.5 Sails carried on board may vary from day to day but shall remain the same for each individual race day, including days with multiple races even in the case of damage to sails. The race day begins when the boat leaves for the race course from its dock or mooring.

7.6 Sails damaged during the event may be repaired. Sails beyond repair may be replaced with permission of the technical committee.

7.7 Boats designated as Cruiser/Racer on their certificate will be inspected to comply with all criteria listed in Appendix 1 of the IMS rules (https://orc.org/uploads/files/Rules-Regulations/2026/IMS-2026.pdf). RS features will also be inspected for compliance with those listed on certificates.

7.8 All crew names shall be listed at Registration, with total Crew Weight not to exceed the maximum value listed on the certificate. Crew substitutions are permitted if name(s) of the replaced crew is provided to the Race Office and the crew weight maximum is not exceeded.

8 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display event advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority

9 VENUES & COURSES

9.1 Racing will take place on San Francisco Bay and nearby waters. ORC only: The Coastal Race will take place on San Francisco Bay and nearby waters and Gulf of the Farallons.

9.2 Starting areas: See Attachment 'Start Areas', herein.

9.2.1 TI: Treasure Island Starting Area will be approximately 0.5nm west of Treasure Island.

9.2.2 NC: North Course Starting Area will be approximately 1.5nm NNW of Treasure Island.

9.2.3 ALC: Alcatraz Starting Area will be approximately 0.5nm west of Alcatraz Island.

9.2.4 RD: Race Deck Starting Area will be immediately to the north of St. Francis Yacht Club.

9.3 The race committee reserves the right to relocate any starting area for any reason.

9.4 Courses will use both fixed and drop marks. The race committee will publish a complete description of the marks with the sailing instructions.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 The intention is to appoint an international jury as provided in RRS 91(b).

10.2 The right of appeal from an international jury decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.3.

11 SCORING

11.1 One (1) race must be completed to constitute a series. For the ORC NA Championship the Coastal Race and at least one inshore race is needed to constitute a series.

11.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, with no score excluded. This changes RRS A2.

11.3 [NP] An ORC boat's corrected time will be calculated using her appropriate Time Correction Factor (TCF) based on course selection and wind strength as determined by the Race Committee. The selection of TCF is at the sole discretion of the Race Committee and shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b). Explanations of ORC scoring options can be found on the Scoring models page at www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/orc.

11.4 Refer to NOR 5.6 and 16.3 ~~15.3~~ for qualifications for the Team Trophy. It will be scored by using each boat's average percentage score (finish points divided by the number of starters for each race) within its respective class for all her races during the Series. The team score is an average of all boats' average percentage scores. The trophy will be awarded to the team with the lowest average percentage points.

11.5 Classics only: A yacht winning the Classic Cup in the Rolex Big Boat Series shall be presented with and will display signal flag "V" over number pennant "1" while racing in three (3) subsequent Rolex Big Boat Series Classic Class events, the penalty period. Each time the same yacht wins the Classic Cup a new three year penalty period is started. The yacht shall display a number pennant corresponding to the total number of concurrent penalty periods won.

12 [NP] [DP] SUPPORT BOATS / TENDERS

12.1 Support Boats / Tenders shall stay well clear of boats that are racing.

12.2 During racing, all support boats must stay well clear of race committee boats and boats flying a jury flag or press flag. This applies at all times, except when rendering assistance to a boat in danger, either at the boat's request or at the request of the race committee.

12.3 All Support Boats / Tenders and designated drivers shall be registered with the OA no later than August 15 by registering online at www.rolexbigboatseries.com and paying the registration fee. The organizing authority or race committee may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion.

The registration fees are as follows:

Support Boat / Tender	up to 18 feet	18 - 24 feet	over 24 feet
Registration Fee	$320	$370	$420

12.4 The registration fee includes the berthing fee for the scheduled days (NOR 6.2). In case of a longer berthing time, the Support Boat / Tender shall pay an additional fee for this period at the Dock Master's office.

13 [NP] [DP] BERTHING

13.1 All Boats and Support Boats / Tenders requesting dockage must complete the docking request form by August 15, 2026.

13.2 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbor.

13.3 Boats, competitors, and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official or the SF Marina Yacht Harbor Staff and shall comply with all SF Marina Yacht Harbor 'Policies and Regulations', published online: https://sfrecpark.org/1731/Policies-and-Regulations

13.4 Storage of any sailing equipment or boat gear is not permitted on any docks.

13.5 Boats, competitors, and support persons shall not tamper with, prop open, vandalize, deface, or damage any city dock access gates.

14 [NP] [DP] HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

No boat shall be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

15 [NP] [DP] TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water or litter in any public spaces. Trash may be placed aboard support boats, race committee boats or in an appropriate trash receptacle. This changes RRS 47.

16 PRIZES

16.1 Take home prizes will be awarded based on participation.

16.2 Top three positions in each ORC Class will be awarded titles and trophies in recognition for the 2026 ORC North American Championship.

16.3 In addition to take-home prizes, the following perpetual trophies will be awarded: St. Francis Perpetual, City of San Francisco Perpetual, Atlantic Perpetual, Keefe-Kilborn Memorial, Richard Rheem Perpetual, Commodore's Cup, and Classic Trophy. Eligible classes will be announced at the Rolex Commodore's Reception on Wednesday, September 16. The Storm Trysail Team Trophy (formerly known as the StFYC Team Trophy).

16.4 Prizes not claimed at the prize giving ceremony will remain with the organizing authority.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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.**

18 RIGHTS TO USE NAME, LIKENESS, PERSONAL INFORMATION, AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

18.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images, and biographical information relating to the crew and photographs, video footage, and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during, and after the regatta without compensation.

18.2 By submitting an entry form, the skipper acknowledges and accepts the media conditions referred to herein, and grants the rights referred to herein on behalf of all crew members.

18.3 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 regatta communications.

18.4 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment, and positioning equipment as specified and supplied by the organizing authority.

19 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of $500,000 incident or the equivalent.

20 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information please contact the StFYC Race Office at racing@stfyc.com or +1 (415) 655 7756.

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EVENT BADGES

Included with the entry fee are event badges for the entire crew which provide access to the club house and social events. A limited number of guest badges will also be given to each boat at registration. Additional badges can be purchased from the Front Desk for $50 each. Anyone wishing to purchase food or drink at the St. Francis Yacht Club must obtain a Guest Card from the Front Desk upon arrival.

SCHEDULE OF DEADLINES

Item	NOR	Date
Early Entry Fee Concludes	5.3	May 15, 2026
Regular Entry Fee Concludes	5.3	July 31, 2026
Entry Minimum (6) Concludes	4.2	
Docking Request Deadline	12.1	August 15, 2026
Registration Concludes	5.2	September 01, 2026
Late Entry Fee Concludes	5.3	
ORC Class: Submit Rating Certificate	4.7	
Sailing Instructions Available	2	September 09, 2026
Team Trophy Entry Deadline	4.5	
Required Crew List Deadline	4.6	
ORC Division Assignments Available	4.4	September 15, 2026
Registration at StFYC	6.2	September 16, 2026

SCHEDULE OF SOCIAL EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
Wednesday, September 16		
1730-1800	Competitors' Briefing	StFYC Courtyard
1800-2000	Rolex Commodore's Reception	Rolex Regatta Tent

Date	Event	Location
Thursday, September 17		
0730	Breakfast - Grab n' Go items for purchase	Regatta Plaza
Post racing	Hosted Dock-Side Beer	Regatta Plaza
1700	Regatta Social – hosted appetizers	Rolex Regatta Tent
1800	Rolex Owners Dinner – Invite Only	StFYC Clubhouse
Friday, September 18		
0730	Breakfast - Grab n' Go items for purchase	Regatta Plaza
Post racing	Hosted Dock-Side Beer	Regatta Plaza
1700	Mount Gay Lawn Party hosted cocktails & Food Trucks	Rolex Regatta Tent
Saturday, September 19		
0730	Breakfast - Grab n' Go items for purchase	Regatta Plaza
Post racing	Hosted Dock-Side Beer & Snacks	Regatta Plaza
1930	StFYC Crew Dinner (no host) – Reservations will open on August 1st and can be made with the StFYC Front Desk.	StFYC Dining Room
Sunday, September 20		
0730	Breakfast - Grab n' Go items for purchase	Regatta Plaza
Pre racing	Sailor Salute: On your way to racing, pay homage to any sailor lost this year by dropping a flower in their honor near "A" Buoy.	Flowers will be available at StFYC Docks
Post racing	Hosted Dock-Side Beer	Regatta Plaza
~1600	Rolex Trophy Ceremony – hosted appetizers	Rolex Regatta Tent

BERTHING & TRAILER STORAGE

- The entry fee includes dockage from September 16, 2026 to September 21, 2026 in the SF Marina. We will make every attempt to dock all competitors close to St. Francis Yacht Club but please be aware due to limited dock space, it may not be possible.
- Please note that the parking area surrounding the St. Francis Yacht Club is City-owned property. Competitors who would like to keep a trailer (storage or boat) in the City parking lot must visit the Race Office immediately upon arrival for an overnight parking permit. Unregistered storage trailers may be ticketed and towed by the City of San Francisco.
- All boats and trailers will be stored at the direction of the StFYC Dockmaster.

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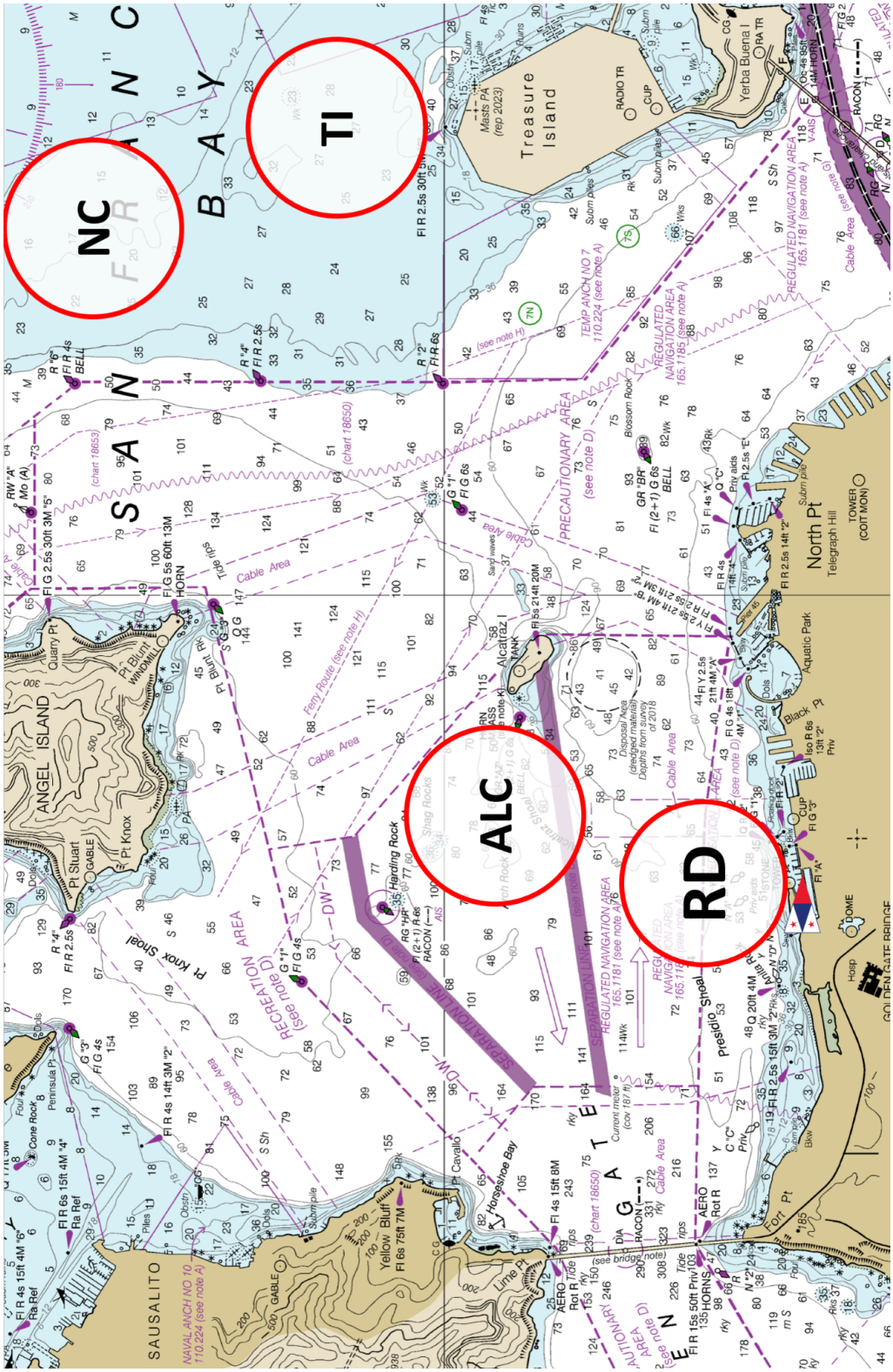
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