THE BIG SAIL / BERKELEY VS. STANFORD

November 18, 2026

Organizing Authority: St. Francis Yacht Club

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.

1.2 RRS Appendix D – Team Racing Rules will apply with the following changes:

1.2.1 Rule D2.3, Penalties Initiated by an Umpire, add: "(g) a boat fails to comply with any "Prohibited Items and Actions" in section 2 of Addendum 'HANDLING PROVIDED BOATS'.

1.2.2 Rule 17 does not apply per RRS 86.3.

1.2.3 Rule D2.5, Penalties Imposed by Umpires, add: "The penalty for a breach of Rule 42 or a "Prohibited Item and Action" in Addendum 'HANDLING PROVIDED BOATS' shall be a One-Turn Penalty.

1.3 US Sailing prescription Appendix U Audible Racing Signals will apply.

1.4 J/22 Class Rules do not apply.

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

1.6 Add to RRS 41: However, as an 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 [NP] [DP] RRS 40.1 applies while racing and to and from the race area.

1.8 Addendum 'EQUIPMENT LIST' applies, and also applies to any practice sailing.

1.9 Addendum 'HANDLING PROVIDED BOATS' applies, and also applies to any practice sailing.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available no later than November 15, 2026, on the event website.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The official online notice board is on the event website.

3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio. One will be provided with each boat at the start of the event.

3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel shall be stated in the SI.

4 BOATS

4.1 J/22-type boats will be provided by the organizing authority OA (Organizing Authority).

4.2 Teams may furnish spinnakers.

4.3 While all reasonable steps will be taken to equalize boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.

4.4 No crew weight limits will be in effect.

4.5 The OA intends to provide J/22-type boats for racing. Each boat will have the following sails: mainsail, jib, and spinnaker.

4.6 Boats will be allocated in the SIs by a pairing list. Boats may also be assigned or changed during any stage by the OA or RC.

4.7 The OA or RC may require rotation of sails for any reason. Rotation of sails by the OA or RC shall not be grounds for redress by a competitor. This changes RRS 61.

5 TEAM

5.1 Each competing team shall consist of two boats with 4 people per boat.

5.2 Substitutions are not permitted without prior approval of the OA and/or the RC (Race Committee).

6 DIVISIONS

6.1 Five (5) divisions with one boat per division are eligible to enter, subject to the following:

6.1.1 **Varsity Division**, consisting of currently enrolled students at Cal or Stanford.

6.1.2 **Women's Division**, consisting of female sailors, either currently enrolled or enrolled in the past at Cal or Stanford.

6.1.3 **Young Alumni Division**: all crew shall be 39 years or younger as of November 18, 2026, and enrolled in the past at Cal or Stanford.

6.1.4 **Masters Alumni Division**: all crew shall be between 40 and 59 years of age as of November 18, 2026, and enrolled in the past at Cal or Stanford.

6.1.5 **Grandmasters Alumni Division**: all crew shall be at least 60 years or older as of November 18, 2026, and enrolled in the past at Cal or Stanford.

6.1.6 Sailors qualifying for an older division may sail in a younger division, but not vice versa.

7 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

7.1 The regatta is an invitation-only event open to skippers & crew who are current students or alumni of the University of California, Berkeley (Cal) or Stanford University (Stanford).

7.2 Eligible teams may enter by registering online on the event website by November 14, 2026.

7.3 The entry fee is $225 per boat. This fee includes the charter fee and lunch for each team of four sailors.

7.4 All participants must complete the online waiver form by November 16, 2026.

7.5 Skippers shall enter a boat charter agreement. A refundable damage deposit of $1,500 is required at registration and is payable via credit card authorization. The initial damage deposit amount is the maximum a team may pay for each damage-causing incident for which the OA deems the team responsible. The OA may require the damage deposit to be replenished after any damage-causing incident and prior to any further racing.

7.6 The skipper is responsible for all damage, even if discovered after post-regatta inspection.

8 VENUE

8.1 Racing will take place on the San Francisco City Front.

8.2 The event will be hosted at the St. Francis Yacht Club at 700 Marina Boulevard, San Francisco, 94123, CA, USA.

9 FORMAT

9.1 The event format will be 2 vs. 2 team racing.

9.2 The planned format is to race up to 3 round robins, per a rotation schedule listed in the sailing instructions.

9.3 Partial round robins may occur; full rotations are not required.

9.4 Each school will score one point for each race won; the school with the most points at the conclusion of racing wins the regatta.

10 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday, November 18	0830	Registration (mandatory)
	0845	Pre-Rigging (sails down)
	0915	Competitors' Meeting
	1015	Dockout
	1115	First Warning Signal
	1400	No Further Warning Signals
	After Racing	Social & Awards Presentation

11 COURSES

The courses will be described in the sailing instructions.

12 UMPIRING

Races will be umpired in accordance with Appendix D2.

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 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as noted in the sailing instructions.

15 RIGHTS TO USE NAME, LIKENESS, AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

15.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA 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.

15.2 Additionally, competitors automatically grant 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 race administration and regatta communications.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

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