



TIBURON YACHT CLUB

2026 FOX HAT RACE

Sailing Instructions

RACE DATE: SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26th.

First Warning Signal: 11:55am

VHF Channel 78

1. RULES

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (COLREG). and these Sailing Instructions.

2. COMMUNICATIONS AND REQUIRED CHECK IN

- 2.1 The Race Committee will use and monitor VHF channel **78**. As used in these Sailing Instructions, "VHF" refers to that channel.
- 2.2 Competitors shall check in on the day of the race by hailing the Race Committee on VHF between **11:15am and 11:45am**, identifying themselves, declaring their crew-level and stating whether they will sail with or without a spinnaker. Failure to check in could result in a being scored DNS.
- 2.3 Competitors who withdraw from a race are kindly asked to inform the Race Committee on VHF.

3. NUMBER OF RACES, START TIMES AND FINISHING

- 3.1 There will be **1 pursuit race**.
- 3.2 The first warning for the first race will be at **11:55am**.
- 3.3 Each boat shall start the number of minutes and seconds after the race start signal as shown in **Appendix A** for that boat's PHRF.
- 3.4 Each boat shall record its finish time and, if possible, the names of the boats in front and behind. Email this information to the Race Committee at race2@tyc.org by **4:00pm** on the day of the race.
- 3.5 Any boat that has not finished within 2 hours of the scratch boat start for that race will be scored DNF.

4. DIVISIONS

- 4.1 Divisions (if any) will be announced by the Race Committee prior to the starting sequence.
- 4.2 All divisions will start together as a single start sequence.

5. COURSES

- 5.1 The course will be as follows:

Start – Angel Island, Alcatraz, Red Rock - Finish**

** These islands may be rounded in any order and each island may be left to port or to starboard such that if a rope was being towed the rope would tighten around all the islands. (Figure-of-eight is OK.)

- 5.2 The start and finish line will be between two round red buoys to the east of the TYC Clubhouse.
- 5.3 Boats may cross the start line and finish line in any direction.

6. SCORING

- 6.1 Since these are pursuit races, boats will be scored as they cross the finish.

7. ABSENCE OF RECALLS AND DECLARATION OF NON-SPINNAKER

- 7.1 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment crosses the start line during the five-minute period before its proper start time, it will have a 10-minute penalty added to its finish time without a hearing. This modifies RRS 63.1 and A5. The boat shall not return to start properly but shall continue to sail the course. This modifies RRS 28.1 and 29.1. No recall signals or hails will be made. This modifies RRS 29.
- 7.2 Boats rated as spinnaker classes that declare they will race without a spinnaker shall increase their PHRF rating by 18 to calculate their proper start time. The previous sentence does not apply to classes rated without spinnakers. This spinnaker declaration must be made to the Race Committee on VHF during the check in period.

8. RESTRICTIONS

- 8.1 Unless otherwise provided in these Sailing Instructions, after starting, a boat shall not pass through the start / finish line except to finish.
- 8.2 Boats shall not pass through the areas bounded by the following objects and the closest point ashore. These areas are defined as obstructions and boats sailing within these areas will be disqualified:
- Castro Rocks, designated by a red bell buoy marked "2CR" flashing red four seconds.
 - Point Blunt, designated by a green buoy marked "3" at the southeast corner on Angel Island.
 - "ALCZ2" (White Wildlife restriction zone buoy to the west of Alcatraz) and "GR BELL" (Little Alcatraz) buoys near Alcatraz
 - Any government security zone including, but not limited to, the Richmond Long Wharf area.
- 8.3 Commercial Vessels, government vessels and ferry boats shall have right-of-way over racing boats. Any boat that impedes the passage of a vessel that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel, or the passage of a vessel with limited maneuverability which sounds a warning of five blasts, will be disqualified.

9. LIGHTS

- 9.1 Boats failing to display proper running lights between sunset and sunrise (as published by NOAA for sunset and sunrise in San Francisco) will be disqualified.

10. POSTPONED AND ABANDONED RACES

- 10.1 Postponed and Abandoned Races may or may not be resailed at the discretion of the Race Committee.

11. ENTRIES, ELIGIBILITY AND NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 11.1 Competitors must enter by registering on the event page for this regatta on the TYC web site - [Registration \(tyc.org\)](https://tyc.org)
- 11.2 All sailboats that are recognized one-design classes or have a PHRF or BAMA rating are eligible to compete. If no current PHRF certificate is available a rating will be assigned which cannot be appealed except by providing a current certificate.
- 11.3 All races are open to single-handed, double-handed and crewed racers.
- 11.4 Rule 52 is modified to allow boats the use of powered winches, powered hydraulics, or powered furling devices as long as those boats have declared this information on their PHRF application.
- 11.5 Notices to competitors will be posted on the TYC event page -

12. PROTESTS

- 12.1 Protests shall be submitted in writing per RRS Part 5 and shall be submitted to the Race Committee at TYC no later than two hours after the last boat finishes the last race on the day the protested incident occurs. The protest will be heard as soon as possible thereafter.
- 12.2 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"

13. PRIZES

- 13.1 Prizes for each race will be awarded in the after completion of the days racing The venue will be announced prior to the start of the race.

APPENDIX A – START TIMES

The start times below are to be added to the time of the starting signal:

PHRF	Start	PHRF	Start
192	0:00:00	84	0:28:59
189	0:00:48	81	0:29:47
186	0:01:37	78	0:30:35
183	0:02:25	75	0:31:24
180	0:03:13	72	0:32:12
177	0:04:02	69	0:33:00
174	0:04:50	66	0:33:49
171	0:05:38	63	0:34:37
168	0:06:26	60	0:35:25
165	0:07:15	57	0:36:14
162	0:08:03	54	0:37:02
159	0:08:51	51	0:37:50
156	0:09:40	48	0:38:38
153	0:10:28	45	0:39:27
150	0:11:16	42	0:40:15
147	0:12:05	39	0:41:03
144	0:12:53	36	0:41:52
141	0:13:41	33	0:42:40
138	0:14:29	30	0:43:28
135	0:15:18	27	0:44:17
132	0:16:06	24	0:45:05
129	0:16:54	21	0:45:53
126	0:17:43	18	0:46:41
123	0:18:31	15	0:47:30
120	0:19:19	12	0:48:18
117	0:20:07	9	0:49:06
114	0:20:56	6	0:49:55
111	0:21:44	3	0:50:43
108	0:22:32	0	0:51:31
105	0:23:21	-3	0:52:20
102	0:24:09	-6	0:53:08
99	0:24:57	-9	0:53:56
96	0:25:46	-12	0:54:44
93	0:26:34	-15	0:55:33
90	0:27:22	-18	0:56:21
87	0:28:11	-21	0:57:09