

The 14th Annual Red Bra Regatta

September 26, 2026

Organizing Authority: South Beach Yacht Club, San Francisco CA.

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2. All competitors are required to wear a life jacket or other adequate personal flotation device while racing. The Y flag will not be flown. This modifies RRS 40.2.

1.3. 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.

2. Signals Made Ashore

2.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the South Beach Yacht Club Clubhouse on the upper deck

2.2. When the AP flag is displayed from the deck flagpole, “1 minute” is replaced by “not less than 30 minutes”. This changes RRS Race Signals.

3. Communications with Competitors

3.1. Official Notices will be posted on the Red Bra official notice board (ONB) located at: https://southbeachyachtclub.org/regatta/ZOdSFeOE9K/#notice-board

3.2. Any change to the Sis will be posted on the official notice board before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3.3. Oral changes may be made on the water over VHF. The L (Lima) Flag will be displayed.

3.4. All boats shall carry a working VHF radio on board.

3.5. Competitors SHALL MONITOR VHF CHANNEL 78 for all on-water communications with the Race Committee.

3.6. Radio communication from the Race Committee shall not be considered outside help (This modifies RRS 41).

3.7. The RC may announce the start, course selection and the sail number of boats that are OCS or have violated RRS 30 on VHF channel 78. The failure of the RC to hail a boat, the order of the hails, or the boat's inability to hear the hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4.

3.8. Competitors retiring from a race before finishing shall notify the RC as soon as reasonably possible after retiring.

4. Schedule and Number of Races

4.1. A Competitors meeting will be held on September 26 at 1030 hours in the South Beach Yacht Club clubhouse.

4.2. Three (3) races are scheduled

4.3. Saturday, September 26, 1230 hours First Warning

4.4. No warning signal will be made after 1600 hours.

5. Competitor Check In

5.1. Boats are requested to check in by radio between 1130 hours and 1215 hours on VHF channel 78. Please give only your Division and Sail Number.

6. Racing Area

6.1. The races will be sailed in the South Bay Waters of San Francisco Bay located in the general area approximately 1nm east of South Beach Harbor

7. Courses and Marks

7.1. Courses and mark descriptions are defined in Attachment A.

7.2. No later than the Warning Signal, the course number will be displayed on a digital board from the upper deck of the signal boat

7.3. All marks of the course shall be left to Port.

8. Starting Order

8.1. Initial starting order and divisions are shown below. Division and starting order are subject to change by the Principle Race Officer.

Class	Class Flag
Non-Spinnaker PHRF < 152	C
Non-spinnaker PHRF 152 and above	D
Spinnaker PHRF < 100	E
Spinnaker PHRF 100 and above	F

9. The Start

9.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and a temporary inflatable mark.

9.2. A boat shall not start later than four 4 minutes after her starting signal. A boat that starts later than 4 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS. The DNS score will be assigned without a hearing. This changes RRS 61.4, A5.1 and A10..

10. The Finish

10.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC boat and a temporary mark that is placed on the opposite side of the committee boat from the starting line.

10.2. Boats are requested to not cross the finish line after starting until they are finishing.

11. Time Limits

11.1. The time limit for each race is 90 minutes.

11.2. A boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in her division sails the course and finishes, will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 90.3, A4 and A5.

12. Penalties

12.1. RRS Appendix V1 and V2 shall apply

13. Scoring

13.1. One completed race constitutes a series

13.2. A boat's series score will be the total of her scores. No races will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1

14. Hearing Requests

14.1. A Protest Flag may be a red colored bra. This changes RRS 60.2 (a) (1).

14.2. Hearing request forms are available at the ONB.

14.3. The hearing request time limit is one hour after the signal boat docks.

14.4. Protests shall be delivered electronically to the Chief Judge at rareitmeyer@gmail.com and cc'd to Dan Courter saildancourter@gmail.com . This changes RRS 60.3.

14.5. Hearings will be heard over Zoom on the evening of Tuesday Sept 29, with the time and order of hearings to be determined by the protest committee.

14.6. Notices will be posted on the ONB no later than 60 minutes after the hearing request time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. This constitutes notification per RRS 63.1(a)(1)

14.7. Hearings will be held online via “Zoom” and the link will be provided directly to the parties and named witnesses electronically by the Protest Committee

14.8. All parties and witnesses participating in an online hearing shall adhere to the following Online Hearing Code of Conduct:

i) A party or witness shall not record, transmit or convey audio or video of the hearing. Individual screen capture of scenario images are permitted solely for record keeping purposes
ii) A party or witness must ensure to the best of their ability, that they are not being observed or overheard by anyone who may have an interest in the proceedings.
iii) A party or witness shall not share information with anyone outside of the hearing, by any means or technology.
iv) A party shall not communicate or share information with a witness, except when the witness is giving testimony before the Protest Committee.

14.9. A party or witness to the hearing who breaks any element of the Online Hearing Code risks being found in breach of the principles of good sportsmanship and ethical behavior per RRS 69.1(b).

15. Commercial Traffic and Safety

15.1. Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with the USCG Navigation Rules.

15.2. If a commercial vessel sounds five blasts at a boat or boat(s) which are racing or the USCG is able to identify any offending boats, the boat(s) may be subject to protest.

15.3. A boat may not take a penalty to exonerate herself when she may have broken any part of this instruction. When a protest committee decides that a boat has broken a rule in this instruction, the penalty shall be disqualification that is not excludable (DNE).

15.4. SBYC shall cooperate with and provide relevant information to the Coast Guard or other governmental authority regarding investigations of boats impeding ship traffic or violating U.S. Inland Navigational Rules (33 CFR 83). This may include opening a protest hearing after the protest deadline in 14.3 in these SI’s.

16. Awards

16.1. Prizes will be awarded after the racing on September 26, 2026 in the South Beach Yacht Club Clubhouse. If a protest could impact the prize for a boat, the prize will not be awarded until the protest has been decided.

17. Disclaimer of Liability

17.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race series participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA), ratings authority, race committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury of any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this race. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

18. Further information

For Further information please contact:
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Attachment 1 - Courses and Rounding Order

Note: all marks to PORT

1	Start	W	L	Finish					2.5nm
2	Start	W	L	W	L	Finish			5
3	Start	W	NAS1	W	NAS1	Finish			7.5
4	Start	W	SC1	L	Finish				2.5
5	Start	W	SC1	L	W	SC1	L	Finish	4.8
6	Start	W	SC1	L	W	Finish*			4.5
7	Start	W	NAS1	Finish					4.0
8	Start	W	NAS1	W	Finish*				5.8
9	Start	W	NAS1	W	NAS1	Finish			7.8
10	Start	W	L	W	Finish*				4.3
11	Start	W	L	W	L	W	Finish*		6.8

*Courses 6, 8, 10, and 11 have a downwind finish. All others finish upwind.

Mark	Mark Description	Mark	Mark Description
W	Temporary Yellow or Orange Mark approximately 0.9 NM upwind of the start.	L	Temporary Yellow or Orange Mark approximately 0.5 NM downwind of the start.
NAS1	NAS Alameda Channel Mark “1” FL G 4s Bell	SC1	Green & red buoy, “SC” FL G(2+1), approx 1.0 nm ENE of Mission Rock Terminal
Start	Start line between temporary mark and an orange flag on the Committee Boat.	Finish	Finish line between temporary mark and a blue flag on the Committee Boat.