



2026 RONSTAN BRIDGE TO BRIDGE RACE

August 22, 2026

Organizing Authority: St. Francis Yacht Club
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 1.1 Notice to Competitors will be posted on the ONB (Official Notice Board) at [the event website](#).
- 1.2 On the water, the race committee will communicate on VHF channel 69.
- 1.3 The US Sailing Prescription to the Preamble of RRS Part 5, Section B and RRS 63.1 do not apply.
- 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'.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTION

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions (SI) will be posted no later than 90 minutes prior to the first warning on the day it will take effect.
- 2.2 Changes to the sailing instructions may be given orally on the water by displaying code flag L with a sound signal on the race committee signal vessel and announcing the changes via VHF.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the StFYC race deck.
- 3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. This changes rule Race Signal AP.

4 SCHEDULE

Schedule as follows:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Saturday, August 22	1100-1345	Check-In & Jersey Pick-Up	Race Office
	1400	Competitors' Briefing	Starting Line Room
	1500	First Warning Signal	One race is scheduled
	After racing	Social and Awards Ceremony	Starting Line Room

5 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a Yellow flag and represent all classes.

6 COURSES AND MARKS

- 6.1 See ADDENDUM 'COURSE & DIAGRAM'.
- 6.2 Routine movement of the autonomous marks (MarkSetBots) will not be considered an improper action of the race committee so shall not be grounds for redress. This includes minor readjustments or marks returning to station after being pushed away by a boat.

7 THE START

- 7.1 The starting area will be just outside the center span of the Golden Gate Bridge.
- 7.2 There will be one start for all classes.

- 7.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat on the one end of the line and a MarkSetBot or a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee rib at the other end of the line.
- 7.4 The table in RRS 26 is deleted and replaced with the following. This changes RRS 26, RRS B3.26.1 and RRS B3.26.2:

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
3	Class Flag	One	Warning Signal
2	U, or black flag	One	Preparatory Signal
1	Preparatory Signal removed	One long	One minute to start
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

8 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a red and white Ronstan flag on a race committee boat at Treasure Island the west end of the line and a red inflatable cone or MarkSetBot at the east end. The line will be set approximately 200 yards west of Treasure Island and 200 yards north of the Bay Bridge.

9 RACE TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 9.1 Race time Limits, Finishing Windows and intended Target Times are shown in the table below:

Race Time Limit	Finish Window	Target Time
60 min.	30 min.	45 min.

- 9.2 Competitors starting four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5.
- 9.3 Any boat failing to finish within the time stated under 'Finishing Window' after the first boat in her class sails course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5.
- 9.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1 (a).

10 COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC

- 10.1 Competitors shall keep clear of all commercial traffic.
- 10.2 Racing occurs near active shipping channels. The race committee would like to call special attention to the preamble to RRS Part 2.
- 10.3 A race committee boat may signal a boat that is racing to alter course to avoid impeding the passage of commercial vessels by making a sound signal (horn or whistle). The signaled boat shall promptly comply with the signal unless compliance would create an unsafe condition. If a boat fails to comply with such a signal, the race committee shall protest the boat. In this case the protest committee shall assume that the course alteration would not have created an unsafe condition, and the protested boat shall have the burden of proving otherwise.
- 10.4 If a commercial vessel sounds five blasts at a boat which is racing, and/or the vessel or the USCG is subsequently able to identify the offending boat, the boat may be subject to protest. In the event the race committee files the protest, the protest committee shall assume that the identified boat has impeded passage or violated the U.S. Inland Navigation Rules, and the identified boat shall have the burden of proving otherwise.
- 10.5 A boat cannot exonerate herself when she may have broken this rule. When a protest committee decides that a boat has broken this rule, the penalty shall be disqualification not excludable (DNE).
- 10.6 The StFYC 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 Navigation Rules (33 CFR 83).

11 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 11.1 The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the race committee signal boat docks; except in the case of a complaint by Vessel Traffic or the USCG. This time will be posted.

- 11.2 Electronic Hearing Request forms are available at:
https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event_id=12556 Forms may also be available at the jury desk located in the hallway adjacent to the StFYC Regatta Entrance. Hearing requests such as protests and requests for redress may be created and delivered to the race office electronically or via email to racing@stfyc.com. All such requests shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit.
- 11.3 In the event of a complaint by Vessel Traffic or the USCG, the protest time limit will be extended up to two (2) days after the conclusion of the regatta. This changes RRS 60.2(a) and RRS 61.3.
- 11.4 Hearings will be held remotely via Zoom at a time scheduled by the Chief Judge.
- 11.5 If the race committee posts a list of boats scored UFP, or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than sixty (60) minutes after the protest time limit. This changes the first sentence of RRS 61.2(b).

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]

- 12.1 All competitors shall carry a cell phone and/or a VHF for safety reasons.
- 12.2 A board that retires from a race shall notify the race committee via VHF radio before leaving the course, or, when that is impossible, immediately after arrival ashore.
- 12.3 Except for brief periods of time while launching or landing kites, a competitor shall not have kites rigged and lines out on Crissy Beach.
- 12.4 Competitors shall comply with any directions or requests made by any Race Official, StFYC staff member, or Golden Gate National Recreation Area staff member.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

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ADDENDUM 'COURSE & DIAGRAM'

(All classes will start at the same time)

MARK DESCRIPTION

Start: Between two start boats or MarkSetBots.

Alcatraz Island (ALC): Is a passing mark (must keep to the north)

Finish: The finish line will be between a staff displaying a red and white Ronstan flag on a race committee boat at the west end of the line and a red inflatable cone or MarkSetBot at the east end. The line will be set approximately 200 yards west of Treasure Island and 200 yards north of the Bay Bridge.

COURSE

Start -> ALC -> Finish

