



2026 SF PERPETUAL CHALLENGE

July 11

NOTICE OF RACE

Amendment 1 - Posted 6/8/26 and highlighted in section 11 below

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority is The San Francisco Yacht Club in conjunction with the Event Joint Committee (JC). The JC is made up of seven members, three from the challenger, The San Francisco Yacht Club (SFYC), three from the defender, St. Francis Yacht Club (StFYC), and one member appointed by agreement between the two clubs. One JC member may be substituted each day by unanimous consent of the JC. The JC shall serve as the race committee on the signal boat.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Declaration of Trust and Conditions Governing the San Francisco Challenge Trophy (DOT).
- 2.2 RRS Appendix C will apply. All races will be umpired.
- 2.3 This will not be a World Sailing graded event.
- 2.4 The rules for the handling of boats and equipment as provided in the sailing instructions will apply. RS21 class rules will not apply.
- 2.5 Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.
- 2.6 Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery. Assisting in recovery of a crew from another boat will not be grounds for redress.
- 2.7 Any additional alterations to the rules or prescriptions will be published in the sailing instructions.
- 2.8 The attention signal for a flight shall not be given if the average wind strength, when measured from the signal boat, is less than seven (7) knots. The JC may elect to change the wind limit by a majority vote.

3 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be published no later than 1600 on July 10 on the official notice board and on the website www.sfyc.org.

4 COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 The official notice board is located on the west wall of the SFYC clubhouse.
- 4.2 On the water the race committee will communicate with umpires and competitors on VHF radio channel USA 65A.
- 4.3 While racing, except in an emergency or if requested to do so by the race committee, competitors shall not make voice or data transmissions, nor shall they receive voice or data communication unless it is available to all boats.

5 ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 The San Francisco Yacht Club and St. Francis Yacht Club shall each be represented by teams of 4 sailors who meet the criteria set forth in the DOT.
- 5.2 The maximum combined weight of each team shall be 772 pounds at the time of the weigh-in at 0915 on race day. Each side's JC may waive the weigh-in for their opposing team if desired.

6 BOATS AND SAILS

- 6.1 Each team will be assigned, by random draw by a representative of the challenger, one boat from the SFYC fleet of matched RS21s. The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, and Spinnaker. There will be a “no spinnakers” signal flag in heavy wind, as determined by the JC.
- 6.2 Add RRS 62.3: “Variations between provided boats or sails shall not be grounds for redress.”

7 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 7.1 Each boat will be crewed by 4 sailors.
- 7.2 Teams shall declare their sailors for the event.
- 7.3 The declared skippers shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 7.4 Registered crew shall sail all races; however, the JC may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment when a crew can no longer continue to race due to an emergency.

8 DAMAGE AGREEMENT

Each skipper, or the case of a minor, their parent or guardian, shall sign a Damage Liability Agreement prior to helming a boat, which outlines the cost of damage per incident.

9 EVENT FORMAT

Match races will be conducted until one team reaches three (3) points. See DOT 6.

10 SCHEDULE

- 10.1 SFYC will accommodate the StFYC team for practice, dates TBD prior to the event, for practice in the RS21s. The JC will oversee the terms of access.
- 10.2 A mandatory competitors’ briefing is scheduled for 0930.
- 10.3 A meeting with the umpires will be immediately following the first competitors’ briefing.
- 10.4 The time of the first warning or attention signal each day is scheduled for 1130.
- 10.5 The Prize Giving will be held immediately following racing at SFYC.

11 VENUE

The primary racing venue will be in the vicinity of the northern Berkeley Circle, or as determined by the JC. Other venues on San Francisco Bay may be used depending on conditions, and decided by the JC.

12 COURSES

The course will be windward/leeward with a leeward gate and a downwind finish.

13 PRIZES

The San Francisco Perpetual Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the winning team.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

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 race without compensation.

15 DISCLAIMER

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk and subject to the terms and conditions of the SFYC liability waiver, which each competitor must sign online.

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.