



2021 StFYC KITE SERIES

April 22 | May 6, 20 | June 3, 17 | July 8, 22 | Aug 5, 19 | September 2, 23

Organizing Authority (OA): St. Francis Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means it shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 All participants are expected to comply with Covid-19 Health Orders from the State of California and the County of San Francisco; and the StFYC Site Specific Plan for Covid-19. [NP]
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including [Appendix F](#).
- 1.3 RRS F4-44.2 is changed to replace the word 'hull' with 'foil'.
- 1.4 US Sailing Prescriptions 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.
- 1.5 Competitors shall wear wetsuits with a minimum thickness of 3/2mm, which cover the knees and have short sleeves as minimum coverage. [NP]
- 1.6 Competitors who are 18 years or younger shall wear a PFD at all times while on the water. The 'Y' flag will not be flown. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4. [NP]
- 1.7 A competitor flying a kite in the parking lot south of Crissy Beach will be scored disqualification not excludable (DNE) without a hearing for all of that day's races. This changes RRS 63.1.
All overall series competitors will be required to serve one (1) night on race committee (RC). A maximum of three (3) competitors can sign up to serve on RC per night, on a first come first serve basis. RC availability can be viewed [here](#) and requests for dates can be sent to racing@stfyc.com.

2 IDENTIFICATION ON COMPETITORS

- 2.1 All competitors (overall series and single night entries) shall wear the shirt (jersey) provided by the OA with their personal competition number.
- 2.2 Add second sentence to RRS F9 G1(a): Failure to wear the correct assigned personal competition number will result in a 20% scoring penalty calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c).

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors from the race committee will be posted on the official regatta notice board located online at www.stfy.com/racing

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTION

Any change to the sailing instructions (SI) will be posted by 1600 on the day it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the StFYC Race Deck.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 A maximum of four (4) races per day are scheduled for:
April 22
May 6, 20
June 3, 17
July 8, 22
August 5, 19
September 2, 23
- 6.2 September 30 is scheduled as a reserve race day in the event a scheduled race day is canceled.
- 6.3 A virtual competitor's meeting will be held at 1700 the Wednesday before each race day. A recorded version will be made available to all participants who could not attend.
- 6.4 The first warning signal will be at 1730, each race day.
- 6.5 No warning signal shall be made after 1930 hours.

7 RACING AREA

Races will be conducted on the San Francisco City Front.

8 COURSES & MARKS

- 8.1 The courses and marks are described in Attachment A – Official Description of Marks and Courses.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, a placard designating the course will be displayed from the signal boat.
- 8.3 Mark 3g will be a gate. In the event that the gate is not in place, the single mark shall be rounded to port.
- 8.4 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

9 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 The line bounded by the following two points is designated as an obstruction and kiteboards are prohibited from crossing it while racing:
 - (a) The “H” Beam piling (located approximately 200 yards west of the St. Francis YC) and the closest point ashore.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The class flag will be a white field with black class insignia.
- 10.2 RRS 26 will be used, modified to a 3-minute sequence as follows:

Warning	3 minutes
Preparatory Signal	2 minutes
Preparatory flag removed	1 minute
Class flag removed	Starting Signal
- 10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the outer yellow StFYC ‘A’ Buoy. In the event ‘A’ Buoy is not on station; a white inflatable ball may take its place.
- 10.4 A boat that does not start within four (4) minutes of her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

11 RECALLS

As a courtesy, the race committee will attempt to hail On Course Side (OCS) kiteboards on VHF Channel 69. Failure to execute this hail or failure to receive it shall not relieve a kiteboard of her sole obligation to start properly, nor shall it constitute an improper action or omission of the race committee under RRS 62.1(a).

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat and an orange inflatable buoy set to port when facing upwind.
- 12.2 The blue finish flag will be lowered when the finishing window has elapsed. [NP]
- 12.3 For course 2 only: After starting and before finishing a competitor shall not cross the finish line. Any competitor who crosses the finish line while still sailing the course shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

13 POST-RACE PENALTIES

Appendix V, Section V2 will apply.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit for a race is twenty (20) minutes.
- 14.2 Kiteboards failing to finish within ten (10) minutes, after the first kiteboard sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

15 COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC

- 15.1 Racing occurs near active shipping channels. The race committee would like to call special attention to the preamble to RRS Part 2.
- 15.2 A race committee boat may signal a kiteboard that is racing to alter course to avoid impeding the passage of commercial vessels by making a sound signal (horn or whistle) and pointing flag V at the kiteboard. The signaled kiteboard shall promptly comply with the signal unless compliance would create an unsafe condition. If a kiteboard fails to comply with such a signal, the race committee shall protest the kiteboard. In this case the protest committee shall assume that the course alteration would not have created an unsafe condition, and the protested kiteboard shall have the burden of proving otherwise.
- 15.3 If a commercial vessel sounds five blasts at a kiteboard which is racing, and/or the vessel or the USCG is subsequently able to identify the offending kiteboard, the boat may be subject to protest. In the event the race committee files the protest, the protest committee shall assume that the identified kiteboard has impeded passage or violated the U.S. Inland Navigation Rules, and the identified kiteboard shall have the burden of proving otherwise.

- 15.4 A kiteboard cannot exonerate herself when she may have broken SI 15. When a protest committee decides that a kiteboard has broken SI 15, the penalty shall be disqualification not excludable (DNE).
- 15.5 The StFYC shall cooperate with and provide relevant information to the Coast Guard or other governmental authority regarding investigations of kiteboards impeding ship traffic or violating U.S. Inland Navigation Rules (33 CFR 83).

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 The protest time limit is 2100 on the night of a race in which the incident occurred; except in the case of a complaint by Vessel Traffic or the USCG. This constitutes the time limit mentioned in the first sentence of RRS 61.3.
- 16.2 Protest forms are available online. Protest and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there (via email racing@stfyc.com) within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.3 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 race in which the incident occurred. This changes RRS 60.2(a) and RRS 61.3.
- 16.4 The protest committee will schedule protest hearings for an alternative date. All parties will be notified via email of the time and place of the hearing. This shall constitute the notification required by RRS 63.2.
- 16.5 Notices of any other protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will also be posted. This constitutes the notification required by RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.6 It is the sole responsibility of each boat involved to be ready and have witnesses available when the hearing is called.
- 16.7 If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD, or BFD on the official notice boat 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 62.2.
- 16.8 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress on a protest committee decision, or a request to reopen a hearing, shall be delivered no later than sixty (60) minutes after the decision was announced, either written or orally. This changes RRS 62.2 and RRS 66.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 Individual Night Scoring:
- One (1) race shall constitute a nightly series.
 - A kiteboard's nightly series score will be the sum of her scores with no score excluded.
- 17.2 Overall Series Scoring:
- One (1) night of racing shall constitute the overall series.
 - Single night entries will not be included in the overall series scores.
 - A kiteboard's overall series score will be calculated by totaling her overall nightly series finishing places. For the purposes of determining a kiteboard's overall nightly series finishing place, all single night entries will be excluded.
 - A kiteboard's nightly series finishing place will be one (1) more than the number of kiteboards entered in the overall series on the night she serves on RC.
 - When from five (5) to nine (9) nights of racing have been completed, a kiteboard's overall series score will be the sum of her overall nightly series finishing places, excluding her worst place.
 - When ten (10) race nights have been completed, a kiteboard's overall series score will be the sum of her overall nightly series finishing places, excluding her two (2) worst places.
 - When eleven (11) or more nights of racing have been completed, a kiteboard's overall series score will be the sum of her overall nightly series finishing places, excluding her three (3) worst places.

18 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded on Friday, November 5 at 1800. Prizes will be awarded based on the number of competitors entered in the series.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any kiteboard or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this regatta. By participating in this regatta, 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.



ATTACHMENT A OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF MARKS AND COURSES

MARK	DESCRIPTION
A	Yellow sphere "A" buoy .2nm north of the StFYC Race Deck or inflatable white ball
1	Inflatable yellow buoy set as a Windward Mark
3g	Two inflatable yellow cones set as a leeward gate below the starting line

COURSE	ROUNDING ORDER
1	Start → 1(p) → 3g → Finish
2	Start → 1(p) → 3g → 1(p) → 3g → Finish

