



2012 TRANS-FOLSOM REGATTA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. RULES:** The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS), the prescriptions of the USSA, the rules of the participating classes, and by these sailing instructions. This Regatta is designated Category "A."
- 2. ENTRIES:** Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the organizing authority no later than 8:30 a.m. (PDT) on Saturday, April 28, 2012.
- 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the bulletin board located at the Regatta Headquarters (FLYC Clubhouse).
- 4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted before 9 a.m. on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the race schedule will be posted no later than 10 p.m. on the day before it will take effect.
- 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:**
 - 5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Race Committee (RC) boat, docked at "A" dock.
 - 5.2** Flag "AP" with two sound signals (one when lowered) means "The race is postponed. The Warning Signal will be displayed not less than 30 minutes after the "AP" is lowered."
 - 5.3** Flag "AP" flown over flag "A" means "races not started are postponed to the next day." If flown on the Regatta's final day, then "All remaining races are canceled."
 - 5.4** Flag "B" when fully hoisted after the RC boat returns to the dock means "Protest time has begun – the 30 minute protest filing period is open." One sound signal will accompany the hoisting and lowering of flag "B." When lowered, this means "Protest time has expired."
- 6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS / RACE:**
 - Skipper's Meeting - Saturday, April 28 at 9 a.m. at Regatta HQ
 - First Start - Saturday, April 28 at 10 a.m. on Folsom Lake Olympic Circle Centermark
- 7. RACING AREA:** The racing area is shown on the attached course sheet.
- 8. THE COURSE:** The course is depicted or described on the attached course sheet.

9. MARKS: Marks will be numbered as described on the attached course sheet.

10. THE START:

10.1 The race will start at 10 a.m. PDT (using atomic time). One Class (Starting) Flag shall be used for the Regatta, which will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting. Following the 10 a.m. start, there will be no additional starting flag signals. The RC shall sound one horn blast at each 'Start Time' of registered fleets. Each boat may not start earlier than her Start Time, which shall be based on the boat's PHRF rating. Start Times shall be announced at the Skipper's Meeting and be available at Regatta HQ. Once on the water, the RC will not communicate Start Times to racing boats. It is the responsibility of each skipper to know his/her Start Time.

10.2 The start line is restricted one minute before each start. The RC shall call "Over Early" and raise Code Flag "X" for any boat crossing the start line within one minute before its scheduled start time. Code flag "X" shall be dropped after one minute or after any over-early boat has cleared itself by crossing back over the start line.

10.3 The RC Boat will be anchored at the center of the Folsom Lake Olympic Circle. The starting line will be to port of the RC boat, between a red flag displayed on the RC Boat and a red flag on the Starting Pin.

10.4 Boats not within five minutes of their scheduled start, shall keep clear (100 feet) of the starting area and of all boats that are in their starting sequence or are already racing.

10.5 A boat that does not start within 20 minutes of her 'start time' will be scored as "DNS," regardless of whether she starts thereafter.

11. STAKE BOATS: Stake boats will not be used. Race Committee boats may be in the vicinity of marks, as well as designated press or rescue boats.

12. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START:

12.1 The RC may shorten a race using either of the following methods:

(a) An RC boat, at a rounding mark, displaying Code Flag "S", accompanied by multiple sound signals. Competitors shall finish between the rounding mark and the committee boat. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has rounded the mark.

(b) An RC boat, at a rounding mark, displaying Code Flag "F", accompanied by multiple sound signals, means "After rounding, proceed to the finish line (Brown's Ravine)." The change will be signaled before the leading boat has rounded the mark.

13. THE FINISH: The finish line will be between an **Orange Buoy** floating inside Brown's Ravine (Cove) and a **White Roof Support** on the FLYC Clubhouse overlooking the main launch ramp at Brown's Ravine. The **White Roof Support** shall also display an **Orange Flag**. The First boat to cross this line, in each class will be given a horn; all other finishers will be given a whistle. After finishing, boats shall keep clear of the finish area.

14. TIME LIMIT: The race will not continue past 8 p.m.

15. PROTESTS:

15.1 Protests shall be filed in writing at Regatta HQ within 30 minutes of the Race Committee boat arriving dockside and its hoisting of Code Flag "B.". USSA Forms for filing protests will be available at Regatta HQ.

15.2 Protest notices will be posted at Regatta HQ within 30 minutes of the end of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there will be a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as a witness.

16. PENALTIES: The Two-Turns penalty, rule 44.2, will apply, except that a One-Turn penalty shall apply to multihull classes.

17. SCORING: All boats will be scored / placed in the order they finish the race. If the course is shortened, scoring / placement will be based on corrected time using 'time on distance' calculations.

18. SAFETY: Safety is the primary concern of the Race Committee.

18.1 All multihull boats must carry, as a minimum, a 15 foot tow line (painter) attached to their mast or suitable bow fitting while afloat. Keel boats must have a boarding ladder aboard.

18.2 Boats requesting assistance shall have one crew member clasp hands overhead as the appropriate distress signal. Rescue boats, under the direction of the Race Committee, may direct sailors to leave their boat. Failure to do so when ordered will result in disqualification from the regatta.

18.3 Multi-hull racers are required to wear Coast Guard approved PFDs (personal flotation devices) while racing.

18.4 When Code Flag "Y" is flown from the Race Committee boat, PFDs shall be worn by all competitors while racing, regardless of class. Those not complying will be "DSQ'd." *This modifies RRS 40.1.*

19. SAIL NUMBERS: Sail numbers and Class identification symbols shall be displayed in accordance with RRS 77. If sail numbers are carried on a spinnaker or headsail, they shall match the sail number on the mainsail. (Conflicting numbers may be obliterated to avoid confusion.) No boat shall change sail numbers during the regatta without written consent from the Race Committee.

20. TROPHIES: Trophies will be awarded at Regatta Headquarters following the race in accordance with the following criteria: 1-4 starters, 1 trophy; 5-7 starters, 2 trophies; 8-10 starters, 3 trophies; 11-15 starters, 4 trophies; and 16 or more starters, 5 trophies.

The Keel Boat and the Multi-hull Boat Perpetual Trophies will be awarded based on the best keel boat and best multi-hull boat finish.

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