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SAUSALITO YACHT CLUB

The 2025 Jaws Pursuit Race

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Saturday March 29th, 2025

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the US Sailing Prescriptions, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

These Sailing Instructions and the attached Notice of Race govern all competitors in the Jaws Race.

2. SAFETY

2.1 All participants are reminded of RRS Rule 3 (Decision to Race). Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel, which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway, (see US Dept. of Commerce chart 18649 for designated narrow channels and fairways of SF Bay) or fishing or other vessel with restricted ability to maneuver. Boats identified by sail number who endanger their own safety or that of the commercial or government vessel will be subject to protest by the Race Committee (RC) or a contestant and face possible disqualification. A protest for allegations of the above will be heard by a protest committee whether or not the requirements of RRS Rule 60.2 have been fulfilled or exclusions referenced in RRS 60.4(b) have been met. A DSQ for a safety violation shall be considered as disqualification not excludable (DNE).

2.2 Propulsion: To comply with this section and to avoid impeding such a vessel, a competitor may utilize auxiliary power without being obligated to retire (in accordance with RRS 42.3(h)) for only as long as required to clear a channel expeditiously. In so doing, she shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. She shall then be subjected to a scoring penalty of 2 places worse than she would have received, however she shall not be scored worse than Did Not Finish.

Personal safety is the responsibility of each individual while racing. While wearing a personal flotation device (PFD) is not a requirement of this race, it is encouraged. The Race Committee may fly the Y Flag which indicates a PFD is required to be worn by all racers.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors or changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board located on the event website at www.regattanetwork.com/event/29377. Notices shall not be posted later than 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect, including a last update for Attachment A.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals will be displayed from or adjacent to the flagpole located at the SYC clubhouse.

5. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

The start line will be in the Knox Shoal area, between the committee boat with an orange flag and an orange inflatable mark.

The finish line will be between the clubhouse mast with an orange flag and an orange inflatable mark to the northeast of the club.

6. SCHEDULE and CLASS FLAG

1200 hours Warning signal – All boats. GPS time shall be used.

There is a provision for postponements due primarily to no wind at the start. The starting times for four possibilities of start times are in Attachment A of the Sailing Instructions. Races abandoned may be rescheduled utilizing a notice to competitors.

“J” is the class flag for all divisions. The J flag will remain displayed for the entire starting sequence.

7. STARTING SEQUENCE AND TIMES

This is a Pursuit Race. The high handicap boats start first with lower handicap boats to follow “in pursuit.” The handicaps are calculated in a “Time on Distance” method and are used to calculate the start times.

The table of start times for the various handicaps is listed in Attachment A. There are four alternative schedules for start times. In case of a postponement, times are given for alternative warning signal times. A numerical placard shall be displayed indicating the start schedule in use as follows:

Warning Time	Schedule & Placard Number
12:00 pm	1
12:30 pm	2
1:00 pm	3
1:30 pm	4

Boats starting prematurely and that do not restart will be penalized by 5 minutes added to their finish time for each minute or partial minute they are over early. There will be no general recalls.

8. COURSE and MARKS

Boats shall have the choice of direction to travel around the course:

Either

Start – YRA 15 P – YRA 8 S – YRA 18 S – YRA 15 S - Finish (10.8 NM)

Or

Start – YRA 15 P - YRA 18 P – YRA 8 P – YRA 15 S – Finish (10.8 NM)

Mark Descriptions:

YRA 8	R “4” FI Red 4 sec Horn 1.0 nm E of Pt. Blunt, Angel Island
YRA 15	YRA Mark known as “Hank Easom” located in the vicinity of Yellow Bluff, 37°50.491’ N, 122° 28.078’ W
YRA 18	GR “BR” FI (2+1) G 6s Bell “Blossom Rock” 0.9 nm E SE of Alcatraz Island

P means leave the mark to Port

S means leave the mark to Starboard

9. RESTRICTED AREAS

For the purpose of RRS 18, 19, 28, the following objects shall be left to shoreward: Anita Rock and any buoy marking same, vertical ‘H’ beam off Water Quality Control Plant west of StFYC, bell buoy 7 off the west end of Alcatraz, and Point Blunt buoy off Angel Island. Above obstructions are not marks of the course. The South Tower of the Golden Gate Bridge must be left to the South at all times. Any rocks visible at Mean Lower Low water immediately adjacent to Contra Costa County, Marin County or San Francisco shorelines shall be left to shoreward, except for Mile Rock, The Brothers and Red Rock.

10. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the race will be 1600 hours for all boats to finish. Boats finishing after this time will be scored DNF. This modifies RRS 35.

11. PROTESTS

Written protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee by the earlier of one hour after the last boat finishes or 1630. The protests received will be posted on the official notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible.

12. SCORING

The first boat to finish in each division wins. The second to finish is second, and so on. Corrections will be made for OCS with no restart.

13. CHECK-IN & RETIRE

All boats are considered checked in by sailing through the start line when starting. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

14. COMMUNICATIONS

RRS 25 & 61.1(a) are modified to allow for on-the-water radio communications between the Race Committee (R/C) and racing boats on VHF channel 72. The R/C may hail boats that are OCS. The inability of a competitor to hear a hail for OCS or any other information shall not relieve her of her responsibility, nor shall it be grounds for redress. In the event the Race Committee needs to communicate oral changes to the Sailing Instructions on the water, they shall raise the "L" flag and attempt to hail competitors over the VHF radio.

15. AWARDS, TROPHIES

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in each division at the SYC Clubhouse at the conclusion of racing. The "Jaws" Perpetual Trophy will be shared by winners from each division.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION (not an official part of the SIs)

Some hosted hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be provided for race participants after the race until they run out. There will be live music on the SYC Clubhouse deck from 2 - 4 PM.

The SYC boat dock may be used for crew pick-up and drop-off. Boats may not remain at the dock.

Attachment A

Pursuit Race Start Times - All Schedules

Sail#	Boat Name	PHRF	Class/Fleet	Schedule 1	Schedule 2	Schedule 3	Schedule 4
Warning:				12:00:00	12:30:00	13:00:00	13:30:00
5172	Sea Smoke	234	Non-Spinnaker	12:05:00	12:35:00	13:05:00	13:35:00
1220	La Mer	181	Non-Spinnaker	12:14:32	12:44:32	13:14:32	13:44:32
2168	Andiamo	153	Non-Spinnaker	12:19:35	12:49:35	13:19:35	13:49:35
42	Leilani	123	Non-Spinnaker	12:24:59	12:54:59	13:24:59	13:54:59
54	Sapphire	123	Non-Spinnaker	12:24:59	12:54:59	13:24:59	13:54:59
39136	Zeus	96	Non-Spinnaker	12:29:50	12:59:50	13:29:50	13:59:50
1000	Bonne Journee	90	Non-Spinnaker	12:30:55	13:00:55	13:30:55	14:00:55
128	Northern Bear	84	Spinnaker	12:32:00	13:02:00	13:32:00	14:02:00
388	Hazardous Waste	78	Spinnaker	12:33:05	13:03:05	13:33:05	14:03:05
469	Streaker	78	Spinnaker	12:33:05	13:03:05	13:33:05	14:03:05
28901	Q	54	Non-Spinnaker	12:37:24	13:07:24	13:37:24	14:07:24
17	Festina Lente	42	Spinnaker	12:39:33	13:09:33	13:39:33	14:09:33
208	Nuckelavee	27	Spinnaker	12:42:15	13:12:15	13:42:15	14:12:15