



Frank's Tract Regatta

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

July 22nd & 23rd 2017

1. The Races will be governed by the 2013-2016 US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as noted in these sailing instructions and the associated Notice of Race. All boats participating in this regatta implicitly agree by their participation to be governed accordingly. The Skipper or other person responsible for a participating boat will fill out and sign an ACYC club Waiver. Skippers Meeting is at 10:00 AM. RRS Fundamental Rule 4 applies, "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
2. Every boat needs a VHF radio. We will use channel 68 unless notified otherwise at the Skippers Meeting.
3. RRS Rule 45 Clarification: Anchors may be deployed during a race but may not be deployed between the warning signal and the boat crossing to the "course side" of the Start Line following the Start signal. Boats anchoring after finishing will remain to the side of the Start-Finish line that is away from the last course leg.

RRS Rule 42.3 (h)(i)

In case of grounding the use of engines is permitted provided the boat does not gain SIGNIFICANT advantage in the race. Boats needing to use their engine will report the same to the Race Committee during or within two hours of the finish of the race.

4. The Committee boat will fly the conventional Blue R/C flag. Call sign will be "ACYC Committee Boat" or "ACYC Race Committee".
5. Starting signals will use the America's Cup starting system of flags and display tube.
6. The Start-Finish line is north of Marker "43" and south of Andreas Point. Should it be necessary the S-F line will be split at the Committee boat with a pin set at the north end of the finish line. All Race Course instructions using the S-F as a gate will then use the Start half of the S-F line.
7. The race courses will be decided based on conditions on the river. The course number will be displayed with a long blast and will be announced on VHF Channel 68 before the Warning signal. The second race on Saturday will start within 15 minutes of the finish of the first race.
8. Should it be determined by the Race Committee to shorten the course after the start, the "S" Flag will be displayed on the committee boat and a short blast from an air horn will tell each competitor crossing the S-F line that the competitor has finished. If the race fleet is away from the Committee boat and the S-F line the shortening of the race will be announced via Channel 68 and a new finish designated. Racers will then be required to call their finish via VHF.
9. Scoring will be in accordance with US Sailing PHRF handicapping employing the "time-on-time" method. PHRF numbers will be assigned by the Race Committee per standard Nor Cal YRA ratings and may be modified by the Race Committee. Ultimately, the decision of the ACYC Race Committee will be final and not subject to protest nor appeal.
10. There will be a Racing Class and Cruising Class for each race. Each Class may be given a separate course depending on conditions. If needed the Classes may be split into Silver and Gold fleets for better time management.

11. Should there be five or more boats of a same type they will be given seperate starts and courses. Trophys will be awarded depending on the overall number of boats in each race.
12. The Franks Tract Regatta Tractor Trophy will be awarded to the club which has the lowest average score of three cruising boats. A boat's race score is its position in each of the races of the Cruising Class . Should the Class be spilt into fleets the score will be determined by the Median Absolute Deviation (MAD) method.

Sail Safe. Have Fun. Sail Fast.