



Aldo Alessio Perpetual Trophy Regatta
2007 US-IRC Pacific Coast Championship
Presented by Fremont Bank
St. Francis Yacht Club
August 3-5, 2007

NOTICE OF RACE

INVITATION

On behalf of the officers, directors, and members of the St. Francis Yacht Club it is a pleasure to invite you and your crew to participate in the Aldo Alessio Perpetual Trophy Regatta. The Regatta has been expanded this year to serve as the venue for the 2007 US-IRC Pacific Coast Championship. The Aldo Alessio Perpetual Trophy was established in 1992 through an endowment given by Staff Commodore Aldo Alessio to promote ocean racing from San Francisco Bay. The Aldo Alessio Perpetual is a painting of his boat *Mistress*, a 49' Rhodes centerboarder, which hangs in the entranceway of the Club. It was originally raced for in an ocean race from San Francisco to Point Conception in the ULDB and Sled class. This year, the trophy will again be awarded to the yacht with the best *performance* overall in the Ocean Race.

RULES

This regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Aldo Alessio Perpetual Deed of gift, as well as the International Sailing Federation Special Regulations (ISAF) January 2006-December 2007 for Category 2 Monohulls (except as modified by Attachment A). The ISAF Special Regulations for Category 2 Monohulls can be found at: www.sailing.org. The St. Francis Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority.

For IRC Handicap Divisions: the IRC Rules, Parts 1, 2 and 3 shall apply and all boats must submit a copy of their current IRC endorsed certificate on or before August 3rd, 2007.

For One-Design Divisions: their respective class rules shall apply, except for J/105 Fleet One, and J/120 Fleet Five Class rules will replace the National Association Class Rules.

ADVERTISING

This regatta is a St. Francis Yacht Club event in accordance with ISAF regulations 20.4.3 with approval of the US Sailing National Authority. Advertising is restricted to Category A unless the organizing authority grants prior approval. A boat may request approval to enter this regatta under Category C by contacting John Craig, StFYC Race Manager, prior to July 31st.

SAFETY

The owner and skipper of each boat are responsible for the safety of the crew and the vessel. Safety requirements for Fridays race are described in Attachment A. The full listing of ISAF Special Regulations for Category 2 Monohulls can be found at: (www.sailing.org). All competitors' attention should be drawn to Part 1 of the Racing Rules of Sailing - Fundamentals Rules. Special attention should be focused on:

RRS 1.1	Helping Those in Danger
RRS 1.2	Life Saving Equipment and Personal Buoyancy
RRS 4	Decision to Race

PERSONAL FLOTATION

Life-Jacket or other adequate personal flotation device shall be worn by all competitors while racing.

ELIGIBILITY

All boats must complete online registration at www.stfyc.com on or before August 3rd, 2007.

FEES

All checks must be in US DOLLARS drawn on a US BANK and made payable to: ST. FRANCIS YACHT CLUB. Fees listed below expire on Wednesday, August 1st for all entries. After that date, add an additional \$75 to all fees. Entry Fees are as follows: \$4.50 per foot LOA, rounded up to the nearest foot.

CLASS DIVISIONS

Entrants will be divided into two groupings as follows:

One Design Racing: J/120, Express 37, One Design 35, J/105, Sydney 38

Handicap Racing: Yachts 35' LOA and above will be divided into IRC divisions at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

A minimum of 6 boats per class must be entered to qualify for a one-design start. If 6 boats per class are not entered by the entry deadline, the entered boats will be assigned to an IRC division or combined at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. To insure the best racing possible, St. Francis Yacht Club will group boats of similar ratings together.

If you are planning to race in the IRC Handicap Divisions and have any questions about obtaining an IRC certificate and / or information regarding the IRC rating system, please contact Dan Nowlan at US SAILING (DanNowlan@ussailing.org) or review details on the US IRC web site <http://www.us-irc.org/>.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<i>Friday, August 3rd</i>	0930 – 1000 hours	Registration & Check-In
	1000 hours	Skippers' Meeting
	1100 hours	<i>Racing begins</i> – Ocean Race
	1730 – 1930 hours	Chili & Free Beer!
<i>Saturday, August 4th</i>	1100 hours	<i>Racing begins</i> – Two Course Races
	1800 – 2200 hours	Party for all Competitors – Free Beer, Heavy Hors d'oeuvres & Live Band
<i>Sunday, August 5th</i>	1100 hours	<i>Racing begins</i> – Bay Tour Race
	1600 hours	Trophy Ceremony

COURSES

On Friday, there will be one ocean race around Lightship buoy that will finish off the Race Deck of the St. Francis Yacht Club. On Saturday, there will be two Windward/Leeward course races held on San Francisco Bay. On Sunday, there will be one San Francisco Bay-Tour race around inflatable and permanent marks.

SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A, of the Racing Rules shall apply except that each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races.

PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each division. The Aldo Alessio Perpetual, a copy of the original painting of Aldo's boat *Mistress*, a 49' Rhodes centerboarder, which hangs in the entranceway of the Club, will be awarded to the yacht with the *best overall performance* in the ocean race.

BERTHING & TRAILER STORAGE

All yachts competing in the event may be moored free of charge at the StFYC guest docks from the day before the regatta begins until one night after racing concludes. If you plan on keeping a storage trailer in the City parking lot, please contact the Harbor Master's Office 415-292-2013 for an overnight parking permit. All trailers may be towed without a city permit.

Attachment A
EXCEPTIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL SAILING FEDERATION SPECIAL REGULATIONS JANUARY 2006 – DECEMBER 2007 FOR CATEGORY 2 MONOHULLS

ONE DESIGN EXCEPTIONS:

The following requirements can be ignored:

- SR 3.03.1(b) ABS guide for Building and Classing Offshore Yachts in which case the yacht shall have on board either a certificate of plan approval issued by ABS, or written statements signed by the designer and builder which confirm that they have deigned and built the yacht in accordance with the ABS Guide,
- SR 3.08, Hatches & companionways; class rules take precedence.
- SR 3.09, Cockpits – attention is drawn to ISO 11812; class rules take precedence.
- SR 3.14, Pulpits, stanchions, lifelines – attention is drawn to ISO 15085; class rules take precedence.
- SR 3.17. Toe Rail; class rules take precedence.
- SR 3.20. Cooking facilities; class rules take precedence.
- SR 3.24.1(a). A deviation (not variation) card is required for magnetic compasses.
- SR 3.27. Navigation lights; class rules take precedence; however attention is should be drawn to SR 2.03.3.
- SR 3.29.1(a) ii. It shall have a masthead antenna and co-axial feeder with not more than 40% power loss.
- SR 4.13 Echo Sounder or lead line.
- SR 4.14 Speedometer or distance measuring instrument (log).
- SR 4.15 Emergency steering.
- SR 4.18 Marine grade retro-reflective material.
- SR 4.19. A 406 MHz EPIRB is now required for Category 2 (Cat 0,1,2).
- SR 4.20. Life rafts.
- SR 4.21.2 Grab bag to accompany life rafts.
- SR 4.23.1 Pyrotechnic signals; however boats must comply with RRS 1.2.
- SR 4.26 Storm and heavy weather sails.
- SR 6.01 Training.

AMENDMENTS:

The following amendments apply:

- SR 3.23.5 is amended to one permanently installed manual bilge pumps.
- SR 4.06 is amended to one anchor.
- SR 4.17 is amended to require the Yacht's name on the lifebuoy only.
- SR 4.22.1 is amended to either SR 4.22.1 (a) or SR 4.22.1 (b) except that 4.22.1 (a) shall include a whistle.

PHRF and or IRC DIVISION EXCEPTIONS:

The Following requirements for Category 2 Monohulls have been removed from the International Sailing Federation Special Regulations January 2006-December 2007 for PHRF and or IRC DIVISIONS.

- SR 3.24.1(a) A deviation (not variation) card is required for magnetic compasses.
- SR 3.29.1(a) ii, It shall have a masthead antenna and co-axial feeder with not more than 40% power loss.
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