



# **J105**

## **Starts Regatta**

### **September 8 & 9, 2007**

#### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

##### **1 RULES**

The current RRS shall govern this regatta. *These sailing instructions amend the notice of race, as Melges 24 and Melges 32 fleets are no longer available.*

##### **2 SAFETY**

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 RRS61.1 (a) & (b) have been fulfilled or exclusions referenced in RRS 60.2(a) have been met. A DSQ for a safety violation shall be considered as disqualification not excludable (DNE).

##### **3 ENTRIES**

Entry is open to all J105 and yachts that are a member of their class association. Entry fee is \$40.00 for Saturday only and \$75.00 for Saturday and Sunday. A \$10.00 late fee will be assessed to entries not received by September 6<sup>th</sup>. A minimum of 5 boats must be entered for racing on Sunday.

##### **4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be sent to entrants who provide their email address. Notices shall be posted no later than 2100 hrs, the Friday preceding the races. If notices have been posted, the committee boat shall fly flag "L" in the racing area. RRS 89.2 (c) is amended to allow oral changes to the Sailing Instructions on the water. In the event the R/C needs to communicate oral changes, they shall raise the "L" flag and attempt to hail competitors on VHF channel 63.

##### **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

No signals shall be made ashore.

##### **6 RACING AREA, SCHEDULE and CLASS FLAG**

The intended racing area shall be the Berkeley Circle area.

Warning 1130 hrs.

Start 1135 hrs. J105 Class flag shall be a 2'x2' red square with a white "J" logo

Succeeding races will begin with a warning signal immediately after the last boat of the previous race finishes or retires. 10 races are scheduled per day. No Warning Signal shall be made after 1530 hrs.

##### **7 COURSE AND MARKS**

The courses shall be Start – WM – Offset – Finish. Weather and Offset marks shall be taken to port. Pin and Weather marks shall be inflatable conical marks. Offset shall be an orange ball. We will attempt to set the weather mark 5 minutes upwind.

##### **8 TIME LIMIT**

For all races the time limit shall be 15 minutes. If one boat finishes as required by rule 28.1, then all other boats must finish within 5 minutes after the first boat finishes. Boats finishing after the class' time limit shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

## **9 STARTING PENALTIES**

In order to maximize the effectiveness of these races, RRS 29.1 and 29.2 are changed to add: boats exceeding 3 Individual Recalls or observed as part of 3 General Recalls shall be excluded from that race. Boats exceeding 5 Individual or General Recalls shall retire for the day. Boats not observing the penalties shall hold up the start of those boats eligible to start.

## **10 INTERFERENCE BY COACH BOATS**

Coach boats are allowed, but are expected to stay out of the way of racing boats and be cautious of their wake and wind shadow. Support boats not adhering to these rules will be asked to leave the course.

## **11 PROTESTS**

This regatta is meant as a starting practice drill. As such we hope there will be no protests. If a protest is made (flag and hail), an attempt will be made to assemble a jury of your peers immediately following the racing. If a jury cannot be assembled at that time, a formal protest hearing will be organized at a later date.

## **12 SCORING**

A minimum of one race shall be completed to constitute a series. There will be one throw-out for the regatta. Scoring shall be the average of your first, second and third group of three races. (Example - Race 1, 2 & 3 will be averaged into one score. So if you used your one throw-out in race 1, then in races 2-4 came in 3-5-9, that totals 17 divided by 3 = 5.66.) Ten races are scheduled per day, one throw out per day. This modifies the Notice of Race and RRS A2. No prizes will be awarded, as this is a practice drill.

## **13 COMMUNICATIONS**

RRS 25 is amended to allow for on-the-water radio communications between the R/C and racing boats on VHF channel 63. The R/C will attempt to communicate OCS and other pertinent information. The inability of a competitor to hear a hail for over early or any other information shall not relieve her of her responsibility, nor shall it be grounds for redress.