

**Singlehanded Sailing Society**  
**2011 GREAT PACIFIC LONGITUDE RACE**  
**("The LongPac")**  
**July 6th – July 12th, 2011**  
**Sailing Instructions**

**1 RACING RULES**

- 1.1 The Race will be governed by the 2009-2012 International Sailing Federation [ISAF] Racing Rules of Sailing [RRS] as adopted by the United States Sailing Association [USSA], including the USSA Sailing Prescriptions, the 2009 Northern California Performance Handicap Racing Fleet Rules and Guidelines [PHRF], except as any of these are altered by the Notice of Race [NOR], the Sailing Instructions [SI], and any amendments to the SI. Additionally, the requirements of the appropriate measurement or handicap rules will apply. Also, the associated One-Design Class Rules will apply to a yacht that submits a PHRF One-Design Rating.
- 1.2 Between the hours of sunset and sunrise the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea [COLREGS] shall replace part 2 of the RRS.
- 1.3 The Singlehanded Sailing Society reserves the right to amend or add to the racing rules at any time up to the start of the Race, such amendments being immediately promulgated to all entrants.

**2 CLASSES**

- 2.1 Singlehanded and Doublehanded divisions will be determined after the close of entries on June 15, 2011. Divisions will be emailed to race entries and posted on the web at [www.sfbaysss.org](http://www.sfbaysss.org).

**3 SCORING**

- 3.1 Scoring will be calculated using the time on distance allowance for PHRF and MPHRF. The calculated distance for the Race is 400 miles.

**4 START**

- 4.1 The Race will start on Wednesday July 6th, 2011.

**5 STARTING TIMES**

- 5.1 The first warning signal will be made at 10:00 am. Thereafter, classes will start at 5-minute intervals.

10:00:00	Warning
10:05:00	Start – Class 1
10:10:00	Start – Class 2
10:15:00	Start – Doublehanded Class
10:20:00	Start- Multihull

## **6 STARTING LINE**

- 6.1 The starting line is between an orange stripe on the Golden Gate Yacht Club race deck and the 'X' buoy off the Golden Gate Yacht Club, leaving the buoy to starboard.
- 6.2 If the 'X' buoy is missing, the Race Committee will attempt to set a temporary mark to replace the 'X' buoy. If this is not possible, the start line will then be an imaginary line extending 500 yards northwards from the Golden Gate Yacht Club race deck, and the Race Committee will call the start via VHF channel 71.

## **7 COURSE**

- 7.1 The course is from the start, to any point on longitude 126 degrees 40 minutes West [this modifies RRS 28.1], then to the finish.

## **8 FINISH**

- 8.1 The finish line is from the orange stripe on the Golden Gate Yacht Club race deck, extending through 'X' buoy and 50 yards beyond. The line shall be crossed leaving the race deck to starboard.
- 8.2 If the 'X' buoy is missing, yachts shall finish by crossing an imaginary line extending 500 yards northwards from the race deck.
- 8.3 The Race Committee will attempt to staff the finish line continuously from 1800 hours on Friday, July 8th, through 1800 hours on Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>..
- 8.4 Each yacht shall hail the Race Committee on VHF channel 71 when it is within radio range of the Golden Gate Yacht Club and is preparing to finish.
- 8.5 Each skipper shall record his or her own finish time, based on the time display on the boat's GPS receiver. As soon as possible the skipper shall notify the Race Committee of his or her finish time by telephone voicemail at (650) 867-2145, or by any other effective means.

## **9 CHECK IN**

- 9.1 Each boat shall check in with the Race Committee prior to the Warning Signal on VHF radio channel 71, advising the Race Committee of the boat's name and sail number, and receiving an acknowledgment from the Race Committee. A boat that fails to contact the Race Committee successfully by radio will be scored "Did Not Start".

## **10 RESTRICTED AREAS**

- 10.1 No part of a boat shall cross any of the imaginary lines described below. A boat violating this rule may not "unwind" to correct the violation [this modifies RRS 28.1]. A yacht that enters a restricted area may elect to be disqualified, restart, or accept an alternative penalty of 2 hours added to their corrected time. A yacht wishing to take this alternative penalty must immediately hail the Race Committee on VHF channel 71 and so inform them [this modifies RRS 44].

- [a] A line from the **H beam** near St. Francis Yacht Club, extending southward to the shore.
- [b] A line from the buoy marking **Anita Rock**, extending southward to the shore.
- [c] A line from the center of the **South Tower** of the Golden Gate Bridge, extending southward to the shore.
- [d] A line from the buoy marking **Little Alcatraz** Rock, extending to the nearest point on Alcatraz.

## **11 PROTESTS AND PENALTIES**

11.1 A protesting boat shall [this modifies RRS 61.1(a)]:

- [a] Display a red protest flag at the first reasonable opportunity and keep it displayed for one hour or until the protested boat can no longer be seen, whichever occurs later; and
- [b] Display a red protest flag again as it approaches the finish and continue to display the protest flag until it has finished; and
- [c] Submit the protest in writing according to the form prescribed by RRS and deliver it to the Race Committee no later than 24 hours after the time limit of the Race. Verbal notification of the intent to protest must be given within 1 hour of the protesting boat's finish.

11.2 Protests will be heard by the Protest Committee as soon as is practical. Penalties for infringements of the rules shall be in accordance with RRS 44.

## **12 WITHDRAWING FROM THE RACE**

12.1 A boat that does not finish within the time limit or withdraws from the Race for any reason shall attempt to notify the Race Committee of the fact by VHF radio channel 71 as soon as the boat is within radio range. If the boat is unable to make radio contact, then the skipper shall contact the Race Committee by telephone voicemail at (650) 867-2145, or by any other effective means, as soon as possible. Participating boats are encouraged to relay VHF transmissions if it is apparent that a boat is unable to communicate directly with the Race Committee.

12.2 Failure to comply with the above requirement will result in the skipper being refused entry in any race sponsored by the Singlehanded Sailing Society until March 1, 2012.

## **13 TIME LIMIT**

13.1 A yacht shall start no more than four hours after its Starting Signal.

13.2 In order to be scored as a finisher, a yacht must finish no later than 1800 hours Pacific Daylight Time at the end of Tuesday, July 12th, 2011 [this modifies RRS 35].

13.3 If the start was postponed for one hour or more, the time limit for finishing will be extended by an amount of time equal to the duration of the postponement.

13.4 If 50% of the yachts that started have not finished by the time limit, it may be extended at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## **14 AMENDMENTS**

14.1 Written changes to the Sailing Instructions may be distributed at the skippers meeting and shall prevail over these instructions. Verbal changes may be made over VHF channel 71 up until the Warning Signal. Flag L will be flown if any verbal changes are announced.