

2009 - TRANS-FOLSOM RACE REGATTA

-- Sailing Instructions --

1. **RULES:** The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS), the prescriptions of the USSA, the rules of the participating classes, and by these sailing instructions. This Regatta is designated Category “A.”
2. **ENTRIES:** Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the organizing authority no later than 0830 hrs, Saturday, April 11, 2009.
3. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Regatta notice board located at the Regatta Headquarters.
4. **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the race schedule will be posted no later than 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.
5. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:**
 - 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Race Committee boat, docked at “H” dock.
 - 5.2 Flag “AP” with two sound signals (one when lowered) means “The race is postponed. The Warning Signal will be displayed not less than 30 minutes after the “AP” is lowered.”
 - 5.3 Flag “AP” flown over flag “A” means “races not started are postponed to the next day.” If flown on the Regatta’s final day, then “All remaining races are canceled.”
 - 5.4 Flag “B” when fully hoisted after the Race Committee returns to the dock means “Protest time has begun – the 30 minute protest filing period is open.” One sound signal will accompany the hoisting and lowering of flag “B.” When lowered, this means “Protest time has expired.”
6. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS / RACE:**

Skippers’ Meeting	Saturday, April 11 – 0900 at Registration HQ
Race	Saturday, April 11 - 1000 hrs “Start”
7. **RACING AREA:** The racing area is shown on the attached course sheet.
8. **THE COURSE:** The course is depicted or described on the attached course sheet.
9. **MARKS:** Marks will be numbered as described on the attached course sheet.

10. **THE START:**

- 11.1 The race will be started at 10:00 AM. Each boat is to start at its specific 'start time'.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between an **orange** flag on the Race Committee boat and the Starting Mark, displaying an **orange** flag.
- 11.3 Boats not starting; i.e., within 5 minutes of her start, shall keep clear (100 feet) of the starting area and of all boats racing.
- 11.4 A boat not starting within 20 minutes of her 'start time' will be scored as "DNS."

9. **STAKE BOATS:** Stake boats will not be used. Race Committee boats may be in the vicinity of marks, as well as designated press or rescue boats.

10. **CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START:**

- 10.1 The race Committee may shorten a race using either of the following systems:
 - (a) A Race Committee boat, at a rounding mark, displaying Code Flag "S", accompanied by multiple sound signals. Competitors shall finish between the rounding mark and the committee boat. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has rounded the mark.
 - (b) A Race Committee boat, at a rounding mark, displaying Code Flag "F", accompanied by multiple sound signals, means "After rounding, proceed to the finish line." The change will be signaled before the leading boat has rounded the mark.

11. **THE FINISH:** The finish line will be between a **white** flag, on the Race Committee boat and the Finishing Mark, displaying a **white** flag. The First boat to finish in each class will be given a horn; all other finishers will be given a whistle. After finishing, boats shall keep clear of the finish area.

12. **TIME LIMIT:** The race will not continue past 8:00 PM..

13. **PROTESTS:**

- 13.1 Protests shall be filed in writing at Regatta Headquarters within 30 minutes of the Race Committee boat arriving dockside, and the hoisting of Code Flag "B" at Regatta Headquarters. USSA Forms for filing protests will be available at Regatta Headquarters.
- 13.2 Protest notices will be posted at the Regatta Headquarters within 30 minutes of the end of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there will be a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as a witness.

14. **PENALTIES:** The Two-Turns penalty, rule 44.2, will apply, except that a One-Turn penalty shall apply to multihull classes.

- 15. SCORING:** All boats will be scored / placed in the order they finish the race. If the course is shortened, scoring / placement will be based on corrected time using 'time on distance' calculations.
- 16. SAFETY:** Safety is the primary concern of the Race Committee.
- 16.1 All multihull boats will have as a minimum a 15 foot tow line attached to their mast or suitable bow fitting while afloat. Keel boats must have a boarding ladder aboard.
- 16.2 Boats requesting assistance will have one crew member clasp hands overhead as the appropriate distress signal. Rescue boats, under the direction of the Race Committee, may ask sailors to leave their boat. Failure to do so when ordered will result in disqualification from the entire regatta.
- 16.3 Multi-hull racers are required to wear Coast Guard approved PFDs (personal flotation devices) while racing. When Code Flag "Y" is flown from the Race Committee boat, PFDs shall be worn by all competitors while racing. Those not complying will be "DSQ'd." This changes RRS 40.1.
- 17. SAIL NUMBERS:** Sail numbers and Class identification symbols shall be displayed in accordance with RRS 77. If sail numbers are carried on a spinnaker or headsail, they shall match the sail number on the mainsail. (Conflicting numbers may be obliterated to avoid confusion.) No boat shall change sail numbers during the regatta without written consent from the Race Committee.
- 18. TROPHIES:** Trophies will be awarded at Regatta Headquarters following the race in accordance with the following criteria:
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| 1-4 | starters | 1 trophy |
| 5-7 | starters | 2 trophies |
| 8-10 | starters | 3 trophies |
| 11-15 | starters | 4 trophies |
| 16 or more | starters | 5 trophies |

The Keel Boat and the Multi-hull Boat Perpetual Trophies will be awarded based on the best keel boat and best multi-hull boat finish.