



CALIFORNIA DREAMIN' SERIES 2026

Stop #3 - San Francisco

Organizing Authority - St. Francis Yacht Club

March 7 - 8, 2026

San Francisco, California

NOTICE OF RACE

St. Francis Yacht Club (StFYC) will host the third stop (of four) in the California Dreamin' Series ("CDS") in J/22 type boats. The four stops are:

- San Diego Yacht Club – January 24-25, 2026
- Balboa Yacht Club – February 7-8, 2026
- St. Francis Yacht Club – March 7-8, 2026
- Long Beach Yacht Club – April 11-12, 2026

The following abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions:

PC:	Protest Committee or International Jury	RC:	Race Committee
NoR:	Notice of Race	SI:	Sailing Instructions
OA:	Organizing Authority	TD:	Technical Delegate
RRS:	Racing Rules of Sailing	[NP]:	A boat may not protest as per NoR 1.5
WS:	World Sailing		

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix C 'Match Racing Rules'.
- 1.2 **■ Addendum EQUIPMENT LIST** applies, and also applies to any practice sailing and sponsor races.
- 1.3 **■ Addendum HANDLING PROVIDED BOATS** applies, and also applies to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class Rules will not apply.
- 1.4 The 2026 California Dreamin' Notice of Series (NoS) applies and may be found on [the event website](#).
- 1.5 [DP] [NP] The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.6 The following US Sailing prescriptions do not apply: The Prescriptions to the preamble to Part 5, Section B, and to Rule 63.1.
- 1.7 The event has applied for World Sailing (WS) Grade 3. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is a clear reason to do so.
- 1.8 [DP][NP] Rule 40.1 will apply when boats are in the racing area and on their way to and from the racing area. This amends the preamble to Part 4 as it applies to Rule 40.
- 1.9 When a boat in a match fails to *sail the course*, she will be disqualified without a hearing and scored zero points unless both of the boats in the match have sailed the same course in which case the boats will be scored as if they had sailed the course. This changes RRS 28, 35, 60.5(b), 90.3(a), A5, and C10.7
- 1.10 Errors or omissions by the RC will NOT be grounds for redress by a competitor. In the event of an error or omission, the Match or Chief Umpire may notify the RC of the incident and request postponement or abandonment. This changes RRS 61.4(b) (1).
- 1.11 The OA shall appoint a Protest Committee (PC).
- 1.12 The OA reserves the right to amend this NOR. Any amendments to the NOR shall be posted at [the event website](#).

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SI will be available online on March 06, 2026 at [the event website](#).

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted at the online official notice board at [the event website](#).
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the StFYC Race Deck.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Eight (8) skippers will be invited. If you wish to be invited, please apply at [2026 CDS RFI Form](#) with your name, address, phone number, World Sailing number, yacht club or school affiliation, and sailing resume.
- 4.2 Only skippers invited by the OA, and who confirm acceptance of the invitation as described below will be eligible to enter this event. To remain eligible an invited skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing via e-mail to be received by the date and time specified in the invitation. A non-refundable \$200 entry bond mentioned in NoR 4.6(a) below shall accompany the acceptance of the invitation to be valid. In addition, the skipper shall complete all other reasonable requests of the OA.
- 4.3 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of [World Sailing Eligibility Code](#).
- 4.4 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at [World Sailing - Categorization](#). Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.
- 4.5 The skipper shall complete registration, pay any entry fee, arrange for the damage deposit mentioned in NoR 5.2 below and shall ensure that all crew complete crew weighing between 1000 and 1700 on Friday, March 6, 2026, or 0800 and 0840 on Saturday, March 7, 2026, unless extended by the OA. All payments shall be made by credit card or Club charge if a member of StFYC.
- 4.6 To be considered an entry in the event, a skipper shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees:
 - (a) A non-refundable entry bond in the amount of **\$200** shall accompany the acceptance of the invitation to be valid.
 - (b) The entry fee is **\$630** which includes the **\$200** entry bond in **NOR 4.6(a)**.
- 4.7 Final competitor list will be noted in Addendum 'ELIGIBLE SKIPPERS'.
- 4.8 When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within thirty (30) days of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by WS. ([World Sailing Policy H1.5](#))

5 DAMAGE / DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 5.1 Each supplied boat is insured by the OA for third-party liability insurance.
- 5.2 An initial damage deposit of \$2,000 USD shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- 5.3 If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- 5.4 Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 30 days after the event less the costs of any boat damage or other costs incurred and left unpaid, for which the OA deems the skipper to be responsible.
- 5.5 The entire Entry Fee and Damage Deposit must be paid before a team can sail in any practice session or the regatta.

6 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 6.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 4 or 5. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 6.2 After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.
- 6.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- 6.4 When a registered crew is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.
- 6.5 The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 772 lb determined at the time of registration. No further weigh-in shall be required, except upon crew substitution.

7 EVENT FORMAT

7.1 The format will be a double round robin with 8 teams in 8 boats.

7.2 The RC may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round or stage, or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled.

7.3 The OA intends to provide eight (8) J/22 type boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Jib, and Spinnaker.

7.4 Boats will be allocated as decided by the race committee. The intention of the RC will be to allocate boats by draw and then rotate daily. The RC may also require boats to be exchanged in a knock-out stage.

7.5 The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC. Competitors may be requested to exchange sails during a series to satisfy sponsorship commitments. The OA or RC may require rotation of sails for any reason. Rotation of sails by the OA or RC shall NOT be grounds for redress by a competitor. This changes RRS 61.4(b).

7.6 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).

7.7 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC with the intention of the RC to start each subsequent flight as soon as practicable after the previous flight.

7.8 The course will be windward/leeward with optional offset legs in the event of cross course current, resulting in either port or starboard rounding, and finishing downwind.

7.9 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin taking World Sailing ranking, as well as other possible factors, into consideration.

7.10 Addendum 'Racing Area' shows the location of the racing area.

8 [NP] PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

8.1 The schedule is as follows:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday, March 6	1000 - 1700	Registration & Weigh-In
	1000 - 1700	Practice
Saturday, March 7	0800 - 0830	Registration & Weigh-In
	0845	Skipper & Umpire Briefing
	1023	First Warning Signal
	After Racing	Social & Umpire Debrief
Sunday, March 8	0900	Skipper & Umpire Briefing
	1023	First Warning Signal
	After Racing	Social & Awards

(a) Teams shall notify the StFYC Race Office of their intent to practice by emailing racing@stfyc.com prior to Friday, March 6.

(b) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 1700 on Sunday, March 8.

(c) Prize Giving will be held approximately 30 minutes after the last boat returns to the dock on Sunday, March 9.

8.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

(a) Initial briefing for skippers

(b) Daily briefing for skippers

(c) Photo shoot with each team in team uniforms at the docks before First Briefing

(d) Prize giving for the top three skippers and crews.

9 [NP] ADVERTISING

- 9.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organizing Authority, the [World Sailing Advertising Code](#) applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 9.2 The OA intends to supply the following equipment: Boats and Sails. Advertising as supplied by the OA is to be displayed on this equipment.
- 9.3 [NP] Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for infringements of any rules regarding advertising. This changes **RRS 60.1**.

10 [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 10.1 Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions and co-operation with event sponsors, and shall behave so as to not bring the event into disrepute.
- 10.2 Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

11 [NP] SUPPORT PERSONS

No on-the-water coaching or support boats are permitted.

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 Skippers will earn points toward the overall California Dreamin' Series based on their finishing results as set forth in the 2026 Notice of Series for California Dreamin' - may be found on [the event website](#).
- 12.2 The first three (3) teams will receive suitable take home trophies for this St. Francis Stop (Stop #3) of the 2026 CDS.
- 12.3 Prizes not claimed at the prize giving ceremony will remain with the organizing authority.

13 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

14 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 14.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.
- 14.2 Additionally, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and race officials the right to use their personal contact information, including but not limited to a current email address and cell phone number, for the purpose of race administration and race communications.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

Event Chair	Elena VandenBerg	elenalara@icloud.com	(443) 842-5525
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Addendum 'Racing Areas'

