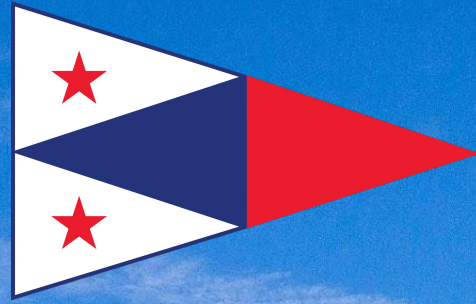




St. Francis Yacht Club

Unbeatable Sailing • World-Class Venue • Professional Race Management

2026 ORC North American Championship

Presented to ORC Offshore Classes & Events Committee in January 2025



The St. Francis Yacht Club is an internationally renowned private club with nearly a century of experience providing top-tier hospitality.

#1 Yacht Club in the U.S.

2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020 Platinum Clubs of America

94 Years of Excellence

Founded in 1927, the StFYC is steeped in history and tradition



140 Days on the Water

Our annual regatta schedule is one of the most aggressive in the world

Audience of 30,000+

5,000+ members/families

15,000 social followers

10,000 foot-traffic visitors/week

Our club has a proud history of hosting distinguished championships for a variety of boats and classes.

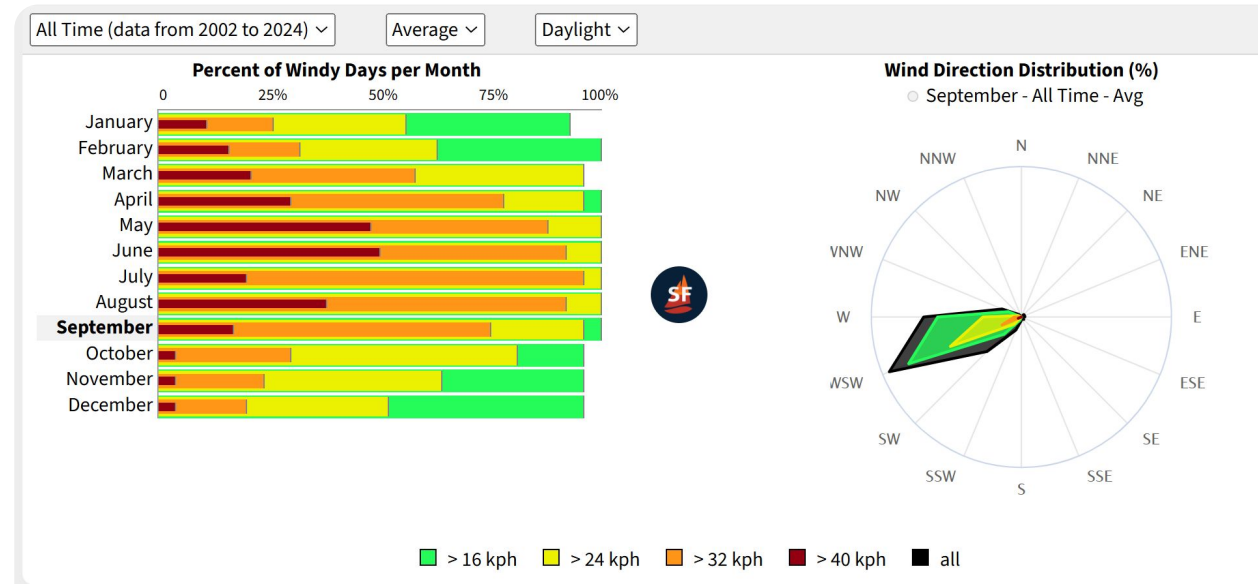


WORLDS	CONTINENTAL	NATIONAL
2023 5O5 World Championship	2024 Wingfoil Championship	2024 ORC Pacific Coast Championship
2019 World Sailing Nation's Cup	2024 International Knarr Championship	2021 Santa Cruz 27 Nationals
2017 J/111 World Championship	2023 5O5 North Americans	2020 Kiteboard Nationals
2016 J/70 World Championship	2020 J/88 North Americans	2018 U.S.Women's Match Racing Championship
2014 Farr 40 World Championship	2020 Laser North Americans	2018 I-15 Nationals
2011 Laser Master & Laser 4.7 World Championship	2019 C420 North Americans	2016 U.S. Sailing Mallory Championship
2010 Melges 32 World Championship	2019 Formula Kite North Americans	2014 Laser Nationals
2010 Finn Gold Cup	2018 Laser Master North Americans	2009 Melges 24 Nationals
2009 5O5 World Championship	2015 J/105 North Americans	2009 29er Nationals

San Francisco Bay is a “bucket list” race venue for many sailors - for good reason.

FAST FACTS

- ▶ Average conditions: 60°F (16°C), 15kt W’yly breeze
- ▶ Since 2015, we have run races on 92% of scheduled regatta days
- ▶ Distance from beach to race course: 0.1nm



Consistent breeze. From March to October, the Bay experiences consistent Westerlies of 10–20 knots. It is not uncommon to see gusts into the 30s.

Challenging tides and currents move between the Pacific Ocean, the Delta and the Bay, playing dramatically off of natural features. Sailors benefit from doing their research.

Deep-water sailing within feet of the shoreline makes for a thrilling spectator experience.

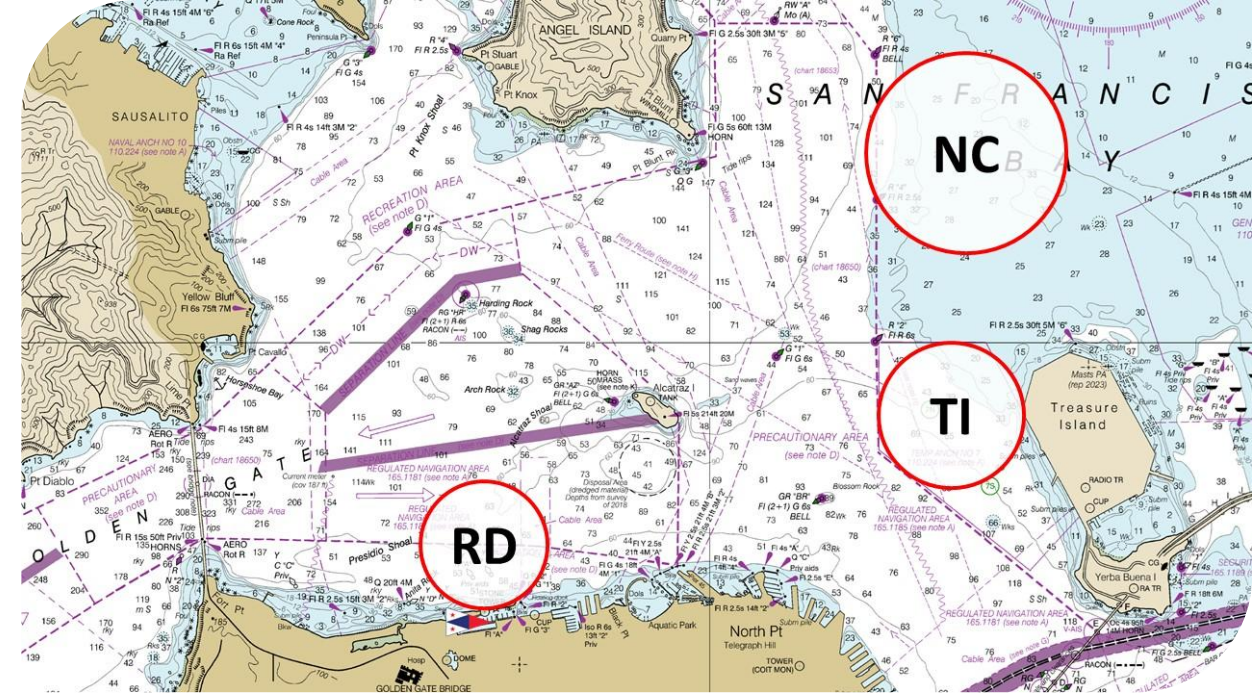
Year-round, San Francisco sports a mild **Mediterranean climate** with average temperatures between 50°F and 72°F (10°C and 22°C).

Venue THE SURROUNDING AREA

St. Francis Yacht Club is one of the most convenient racing venues in the country, proximal to all of the amenities necessary to host a great regatta.



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San Francisco Bay offers a variety of race course options to suit any class's needs. Different regions of the Bay present options for varying wind strengths, current complexity and course distance.

Our bench of local PROs is supported by
100+ qualified Race Committee volunteers
and a professional Race Office.



Race Committee

Over 200 volunteers are available to set marks, run races, score finishes and even serve as clubhouse hosts.



Felix Weidling
Race Director

Race Professionals

StFYC has a strong network of experienced Principal Race Officers and International Jurors capable of running a fair and successful championship regatta.



Caleigh Thompson
Race Coordinator

Our Race Office is highly qualified and capable of producing a world-class regatta for your class.



Anthony Cirillo
Dock Master



ROLEX BIG BOAT SERIES

September 16-20, 2026

St. Francis Yacht Club



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Since its inception in 1964, the Big Boat Series has been a standard-bearer, showcasing top talent on the water and boats from around the world. As sailing trends evolve, so too does the regatta. It remains on the cutting edge of sailing by continually adding new classes and championships to its lineup. It hosted the glory days of IOR and IMS racing. It has accommodated Maxis, Sleds and America's Cup class boats as well as fiercely competitive one-design racing. The event survived the economic ups and downs of the 1980s and soared in entries in the late 90s and early 2000s, reaching a record 115 entries in 2003. In 2005, after three years as presenting sponsor, Rolex Watch U.S.A. became the title sponsor.

Throughout the 2000s, the Big Boat series served double-duty for national and world championships including Rolex US-IRC Nationals (2009), Melges 32 Pre-Worlds (2010), Farr 30 Worlds (2011) and US-IRC North Americans (2012). In 2013, the event directly succeeded the 34th America's Cup on San Francisco Bay, serving as the HPR National Championship, the J/120 North American Championship, the IRC West Coast Championship and the pre-worlds for the Melges 24 Class. In 2022, St. Francis Yacht Club initiated the use of the ORC handicap formula to align with international racing trends.

Racing

REGATTA SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	EVENT
September 16 Day 1	1730	Competitors' Briefing
September 17 Day 2	1100 1300	First Warning, all Classes except Classic Class First Warning, Classic Class only
September 18 Day 3	1100 1300	First Warning, all Classes except Classic Class First Warning, Classic Class only
September 19 Day 4	1100 1300	First Warning, all Classes except Classic Class First Warning, Classic Class only
September 20 Day 5	1100 1300	First Warning, all Classes except Classic Class First Warning, Classic Class only



Racing

SOCIAL SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	EVENT
September 16 <i>Day 1</i>	1000 - 1730 1730 1800 - 2000	Registration Competitors' Briefing Rolex Commodore's Reception
September 17 <i>Day 2</i>	0730 0730 Post Racing 1700 1800	Breakfast Weather Briefing Hosted Dockside Beer Crew Party Rolex Owners Dinner
September 18 <i>Day 3</i>	0730 0730 Post Racing 1700	Breakfast Weather Briefing Hosted Dockside Beer Mount Gay Lawn Party
September 19 <i>Day 4</i>	0730 0730 Post Racing 1730 - 1900	Breakfast Weather Briefing Hosted Dockside Beer Crew Dinner Reception
September 20 <i>Day 5</i>	0730 0730 0830 Post Racing 1600	Breakfast Weather Briefing 8 Bells Ceremony Hosted Dockside Beer Rolex Trophy Ceremony



Regatta logistics are simplified with our convenient location, tight security and spacious facilities.



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Convenient Storage for Visiting Yachts

- ▶ 1x 2-ton hoist
- ▶ 1,026 feet of guest dockage
- ▶ 260 feet of junior dry storage
- ▶ 551 feet of trailer parking spots

Close Proximity to Repair and Marina Facilities

- ▶ Four leading sail repair facilities/chandleries located driving/sailing distance to the club
- ▶ Partnership possibility: sponsored mobile trailer repair facility
- ▶ Divers, riggers and repairs available locally

Secure, Locked Docks with 24hr Surveillance

- ▶ Professional waterfront staff monitors all boat and foot traffic
- ▶ Security provided by keypad locks, security cameras and nighttime clubhouse security
- ▶ Security personnel available for larger regattas

The St. Francis is a world-class private clubhouse with ample facilities for everything you need to run a championship event.

Planning

- ▶ Spacious courtyard for measurements
- ▶ Private rooms for weigh-ins

Race Management

- ▶ Meeting rooms for Jury hearings, scoring, Race Committee
- ▶ Stages and A/V for class meeting, skippers' briefing, trophy ceremony

Social

- ▶ Indoor event spaces for cocktail parties, regatta socials, guest speakers



Comfort

- ▶ Locker rooms with showers, laundry and sauna
- ▶ Three unique dining/bar venues to enjoy throughout your stay

Spectators

- ▶ Two levels of outdoor viewing spaces with stadium seating available

We are located on the shores of San Francisco Bay at the edge of the city's beautiful Marina District.



San Francisco offers world-class cultural, recreational and dining attractions. The St. Francis Yacht Club is located two short miles from the Golden Gate Bridge at the edge of the Presidio National Park, adjacent to Crissy Field and the Palace of Fine Arts.

The Yacht Club sits on the bay side of the trendy Marina District, home to numerous restaurants, bars and shops.

Alcatraz Island, Angel Island, North Beach and Union Square are all local attractions in San Francisco, while the beautiful Marin Headlands lie directly north of the Golden Gate Bridge.

At StFYC, your time on the water is only a portion of the experience. Let us take care of your socials, ceremonies and regional entertainment.

A championship regatta at the St. Francis comes with custom-crafted cocktail parties, formal dinners or outdoor food truck festivals. Our professional catering staff and exquisite culinary team work hard to provide you with the experience you desire.

In-house, we possess professional-grade A/V equipment, allowing you to host compelling Skippers' Meetings, effective Race Committee briefings and elaborate trophy ceremonies, if that fits your vision.



Looking to extend your stay? 40 miles north of us is California's famed Wine Country and we are just a day's drive to Muir Woods, Mt. Tamalpais, Stinson Beach and Pt. Reyes National Seashore. Incorporate a Lay Day to enjoy these national treasures.

Two nearby airports and plentiful housing makes for travel logistics simple for visiting sailors.



San Francisco International Airport (18 miles away) and Oakland International Airport (22 miles) provide easy access to the venue for out-of-town competitors.

There are numerous lodging options within walking distance of St. Francis Yacht Club, including hotels, hostels and houses for rent.

Ride-share apps are the most common and reliable form of transportation, alleviating the need to rent a car. That said, rental cars, buses and bike rentals are all alternative transportation options in the Marina District.

St. Francis Yacht Club is a professional media outlet capable of covering your event across all channels.



Available Services

- ▶ Press campaign for social, sailing and local media
- ▶ Bespoke landing page at stfyc.com
- ▶ Promotion through StFYC social media channels
- ▶ Live coverage: social media streaming, regatta press coverage, video

Visiting Press

- ▶ Press boats & qualified drivers
- ▶ On-site media facilities, including designated media room
- ▶ Appointed public relations person on staff

Our Robust Audience

- ▶ 5,600 email subscribers: club members and families
- ▶ 50% average email open rate
- ▶ StFYC.com: 3,000,000+ hits a year
- ▶ 15,000+ social media followers
- ▶ Social media reach ranges from 406K in the off-season to 1.22M in the high season

Prime Public Location

- ▶ Extensive indoor and outdoor signage opportunities
- ▶ Significant foot traffic around the club and harbor; adjacent to highly visited National Park system

Longstanding relationships with sailing publications, national press syndicates and international media translate into solid coverage for your regatta.



The New York Times

San Francisco Chronicle



2023 Pacific Coast Wingfoil Championships — Salty Brother Media

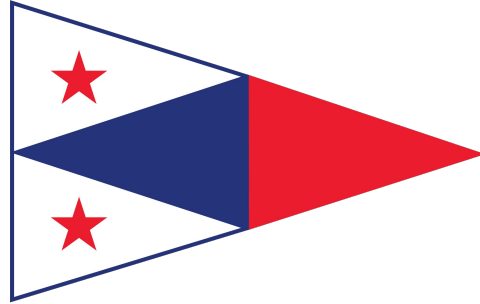
Windjamming in the Bay — New York Times

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Sailors Across California Come for Annual Regatta — KQED / NPR

Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame Announces Class of 2020 — KRON News



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