

2009 Finn Gold Cup

San Francisco

St Francis Yacht Club





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- Hosted by St. Francis Yacht Club
- One of the world's top sailing venues
- Late September for ideal racing conditions
 - Optimum for shipping boats and
 - schedules well with both Northern and Southern hemisphere seasons





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Great Sailing Venue

- Most consistent and reliable breeze
- Spectacular scenery and backdrop
- Four USA Finn Olympians from SF Bay





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Professional Race Management Staff

- A full time StFYC race management team
- Great track record with similar large events
 - (e.g.. world championships of Star, 470, 29er,
 - Melges 24, Farr 40)





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Great Club Facilities

- Very large and comfortable club with
- 2 restaurants and multiple large function rooms
- Choice of sauna and steam room after sailing
 - (with freshly laundered towels)
- Viewing of the race course from the club bar and deck



Photo: Linda Wright



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San Francisco is a Great City for Visitors

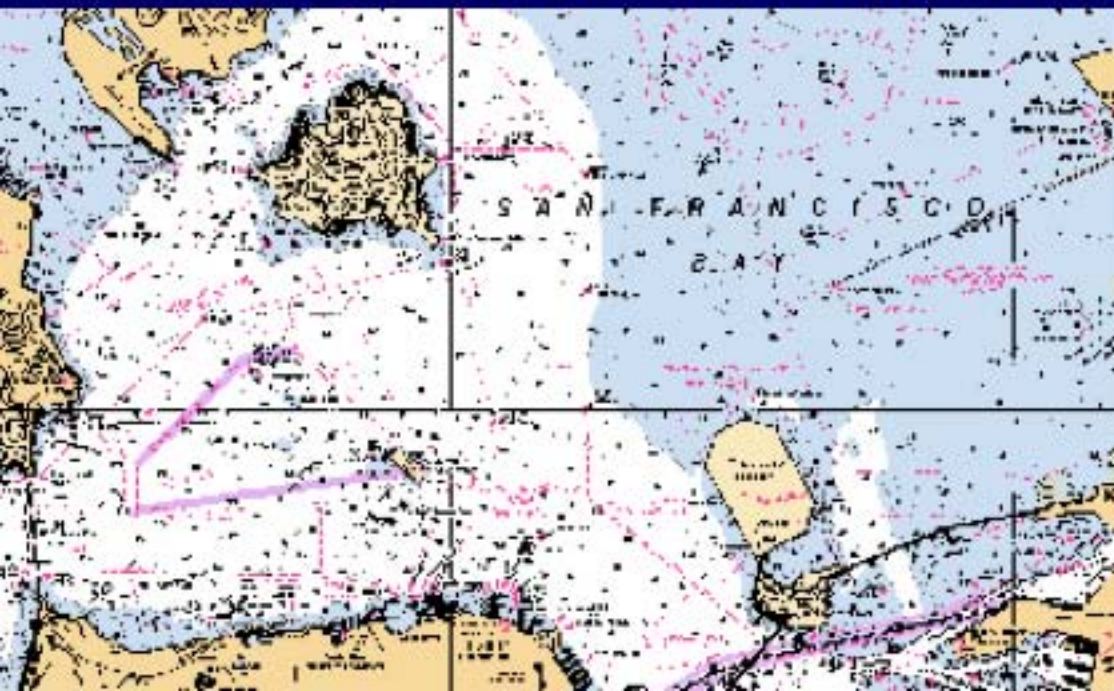
- September is the best time of year for weather
- Low season for airfares and accommodation
- Plenty of non-sailing activities and tourism





Three Course Areas Available

- Berkeley Pier - Finn Olympic Trials (40 min)
- Alcatraz - National and NA Finn Championships (20 min)
- City Shore - Finn Zellerbach, Spring Dinghy, PCC (5 min)
 - a spectacular course for observers on the shore
 - US Coast Guard control of shipping during FGC races





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St. Francis YC and San Francisco

- An Urban FGC with hotels and restaurants in walking distance
- Crissy Field Beach launching for 100+ Finns
- Mooring for 45+ RIBs and support boats





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No Issues with Budgets and Sponsors

- StFYC is profitable and very focused on such events
- Sponsors love the major exposure in San Francisco
- Philippe Kahn personally stands behind the event





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Fits IFA's Strategic Plan and FIDeS

- 20+ Finns regularly on the Bay would impact N. America
- StFYC would push it in their junior program
- A 2009 SF FGC would be greatly publicized worldwide
- The sooner announced, the sooner this will start





Why this proposal?

- Some have asked why Philippe is interested in having the Finn Gold Cup in San Francisco so I will let his words speak for him.
- "Freddy and I sail Finns once or twice a week and break up the Star sailing. I love it. I was telling Freddy that if I only owned one boat in the world, it would be a Finn. It's just a delightful boat. A perfect boat.
- - Philippe -"





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