



RICHMOND YACHT CLUB

29er Class US National Championship

July 22-25, 2015

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: Richmond Yacht Club, Point Richmond, California

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. While aboard their boat, except briefly when changing clothes, competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard or International 29er Class Rules compliant personal floatation device (PFD). Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS and Rule 40.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the International 29er Class.
- 2.2 All competitors (skipper and crew) shall be current members of the International 29er Class Association.
- 2.3 Entries must be made online at www.richmondyc.org beginning May 1, 2015.
- 2.4 An entry will be considered complete only when:
 - 2.4.1. The Entry is made online and paid in full
 - 2.4.2. Liability Release Form and Parental Consent Form (for competitors not yet eighteen years of age during the regatta) are submitted.
 - 2.4.3. Competitor membership in the International 29er Class Association is verified.
 - 2.4.4. Competitor's equipment has been given an "OK to compete" by the equipment inspection committee.
 - 2.4.5. Both skipper and crew have presented themselves at the Registration/Check-In desk located in the Junior Room at the lower level of RYC during periods listed in NOR 4.2.
- 2.5 Online entries will close at 1700 PDT on July 22, 2015.
- 2.6 Rule G3 will be in effect.

3. FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee is US \$225 for entries received on or before July 13, 2015, and US \$300 thereafter.

3.2 The entry fee includes skipper and crew T-shirts, attendance at the Annual General Meeting and Dinner and hot snacks after each sailing day.

3.3 Additional meal tickets and additional T-shirts will be available for purchase at Registration/Check-in including tickets for Wednesday and Friday night dinners.

4. SCHEDULE

4.1 Ten races are scheduled. There will be no practice race or qualifying series.

4.2 The schedule of events is as follows.

Wednesday, July 22, 2015	
1400 to 1700	Registration/Check-In at Junior Room
1000 to 1700	Equipment Inspection
1700	Close of online registration
Thursday, July 23, 2015	Race Day #1
0900 to 1000	Registration/Check-In and Equipment Inspection
1000	Competitors meeting
1200	First Warning Signal of the day
1800	29er Class Annual General Meeting/Dinner at RYC
Friday, July 24, 2015	Race Day #2
1000	Competitors meeting (if needed)
1130	First Warning Signal of the day
Saturday, July 25, 2015	Race Day #3
1000	Competitors meeting (if needed)
1130	First Warning Signal of the day
1500	No further Warning Signals shall be made
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5. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 5.1 Competitors shall present their 29er boat and sails in relatively dry condition and racing configuration for inspection during one of the Equipment Inspection periods listed in NOR 4.2.
- 5.2 Boats may be inspected for class rules compliance at any time during the regatta.
- 5.3 Only one set of sails, and one forestay, shall be used throughout the regatta.
- 5.4 Sail numbers must comply with class rules and ISAF regulations.
- 5.5 For any measurement/inspection questions pre-regatta, please contact John Papadopoulos - jakp@mindspring.com

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at the Registration/Check-in desk or on the website during the Registration/Check-in periods listed in NOR 4.2

7. VENUE AND COURSES

- 7.1 The racing area will be on the waters of San Francisco Bay in the vicinity of the Richmond Yacht Club.
- 7.2 The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward courses. The race target time will be 30 minutes.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

9. SCORING

- 9.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2 When fewer than six (6) races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

10. COACH AND SPECTATOR BOATS

- 10.1 All coaches and spectators intending to operate boats near the racing venue must register with the Organizing Authority, at which time they shall provide boat registration/documentation and proof of insurance for the boat(s) they intend to use. Coach and spectator boats shall be marked with neon green flags.
- 10.2 All coach and spectator boats shall provide their own VHF radio and monitor a VHF channel designated by the Race Committee in order to receive instructions from the RC while in the vicinity of the racing venue. All such boats shall additionally function as Safety Boats and follow instructions from the RC.
- 10.3 Failure to register, failure to monitor the designated VHF channel, or failure to abide by instructions may result in operating restrictions being placed up on the coach, spectator, or their boat (s) during the regatta.
- 10.4 When races are underway, coach and spectator boats shall remain out of the racing area, unless serving as a safety boat or on instructions from the Race Committee.

11. FACILITIES

11.1 Competitors shall store their boats on the grounds of RYC for the duration of this event. Exact location will be given at the Registration/Check-In desk

11.2 A boat ramp suitable for launching a 29er using a hand dolly will be provided.

11.3 On site storage of trailers during the event will be provided with advanced approval from the RYC Youth Director youthsailing@richmondyc.org.

11.4 Parking is only allowed in the North end parking lot. Non-members cannot park past the No Parking signs.

8.5 Coach/Spectator boats can be launched using the hoist located at RYC or public ramp located at Marina Bay, 1340 South Marina Way, Richmond, CA.

12. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the following:

12.1 The top USA team (both skipper and crew residents of the USA) – the US 29er National Champions.

12.2 The top five (5) teams.

12.3 The top junior team (both skipper and crew under 19 years of age on December 31, 2015).

12.4 The top all-female team.

13. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

Competitors entering the regatta accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the racing and/or using RYC facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use/reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not without compensation and without the competitors' approval of such images or any use thereof.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors compete in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information for the regatta, please contact:

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