



RICHMOND YACHT CLUB

29er Class US National Championship

July 22-25, 2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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.
- 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. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, which is located on the north wall of the Regatta Room at the east end of the first floor of Richmond Yacht Club (RYC). Changes may also be posted on the RYC website.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Rule 90.2(c) is amended to allow oral changes to the Sailing Instructions on the water. In the event the Race Committee needs to communicate oral changes, they shall raise flag L and attempt to hail competitors.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the mast on the upper deck of the RYC clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Ten races are scheduled. There will be no practice race or qualifying series.
- 5.2 The schedule of races is as follows.

Thursday, July 23, 2015	Race Day #1
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 (See 5.4)
ASAP	Prize giving

5.3 The Race Committee Signal Boat will display flag H while boats are finishing to indicate there will be no more racing today. If flag H is not so displayed, boats should return to the starting area in anticipation of another race to follow.

5.4 On the last day of the regatta no initial warning signal will be made after 1500 hours. However, the warning signal for the start following one or more general recalls may be after 1500.

6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be flag A.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be located on the waters of San Francisco Bay in the vicinity of Richmond Yacht Club.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 The diagram in Appendix A shows the courses.

8.2 The course will be designated by a numeric pennant.

8.3 If mark 1 or mark 1a is missing, the remaining mark shall be left to port.

8.4 Marks 2S and 2P are a gate. If a gate mark is missing, round the remaining mark to port.

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 1a, 2S, 2P and the start mark will be yellow inflatable buoys. The finish mark will be a red inflatable buoy.

10. THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and an inflatable mark.

10.2 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

11. CHANGE OF POSITION TO THE NEXT MARK

- 11.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark (or finishing line) to a new position.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and an inflatable mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit will be 60 minutes.
14.2 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15. PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE

- 15.1 After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing* may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty calculated as described in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.
15.2 The Post-Race Penalty shall be
(a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or
(b) 30%, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Boats intending to protest are requested to sail by the race committee finish boat after finishing and inform the committee of the boat to be protested.
16.2 Protest forms will be available near the official notice board in the club house. Protests shall be delivered to the race committee representative within the protest time limit, which shall be 30 minutes after the committee boat returns to the dock. The return time will be posted on the official notice board.
16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the library near the entry of RYC.
16.4 Breaches of instructions 18 and 19 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides.
16.5 On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
This changes rule 66.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
17.2 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.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Check-in and check-out on the dock: Boats are requested to note their departure from the harbor and their return to the dock on the regatta check-out board.
- 18.2 Check-in and check-out on the water: Boats are requested to check in with the race committee by sailing by the committee boat, on starboard tack, prior to the first warning signal. Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the race committee.
- 18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. If the competitor is unable to notify the race committee on the water, he shall complete and post a retirement form on the regatta notice board.

19. COACH AND SPECTATOR BOATS

- 19.1 All coaches and spectators intending to operate boats near the racing venue must register with the Organizing Authority, at which time they shall indicate which competitors they are coaching and 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.
- 19.2 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
- 19.3 Failure to register, failure to monitor the designated VHF channel, or failure to abide by instructions may result in operating restrictions being placed upon the coach, spectator, or their boat (s) during the regatta.
- 19.4 When races are underway, coach and spectator boats shall remain out of the racing area, away from the start/finish line and only on the left side of the race course, unless serving as a safety boat or on instructions from the Race Committee.

20. PRIZES

- 20.1 Prizes will be awarded to the following:
- 20.2 The top USA team (both skipper and crew residents of the USA) – the US 29er National Champions.
- 20.3 The top five (5) teams.
- 20.4 The top junior team (both skipper and crew under 19 years of age on December 31, 2015).
- 20.5 The top all-female team.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the 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.

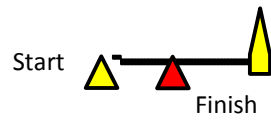
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PRO: Bill Gage

APPENDIX A

COURSES

Mark 1a   Mark 1

Mark 2S   Mark 2P



Courses:

2: Start, 1, 1a, 2S/2P, 1, 1a, Finish

3: Start, 1, 1a, 2S/2P, 1, 1a, 2S/2P, 1, 1a, Finish

Marks 2S/2P are a gate. Marks 1, and 1a are left to port.