



RICHMOND YACHT CLUB

2015 Moore 24 National Championship

August 28th-30th, 2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: Richmond Yacht Club, Point Richmond, California

1 RULES

- 1.1** This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of sailing (RRS), and the Moore 24 class rules.
- 1.2** RRS 40.1 will be deleted and replaced with: "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing clothing or personal equipment." Note that Flag Y will not be displayed.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, which is located in the Regatta Room at the east end of the first floor of Richmond Yacht Club (RYC).

- 2.1** Competitors meeting well be held at 1000 on the 28th and 0930 on the 29th & 30th RYC lower deck.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0945 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

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. This changes "Race Signals".

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1	<u>RACE</u>	<u>DAY AND TIME</u>	<u>TIME OF FIRST WARNING SIGNAL</u>
	1	8/28/2015	11:55
	2 long distance	8/28/2015	Immediately following Race #1
	3	8/29/2015	11:55
	4	8/29/2015	Immediately following Race #3
	5	8/29/2015	Immediately following Race #4
	6	8/30/2015	10:55
	7	8/30/2015	Immediately following Race #6
	8	8/30/2015	Immediately following Race #7

5.2 After the first race each day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, a series of short sound signals and a radio announcement may be made on VHF channel 79

6 The 2015 Fleet Captain will be fleet spokesperson on the water for competitors concerns, requests or gripes in racing area before the starting sequence of any race.

7 RACING AREAS

There are 2 Racing Areas. On Friday the 28th long distance race will start in OC area and will be using fixed and inflatable marks in the main & north bay. Pelican will be start and finish boat for the Friday long distance race.

Olympic Circle area

Pelican will be start and finish boat using all inflatable marks for the buoy races.

VHF 79 will be the race committee working channel

8 THE COURSES

8.1 **Attachments A and B** shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.3 There will not be an Offset Mark set at any of the weather marks used on Friday the 28th for the long distance race.

There will be an Offset Mark "O" set 5-15 boat-lengths from the weather mark on the buoy races. The offset mark is to be passed in sequence as designated in the course descriptions on **Attachment B**.

8.4 The course to be sailed will be designated by flag displayed from the Race Committee signal boat.

9 MARKS on Saturday and Sunday

9.1 Marks will be yellow or orange inflatable cylinders or tetrahedrons; offset mark will be an orange ball.

9.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 12, will be a different color than the mark being replaced.

10 AREAS THAT ARE RESTRICTED

The following objects shall be left to shoreward:

Bell buoy 7 off the west end of Alcatraz. Above obstruction is not a mark of the course.

The extension between Angel Island and "Blunt buoy G3 will be considered a restricted area.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26. With a 5 minute sequence.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of an inflatable mark.

11.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practical.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and an inflatable mark. Competitors should turn sail so finish line crew can see sail numbers immediately after finishing.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limit for Friday's distance race shall be 5 hours.
The time limit for each buoy races shall be 90 minutes.

14.2 Friday boats failing to finish distance race within 60 minutes after the first boat in the fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday boats failing to finish buoy races within 20 minutes after the first boat in the fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15 SCORING

15.1 Eight races are scheduled. Four races shall constitute a series. All races will count toward the final score; there will be no throw outs. This changes the RSS.

16 THE COURSE

Courses for the distance race on Attachment A
Courses for the buoy racing on Attachment B

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 Protest forms will be available near the official notice board in the club house. Protests shall be delivered to a Race Committee representative in the Race Office 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.

17.2 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.

17.3 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1** Check-in: Boats are required to check in with the Race Committee by sailing by the committee boat, on starboard tack, prior to the first warning at least 15 minutes before the first start first race each day. No radio check in is allowed. However channel 79 should be monitored at all times for information from the race committee.
- 18.2** Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the Race Committee before leaving the course area VHF 79. If that is not possible, the competitor shall notify a shore side member of the Race Committee or a club staff member (Bartender, Harbormaster) immediately after arriving ashore.
- 18.3** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 19.1** A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 19.2** The Race Committee may use the following VHF channel to communicate information about the day's racing and the sail numbers of boats that are OCS or have violated RRS 30.
- **--VHF 79**
- Neither failure of the Race Committee to communicate the sail numbers of recalled boats in a timely manner, nor failure of a recalled boat to receive or hear transmitted information, will be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

20 PRIZES

- 20.1** Trophies will be awarded for 1st through 5th Place. Other trophies may be awarded as deemed appropriate. , as soon as possible after completion of the event.
- 20.3** Unclaimed prizes will be held at the RYC Office for a period of one month only. Call at (510) 237-2821 to be sure someone will be in the office for pickup.

21 INTERFERENCE WITH COMMERCIAL VESSELS

Boats shall not impede the passage of ship traffic while racing. Rule 9 of the Inland Rules of the Road applies with respect to all shipping traffic on San Francisco Bay and its tributaries. A violation of Rule 9 is subject to protest by any competitor or by the Race Committee. Compliance with the RRS 60-63 will not be required with respect to a protest involving a Rule 9 infraction. A violation of Rule 9 may not be exonerated by a Turns or Scoring penalty. Any complaint received by the Race Committee from the United States Coast Guard or the captain or bar pilot of any ship that has sounded five blasts on its horn during the course of a race shall result in an automatic protest by the Race Committee if the captain, bar pilot or Coast Guard identifies an offending boat by sail number. In any case where a ship has sounded five blasts on its horn, a presumption shall be created at the protest hearing that the protested yacht(s) has (have) violated Rule 9 and the protested yacht(s) shall have the burden of proving that it(they) did not impede the progress of the ship. Race Committee chase boats patrolling the race course may hail boats to alter course to avoid impeding ship traffic. Failure of any boat to comply with the hail of the Race Committee shall result in an automatic protest by the Race Committee.

A protest of a Rule 9 infraction by a competitor may be made at any time prior to the conclusion of the regatta, but not more than 24 hours after the incident. A protest by the Race Committee for an infraction of Rule 9 may be made at any time up to two days after the conclusion of the regatta. The Richmond Yacht Club will cooperate and provide relevant information to any investigations by the Coast Guard or other competent governmental authority of violations of Rule 9.

22 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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Attachment A

Long distance racecourses only for Friday August 28th

Course #1 (reacy)

Start

YRA mark 12 (inner Harding rock) to Port

YRA mark 19 to port

YRA mark NR 14 to Starboard

YRA mark location BOC (B bottom of circle) to port (RYC tetrahedron inflatable)

Finish

Course #2 (long island special)

Start

YRA mark 12 (inner Harding rock) to starboard

Red Rock to port

Angel Island to port

YRA mark location BOC (B bottom of circle) to port (RYC tetrahedron inflatable)

Finish

Course #3 (2 angels)

Start

Angel Island to Starboard

YRA mark 19 to port

Angel Island to port

YRA mark location BOC (B bottom of circle) to port (RYC tetrahedron inflatable)

Finish

Course #4 (down wind finish)

Start

Angel Island to Starboard

YRA mark location BOC (B bottom of circle) to port (RYC tetrahedron inflatable)

Angel Island to Starboard

Finish

Course #5 (short course)

Start

Angel Island to Starboard

YRA mark location BOC (B bottom of circle) to port (RYC tetrahedron inflatable)

Finish

Restricted Areas

The following objects shall be left to shoreward:

Bell buoy 7 off the west end of Alcatraz. Above obstruction is not a mark of the course.

I beam and Anita Rock buoy near St. Francis YC shall be passed on the bay side

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Attachment B

Buoy Courses

O W

R S _____ Pelican ____ F

L

Marks

W – Weather Mark

R – Reaching Mark

L – Leeward Mark

O – Offset Mark

Courses

1 – Start – W(p) – O(p) - L(p) - Finish

2 – Start – W(p) – O(p) – L(p) – W(p) – O(p) - L(p) -Finish

3 – Start – W(p) – O(p) – L(p) – W(p) – O(p) – L(p) – W(p) – O(p) -L(p) - Finish

4 – Start – W(p) – O(p) –R(p)- L(p) – W(p) – O(p) - L(p) -Finish

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