



**2015 Express 27 National Championship**  
**October 8-11, 2015**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**Organizing Authority: Corinthian Yacht Club, Tiburon, California**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the Express 27 class rules.
- 1.2 Appendix T Section A (PENALTIES WHILE RACING) shall apply. 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.'
- 1.3 RRS 40 is deleted and replaced with, "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices."
- 1.4 The jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the Class Rules, or other non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1(a).

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located next to the CYC Office inside. Notices may also be posted on the CYC website at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/10984>

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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 main flagpole located adjacent to the Club.
- 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 Friday, Oct 9                      0930: Skippers' Meeting (Main deck)

1130: First warning signal for distance race(s)

Saturday, Oct 10      1130: Warning signal for windward / leeward race 1  
Races 2 and 3 to follow

Sunday, Oct 11      1130: Warning signal for windward / leeward race 4  
Race 5 to follow

5.2 After the first race each day, the warning signal for the following races 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.

5.3 When code flag A is flown from the race committee finishing boat it means 'no more racing today.'

5.4 No starts will be made after 1500 hours on Sunday.

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

Class flag will be white with a black Express 27 insignia.

## **7 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be in the vicinity of the Berkeley Olympic Circle, except for the distance race(s), which may go outside the Golden Gate and finish near Knox.

## **8 THE COURSES**

8.1 Attachment A shows the courses. Marks 2s and 2p collectively are a gate. If one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall round the remaining mark to port. All rounding marks shall be left to port, except marks X and R, which shall be left to starboard.

8.2 The course to be sailed will be designated by placards displayed from the race committee signal boat.

## **9 MARKS**

9.1 Marks for courses 1, 2, and 3 will be orange inflatable buoys.

9.2 Marks for courses 4 and 5 will be YRA marks and dropped marks as described in attachment A.

## **10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

Boats shall not pass through the areas bound by the following objects:

(a) Pt. Blunt buoy and the closest point ashore on Angel Island.

(b) The bell buoy off the west end of Alcatraz and the closest point ashore on Alcatraz Island.

(c) The south tower of the Golden Gate Bridge and the closest point ashore.

## **11 THE START**

11.1 The starting line will be set in the vicinity of the Berkeley Olympic Circle for all races.

11.2 The starting line will be between a halyard or staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a yellow inflatable mark.

11.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A4.1.

## **12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or finish line) to a new position and signal this change in accordance with rule 33.

## **13 THE FINISH**

13.1 The downwind finish line, for courses 1 and 3, will be between a halyard or staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and a yellow inflatable mark.

13.2 The upwind finish line, for course 2, will be between a halyard or staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and a yellow inflatable mark set approximately 100 yards upwind of mark 1.

13.3 The finish line for course 4 and 5 will be between a halyard or staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and a yellow inflatable mark set in the vicinity of Knox.

## **14 TIME LIMITS**

14.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish the distance race(s) is 240 minutes or 1700 hrs, whichever is earlier. Boats failing to finish within 60 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.

14.2 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish for the windward/leeward races is 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 30 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 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1 Protest forms will be available at the Regatta Table in the clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered to the race committee representative at the Regatta Table within the protest time limit, which shall be one hour after the race committee signal boat returns to the dock. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

15.2 Notices will be posted immediately following the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties, and the time such hearings will commence.

15.3 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision that day.

This changes RRS 66.

## **16 SCORING**

Three races must be completed to constitute a series. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

## **17 SAFETY**

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. Boats leaving the race area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the race committee on VHF 71.

## **18 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

## **19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a measurer or RC equipment inspector to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

## **21 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

21.1 The Race Committee may use VHF channel 71 to communicate information about course selection, time to start, and the sail numbers of boats that are OCS or have violated RRS 30. 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.

21.2 Except in an emergency, 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.

## **22 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the top five finishers after the racing. The Express 27 Nationals Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the regatta.

## **23 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.

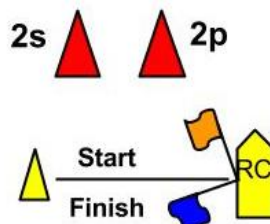
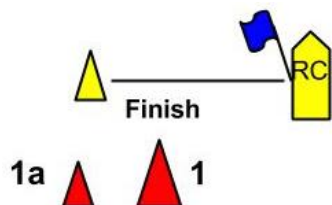
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# ATTACHMENT A

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### COURSES



- Marks 1, 1a, and 2s/2p are orange inflatable buoys.
- Mark W is a large orange inflatable mark set between Pt. Diablo and Pt. Bonita (Bonita Cove). The location will be adjusted for course length.
- Mark R is a red inflatable mark set approximately 1 nm northeast of the Southampton Shoal platform.
- Mark X is a red inflatable mark set in the center of the Berkeley Circle at the location of YRA XOC.
- Mark 24 is a red bell buoy located 1.1 nm east of Quarry Point on Angel Island.
- Mark 12 is Little Harding Rock Buoy (green)
- Mark 1(Red Rock) is Red Rock.

Marks 1, 1a, W, 24, 12, and 1(Red Rock) are rounding marks and shall be left to port; marks R and X are rounding marks and shall be left to starboard; Marks 2s and 2p collectively are a gate. If one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall round the remaining mark to port.

#### Courses

- 1 – Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish Downwind
- 2 – Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish Upwind
- 3 – Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish Downwind
- 4 – Start - Wp - 24p - Rs - Xs – Finish Upwind (in the vicinity of Knox)
- 5 – Start - 1p(Red Rock) - 24p - Rs - Xs - 12p - 24p - Finish Upwind (In the vicinity of Knox)