



BERKELEY YACHT CLUB

2015 EXPRESS 37 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

October 2nd – 4th, 2015

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: THE BERKELEY YACHT CLUB
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the 2013 – 2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) with US Sailing Prescriptions in effect.
- 1.2 RRS 40 is changed as follows: Competitors shall wear life jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy while racing, except when below deck or briefly while changing clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.3 Appendix T Section B (POST RACE PENALTIES) shall apply.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to boats of the Express 37 class that are owned or chartered by a member or members of the Express 37 Class Association. Express 37 class rules will apply.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration found at:
www.regattanetwork.com/event/11219
or at the late registration table at the BYC clubhouse.
- 2.3 Registration for the event shall be completed by submission of the entry form and payment of the required entry fees by September 21st, 2015. Additionally, the submission of completed and signed copies of the crew weight and required equipment forms must be received by the Class Secretary prior to 1800 hours on October 2nd, 2015.

3.0 FEES

- 3.1 Entry fee is \$350. The late entry fee will be \$100 for all entries received on, or after Tuesday September 22nd, 2015. The entry fee includes eight dinner tickets to the regatta reception and Paella dinner. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$25 per person.

4.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, October 2nd

- 0930 hours: Skipper's meeting at BYC clubhouse.
- 1130 hours: First warning signal, race 2 to follow.
- No host bar and Friday Night BBQ (\$10 - \$17) at the BYC clubhouse after racing.

Saturday, October 3rd

- 1130 hours: Warning signal for race 3.
- Distance race to follow.
- Regatta Reception and Paella Party at the BYC clubhouse after racing.

Sunday, October 4th

- 1130 hours: Warning signal for race 5, race 6 to follow race 5.
- 1400 hours: No starts to take place after this time.
- No host bar and trophy presentation at the BYC clubhouse after racing.

5.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available online at berkeleyyc.org and in the BYC Bar area by 1700 hours on Wednesday, September 30th, 2015.

6.0 VENUE

The racing area will be the Berkeley Circle and the Central San Francisco Bay.

7.0 COURSES

The courses will be windward leeward type courses with the exception of the distance race, which will be described in the sailing instructions.

8.0 SCORING

8.1 Six races are scheduled, of which three must be completed to constitute a series.

8.2 Each boat's series score will be the sum of her scores for all races. This changes Appendix A2.

9.0 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 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.

9.2 The race committee may communicate information about the regatta via VHF 72.

10.0 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers. The Express 37 National Championship Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the regatta.

11.0 BERTHING

Berthing will be available at Berkeley Yacht Club guest docks and the Berkeley Marina guests slips from Thursday, October 1st through Monday, October 5th.

12.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

13.0 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

14.0 FURTHER INFORMATION For additional info please contact David Fullerton, Fleet Captain
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