

Notice of Race

Event

This event is the 26th annual Point Richmond to Stockton Race, also known as the Delta Ditch Run. The first warning will be at 10:25 A.M. on **Saturday, June 4, 2016**. The course is from the starting area which is located between the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge and the Brothers Islands, to the finish line at the Stockton Sailing Club. *(Cruising Division's first warning will be at 8:25 A.M. and will start between the flag on the RYC Race Platform to Red #8 in the channel.)*

Rules

This event will be governed by the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing, the minimum safety equipment standards set by the YRA of San Francisco, the sailing instructions for this event and any applicable Federal and State laws. Operating VHF radios are required on board. They must be used to check in, be monitored during the race for safety, and to check out.

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. Prior to the start, the skipper of each entrant shall electronically accept, as part of the entry process, the Richmond Yacht Club/Stockton Sailing Club joint liability release form, which is found on the electronic entry application for this event.

Qualified Entrants

This event is open to boats with a San Francisco Bay or Stockton Sailing Club PHRF rating. In the event that identical boats rate differently under the two systems, the race committee shall assign a common rating. Due to the typical sailing conditions of this event, time allowances for carrying reduced size headsails will not be allowed. All yachts shall carry a full race PHRF rating. *Mono-hulled boats without certificates may have a rating assigned by the SSC Race Committee provided that their entry is accepted.* However, some boats including modified boats may be required to submit a valid NCPHRF certificate issued by the San Francisco Bay YRA (www.yra.org). Final handicap decisions rest with the SSC race committee. (note: All applications and supporting documents for the San Francisco Bay YRA committee must be received by them no later than the 3rd Thursday of the month to be included on the agenda for that month's YRA meeting.)

Short-handed divisions (single or double handed) will be available to mono-hulled boats

A cruising division will be available to mono-hulled boats wishing to have a motoring time allowance. This division is open to all cruising yachts. Entrants will receive a four hour motoring allowance.

All entrants will race with their full PHRF number or an appropriate number will be assigned.

There is no restriction on the number/type of sails to be used

The Cruising Division will be sailing for the Frank Dukat Memorial Trophy.

A separate division is open to sailing multi-hulls with a minimum design length of seventeen feet or longer and a crew of two or more, **that have a valid Bay Area Multi-hull Association (BAMA) rating. Beach cats must have two coach/escort boats oversee them. The Multi-hull association will notify us by May 1, 2016 if they can supply them.**

Entry Fees

If received by	May 15, 2016	\$85
If received after	May 15, 2016	\$95
If received after	May 29, 2016	\$125

*United States Sailing Association members may deduct \$5.

Entries close at 10 PM on Wednesday, June 1, 2016.

Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available no later than Sunday May 29th at the Stockton Sailing Club and the Richmond Yacht Club. Information will also be available on the web at <http://www.stocktonsc.org> or <http://www.richmondyc.org>

Assignment to Division

- Division formation will be based upon the number and types of entrants.
- All divisions will be scored on the basis of PHRF Time-on-Time using standard buoy ratings.
- One-Design divisions will be allowed upon request by fleets with at least six (6) boats, provided enough entries are received prior to the close of registration.
- Final division assignments will be made on Thursday.

Prizes

Awards will be presented to the top three finishers of each division. First-to-finish, both for mono and multi hull divisions. The top five monohull boats corrected overall will also receive awards. *Only monohull boats which do not have an engine allowance are eligible for the overall awards.* The winner of the Cruising Division will receive the Frank Dukat Perpetual Trophy.