



**Richmond Yacht Club**  
**SPORTBOAT INVITATIONAL**  
**Ultimate 20 NAs**  
**Oct. 7, 8, 9, 2016**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1.0 RULES:** The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), as modified by these Sailing Instructions and the one-design class rules of the participating classes. Ultimate 20 boats and equipment must be in accordance with Articles OD-III, OD-V, OD-VI, OD-VII, and OD-VIII.
- 2.0 SAFETY:** Boats shall comply with all government regulations regarding safety equipment and restricted areas. Boats shall stay clear of all commercial traffic. A vessel's failure to stay clear of commercial traffic is a safety violation and will be the basis for disqualification. All racers shall wear an appropriate PFD during racing. Code flag Y will not be displayed, this changes RRS 40
- 3.0 ENTRIES:** The invited classes are the Open 570, Ultimate 20, Antrim 27, Melges 24 & 30, Synergy, Thompson, Flying Tiger, Henderson 30, J70, J90, Ultimate 24, Far 30, Soto 30, Viper 640. Eligible boats in these classes may be entered by completing registration ON LINE at [www.richmondyc.org](http://www.richmondyc.org) and signing the waver prior to 11:00 Sat. Oct. 10
- 4.0 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Regatta Bulletin Board in the Richmond Yacht Club 1<sup>st</sup> floor Regatta Room and on [www.richmond.org](http://www.richmond.org).
- 5.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 0930 hrs on the day it will take effect, and code flag L will be hoisted on the yardarm of the mast near the Richmond Yacht Club Turning Basin. Any changes in schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hrs on the day before it will take effect.
- 6.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:**
- 6.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the mast on the Richmond Yacht Club upper deck
- 6.2** Code Flag "AP", Answering Pennant, with two (2) sound signals means the race is postponed, One (1) sound signal and lowering of the Answering Pennant will indicate end of postponement time and the warning signal will be made on the water not less than 60 minutes later.
- 7.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES:**
- 7.1** Friday Oct. 7
- Skippers briefing; RYC Dining Rm 1000 Hours
  - **Race #1** First Warning 1200 Hours
  - **Race #2** First Warning Immediately following Race #1
  - **Race #3** First Warning Immediately following Race #2
- 7.2** Saturday Oct. 8
- **Race #4** First Warning 1200 Hours
  - **Race #5** First Warning Immediately following Race #4
  - **Race #6** First Warning Immediately following Race #5
- 7.3** Sunday Oct. 9
- **Race #7** First Warning 1200 Hours
  - **Race #8** First Warning Immediately following Race #7

**8.0 CLASS FLAGS & RACING FLEETS:** To be announced at Skippers Meeting Sat. Oct.10 10:00 RYC Temporary Dining Room

8.1 Course flags will be numerical pennants.

**9.0 RACING AREAS:**

9.1 The intended Racing Area for all races will be in the vicinity of Southampton Shoal.

**10.0 COURSES and MARKS for Saturday and Sunday:**

10.1 The Windward (W) and Leeward (L) marks will be large yellow inflatable marks. The Offset mark (O) will be orange.

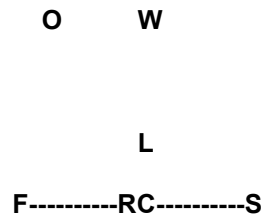
**Course 1: Start – Wp – Op – Finish**

**Course 2: Start – Wp – Op – Lp – Wp – Op – Finish**

**Course 3: Start – Wp – Op – Lp – Wp – Op – Lp – Wp – Op – Finish**

10.2 Courses will be signaled by displaying numerical pennant(s) on the Race Committee boat. The Race Committee may announce the fleet starting sequences and course number on VHF channel 78.

10.3 Diagram of Courses 1-3:



**11.0 START:**

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26. The absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

11.2 Warning Signal for succeeding class will be with or after the starting signal of the preceding class. The fleet starting order for the second or third race of the day may be changed at the discretion of the Race Committee based on fleet availability.

11.3 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the red ball START mark on the **starboard** end of the line.

11.4 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

11.5 A boat starting more than 4 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS.

**12.0 FINISH:**

12.1 The finish line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the red can FINISH mark on the **starboard** end of the line.

**13.0 TIME LIMIT:**

13.1 The time limit for each class will be **2 hours**, however if one boat in a class finishes within the time limit, boats finishing within 20 minutes of the first boat in their class will be scored. Boats finishing 20 minutes or more after the first boat in their class will be scored as "Did Not Finish". This changes RRS 35.

**14.0 Restrictions:**

14.1 The Start line and the Finish line are restricted except for boats that are preparing to start, starting or finishing.

14.2 All boats must remain in the water for the duration of the regatta.

**15.0 PROTESTS:**

15.1 Protests shall be written on forms available on the Regatta Notice Board in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor Regatta Room and lodged there within the Protest Period, which will begin when the RC Boat docks and thirty minutes later.

15.2 Protest time limits and protest notices will be posted on the Regatta Bulletin Board to inform competitors where and when the hearing will be held. Competitors are responsible to check the Regatta Bulletin Board for possible protests.

15.3 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as posted on the board.

- 16.0 SCORING:**
- 16.1** The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A of the racing rules will apply as modified below.
- 16.2** One race must be sailed to constitute a series for the U-20, 3 races for all others in the SBI
- 16.3** 8 races are scheduled for the U-20 Championship. When 7 or more races have been completed, each boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst excludable score.
- 16.4** 5 races are scheduled for Sport boat Invitational. When 5 races have been completed, each boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst excludable score.
- 17.0 PRIZES:** Prizes will be presented following the racing on Sunday.
- 18.0 PARKING:** Trailers must be placed in the fenced area to the West of the Club. Cars may be parked in the front lot or in the West paring area. RVs and Campers must be parked in the West parking area.

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