



RICHMOND YACHT CLUB

SF to Ensenada A California International Coastal Race

Sept 23-29. 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: Richmond Yacht Club, Point Richmond, California

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2016-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The 2017 US Safety Equipment Regulations (USSER) US Coastal Race level. the equipment requirement are available at <http://www.ussailing.org/safety/equipment-and-requirements/>
- 1.2 **RRS 17** is changed, between local Sunset and Sunrise to read “When two yachts are on the same tack and within three overall lengths of the larger yacht. The yacht being overtaken shall maintain her proper course. The overtaking yacht shall keep clear and neither yacht shall bear away toward or luff the other
- 1.3 **RRS 51** Is modified to allow the movement of sails not in use, however all sails not being flown must remain within the yachts lifelines.
- 1.4 **RRS 51** is waived with respect to yachts rated with movable ballast. All ballast systems shall be capable of manual operation if powered systems are inoperable
- 1.5 **RRS 52** is modified so that Double or Single handed yachts may use Autopilots or steering vanes.
- 1.6 **RRS 55** is changed; A boat is allowed to discard biodegradable stops when setting a sail. USCG regulations regarding disposal at sea are in effect.
- 1.7 National letters of country identification are not required. This changes **RRS 77, 86.2** and **G1.1(b)**
- 1.8 **RRS 64.1** penalties and Exoneration is changed. Add: For other than part 2 infractions the Protest Committee may penalize a boat by adding additional time to her corrected time.

1.9 **USSER** is modified as follows:

3.9 All boats shall have an AIS Transponder sharing a masthead antenna via a low loss AIS antenna splitter. An acceptable alternative is a dedicated AIS antenna that is a minimum 0.9 meters long, mounted with its base at least 3 meters above the water and fed by coax that has a maximum 40% power loss.

3.16.1 A Boat shall carry a 406 MHz EPIRB that is properly registered to the boat. Or a floating Personal Locator Beacon, registered to the person in charge. These devices shall have an internal GPS.

3.2 "Chart Books" will satisfy this requirement.

3.39 each yacht shall carry a currently certified inflatable Life Raft designed for saving life at sea with capacity for the entire crew. SOLAS, ISO 9650-1, World Sailing, USSailing and USCG approved Coastal rafts meet this requirement.

4.3.1 At least 30% of those aboard the boat, but not fewer than two, unless sailing singlehanded, including the person in charge, shall have attended a one-day or 2 day USSailing Safety at Sea Seminar within the last 5 years, including on line courses when available or other courses as accepted by US Sailing or other National Authority.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The California Offshore Race is open to all Mono-hull and Multihull yachts meeting the requirements of the 2016-2017 Coastal USSER. Minimum length for Multi-hull yachts is 45' LOA, however consideration may be given to smaller Multi-hulls which meet recognized multihull stability standards such as ISO 12217

3.1 Yachts must have a valid ORR Certificate or NCPHRF Certificate rating of 150 or less.

3.2 Multi-hull yachts must have valid BAMA rating

3.3 Yachts must submit their rating certificate(s) by 2000 hrs on July 15, 2017.

3.4 Boats may not change their rating after 2000 hrs on July 15, 2017.

3.5 Eligible boats may be entered by completing online registration found at www.richmondyc.org.

3.6 On line entry will include

1. Full yacht and owner /skipper/charterer information.
2. Crew List with addresses phone numbers, e-mail, emergency contacts. It shall be the responsibility of the Owner/Charterer to maintain and update current crew list and contact information.
3. Signed Waiver and Release by Owner/ Skipper /Charterer and ALL crew members.
4. Documentation of compliance with crew qualifications and safety requirements per USSER. 3.1.1, 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 4.1.2, 4.2, 4.3.2

- 3.7 The entry fee is \$ 300 plus \$4 per foot LOA as listed on the rating certificate. A \$100 late fee will be assessed after 2000 hrs July 1, 2017. Credit cards will be accepted using the online registration procedure.
- 3.8 No entries will be accepted after 2000 hrs on Aug 15, 2017
- 3.9 No entry fee will be returned for reason of withdrawal after 2000 hrs August 15,2017.
- 3.10 Yachts are required to carry Tracking Transponders supplied by the organizing Authority. Transponders will be used for daily position reports. Yachts are not responsible for the rental fee but are required to enter into a rental agreement with the transponder rental company which may require an equipment deposit from the Yacht.

4. **INSURANCE`**

The owner or charterer shall carry a current third party liability of USD\$1,000,000 minimum, per incident.

5. **CUSTOMS & IMPORT**

All boats entering Mexico are required to secure a Temporary Import Permit (TIP) click the 'Customs' link at sportfishingmexico.com for valuable information for securing a TIP

6. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Last day for Standard Entry	2000 hrs Sat.	July 1, 2017
Last day to submit Final Rating.	2000 hrs Sat.	July 15, 2017
Sailing Instructions available		Aug. 15, 2017
Last day to enter with late fee or refund	2000 hrs Tues.	Aug. 15, 2017
Skippers Meeting,	1930 hrs Thurs.	Sept. 21, 2017
Trackers issued starting	1800 hrs Thurs.	Sept. 21, 2017
First COR Start	1200 hrs Sat.	Sept. 23, 2017
Second COR Start	1200 hrs Sun.	Sept. 24, 2017
Ensenada awards Ceremony at Marina Coral Hotel	1500 hrs Fri.	Sept. 29, 2017

7. **MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION**

All yachts will be subject to inspection for compliance with all safety and provisions of this NOR after Aug 15, 2017

8. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing instructions will be available after August 15, 2017 at the Richmond Yacht Club, and on our web page, www.richmondyc.org.

9. **COURSES**

The course will be from the Starting Line in San Francisco Bay to the finish line off Ensenada , Baja, Mexico.

10. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

The first sentence of **RRS 64.1** is changed to; "When the Protest committee has determined that a boat has broken a *rule* and is not Exonerated, it may impose a time penalty

11. DOCKAGE AND LAUNCHING

Limited guest berthing will be available in the RYC Harbor and guest dock. Contact the Harbormaster at 510-234-6959, or harbourmaster@richmondyc.org in advance.
Berthing at Marina Coral in Ensenada can be made by contacting; Marina Manager

1-866-302-0066 <http://www.hotelcoral.com/slip-reservation-en.html>

12. COMMUNICATIONS

12.1 Yachts shall carry a Satellite device capable of 2 way communications with the Race Committee by Voice, Text or E-mail

12.2 The Race Committee may use VHF radio to communicate information about time to start and OCS.

13. PRIZES

First to Finish, Elapsed time Monohull

First to Finish, Elapsed time Multihull

First Corrected PHRF

First corrected ORR

Division 1 Single handed 1st & 2nd Place

Division 1 Double handed 1st & 2nd Place

Division 2 PHRF 1st & 2nd Place

Division 3 PHRF 1st & 2nd Place

Awards based on participation and division splits

14. SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Day & Date	Time	Event	Location
Fri Sept 29, 2017	1500	Awards Ceremony	Marina Coral Hotel
	1800	Awards Dinner	Marina Coral Hotel

Additional information will be posted on line at richmondyc.org

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