



RICHMOND YACHT CLUB

Intra-Club Championship Series The “Fun Series”

April 29, June 24, August 26 and October 14, 2017

Notice of Race

Organizing Authority: Richmond Yacht Club, Point Richmond, California

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. (An abbreviated set of racing guidelines and an explanation of the starting process is attached.)
- 1.2 Competitors shall wear personal buoyancy while racing. Flag Y will not be displayed.

2. Format

- 2.1 The series objective is to encourage broad participation of RYC members with keel boats, from our traditional active racers to those who infrequently race. The emphasis will be on fun and social interaction, much like the beer can races. Each race will be followed by informal cocktails and dinners to enable continuing interaction among RYC sailors. The racing will be as serious as folks want it to be, but it is hoped that it will be fun for all.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 All Richmond Yacht Club members are eligible to enter their PHRF-rated boats of at least 18ft waterline length. Current PHRF certificates are not required.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may be entered for the series by completing on-line registration found at www.richmondyc.org prior to the first race sailed by that boat in the series. The entry deadline is 1900 on the Thursday before the day of the race.
- 3.3 The entry fee for the entire series will be \$20.00.

4. Fleets

- 4.1 Racing will be organized in two fleets, based on the preference of the sailor:
 - Serious Fun – We have a large number of active racers at RYC. This fleet is for them.
 - Mellow (More) Fun – We have a large number of sailors at RYC that haven't raced before or don't race much. This fleet is for them.

Fleets must be committed to at time of entry.

5. Handicap

- 5.1 Scoring will be based on PHRF handicaps applied time-on-time. PHRF certificates are not required; the Race Committee will assign handicaps as necessary consistent with PHRF.

6. Adjustments to Handicaps (Mellow Fun Division)

- 6.1 Non-Spinnaker – For boats that are rated with a spinnaker configuration who elect to race without spinnaker, their handicap will be increased by 6%.
- 6.2 Podium finishers – After the first race, boats that have finished in the top 3 positions in a race will have their handicaps adjusted downward as follows for the remainder of the series:
First – 15%
Second – 10%
Third – 5%
If a boat finishes in a higher position in a subsequent race, their handicap adjustment will be increased accordingly.
- 6.3 Tail-enders – Boats finishing in the last two places will have their handicaps adjusted upward as follows for the remainder of the series:
Last – 10%
Next – 5%

7. Schedule of Races

- 7.1 Race Dates (all 2017)
- | 7.2 Race # | Name | Date |
|------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Spring Tune-Up Race | Saturday, April 29 |
| 2 | Around the Brothers | Saturday, June 24 |
| 3 | Tri-Island Race | Saturday, August 26 |
| 4 | Barbary Coast Race | Saturday, October 14 |
- 7.3 There will be one race each race day. The start time for each race will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

8. Sailing Instructions

- 8.1 Sailing Instructions will be available the Friday before the day of each race at 1300 at the Richmond Yacht Club and on our web page at www.richmondyc.org.
- 8.2 Pursuit Race reverse handicapped start times and Class Race handicapped divisions will also be available after 1300 on Friday before the day of the race.

9. Racing Area and Courses

- 9.1 Consistent with the objective of fun racing for maximum participation, courses will be largely around natural bay features and permanent government marks. There will not be windward-leeward buoy races.
- 9.2 Racing area and courses will be described in Sailing Instructions for each specific race.
- 9.3 Course lengths will vary from approximately 10 nm to 21 nm.

10. Scoring

- 10.1 A boat's series score shall be her total score for all races in that series, excluding her worst score if all four (4) races have been completed.
- 10.2 A boat that does not finish a race will be scored one point more than the number of starters in that race.
- 10.3 A boat that does not race will be scored two points more than the number of starters in that race.

11. Communications

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

12. Prizes and Post-Race Party

- 12.1 Daily prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organizers during the social event that follows each race.
- 12.2 Series prizes will be awarded during the social event immediately following the last race of the series.
- 12.3 There will be a social event and a dinner available for purchase following each race. All participants are encouraged to attend.

13. Disclaimer of Liability

- 13.1 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

14. Further information

- 14.1 For further information, please contact the following individuals:
Regatta Chairs: Del Olsen or Bill Gage

Latitude 38's Basic Racing Guidelines

2017-2020

1. **Port tack keep clear** of starboard tack.
2. If boats are on *the same tack, and overlapped*, the **windward boat must keep clear** of the boat to leeward.
3. If boats are on the *same tack*, a **boat clear astern must keep clear** of a boat *clear ahead*.
4. **When tacking or jibing, keep clear** of boats on a tack.
5. **Avoid collisions.** If you have the right of way and hit the other boat, causing damage or injury, you both will be penalized.
6. **Don't obstruct.** Don't make it hard for the 'keep clear' boat to do so. (No hunting allowed.)
7. **Sail the course** prescribed. You have to round the marks in the directions specified in the Sailing Instructions and can't touch a mark.
8. **Proper Course** (same tack, within two hull lengths). If the leeward boat came from astern, leeward boat shall not sail above its own proper course during the overlap. (Remember that the windward boat still has to keep clear, even if windward is forced above what it believes is windward's proper course. Leeward still has right of way.)
9. **Give room at marks and obstructions** to yachts overlapped on the inside, except:
 - 9.1. When the overlap did not exist before the lead boat reaches the **three-boatlength zone**.
 - 9.2. When approaching a windward mark on opposite tack.
 - 9.3. At a starting mark surrounded by navigable water. That is, you don't have to let a barger in at the start except to avoid collision (then protest).
10. **Acknowledge your fouls and protest those who don't.**

Refer to the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 for completeness and accuracy.

RRS 26 STARTING SEQUENCE (SIMPLE)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FLAGS</u>	<u>SIGNAL</u>
> 5 MINUTES	COURSE FLAG -- NO LATER THAN WARNING	
5 MINUTES	WARNING -- RAISE CLASS FLAG	GUN
4 MINUTES	PREPARATORY -- RAISE P (OR I) FLAG	GUN
3 MINUTES		
2 MINUTES		
1 MINUTE	-- DROP P (OR I) FLAG	LONG HORN
0	START -- DROP CLASS FLAG	GUN

CLASS FLAGS:

Serious Fun - FLAG D



D

Relaxed Fun - FLAG E



E

PREPARATORY SIGNALS:

Normal - No Penalty



P

"Round Ends" Penalty



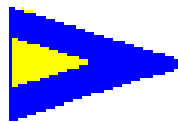
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RECALLS: Individual - GUN



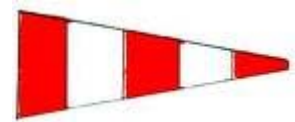
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General - 2 GUNS



First Substitute

POSTPONEMENT - 2 GUNS



Answering Pennant