



RICHMOND YACHT CLUB

2017 Moore 24 National Championship

August 25th-27th, 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: Richmond Yacht Club, Point Richmond, California

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of sailing (RRS), and the Moore 24 class rules. **1.3 Appendix V1. Will be in effect.**
- 1.2 RRS 40.1 will be deleted and replaced with: "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while on race course, except briefly while changing clothing or personal equipment." Note that Flag Y will not be displayed.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, which is located in the Regatta Room at the east end of the first floor of Richmond Yacht Club (RYC).

- 2.1 **Competitors meeting well be held at 0930 on August 25th ,26th & 27th RYC lower deck .**

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND PENALTIES

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0945 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

3.1 **PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT**

The Moore 24 class will require a two-turn penalty for an incident within the zone and a one-turn penalty for an incident outside the zone. This changes RSS 44.1

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the mast on the upper deck of the RYC clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes "Race Signals".

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1	<u>RACE</u>	<u>DAY AND TIME</u>	<u>TIME OF FIRST WARNING SIGNAL</u>
	First race	8/25/2017	11:55
	First race	8/26/2017	11:55
	First race	8/27/2017	10:55

5.2 After the first race each day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, a series of short sound signals and a radio announcement may be made on VHF channel 78

6 **The Class President will be the fleet spokesperson for on the water communications with the Race Committee.**

7 RACING AREAS

There are 2 Racing Areas. The long distance race will start in OC area and will be using fixed and inflatable marks in the main bay. Pelican will be start and finish boat for the Friday races.

Olympic Circle area

Pelican or Ranger will be start and finish boat using all inflatable marks for the buoy races.

VHF 78 will be the race committee working channel

8 THE COURSES

8.1 **Attachments A and B** shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.3 **There will not** be an Offset Mark set at any of the weather marks used for the long distance race. There will be an Offset Mark "O" set 5-15 boat-lengths from the weather mark on the buoy races. The offset mark is to be passed in sequence as designated in the course descriptions on **Attachment B**.

8.4 The course to be sailed will be designated by flag displayed from the Race Committee signal boat.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks will be yellow inflatable cylinders or tetrahedrons; offset mark will be an orange ball.

9.2 Replaced marks, as provided in instruction 12, will be a different color .

10 AREAS THAT ARE RESTRICTED

The extension between Alcatraz Island and Bell Buoy 7 is restricted.

The extension between Angel Island and Blunt Buoy G3 is restricted.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of an inflatable mark.

11.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practical.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a orange flag on a Race Committee boat and an inflatable mark. Competitors should turn sail so finish line crew can see sail numbers immediately after finishing.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit for distance race shall be 4 hours.
The time limit for each buoy races shall be 90 minutes.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish distance race within 45 minutes after the first boat in the fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- Friday, Saturday and Sunday boats failing to finish buoy races within 20 minutes after the first boat in the fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 Nine races are scheduled. Five races shall constitute a series. One (1) discard after the completion of five races. This changes the RRS A2.1.

16 THE COURSE

Courses for the distance race on Attachment A
Courses for the buoy racing on Attachment B

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protest forms will be available near the official notice board in the club house. Protests shall be delivered to a Race Committee representative in the Race Office within the protest time limit, which shall be 30 minutes after the committee boat returns to the dock. The return time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.2 Notices will be posted within 27 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.
- 17.3 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Check-in: Boats are required to check in with the Race Committee by sailing by the committee boat, on starboard tack, prior to the first warning at least 15 minutes before the first start first race each day. **No radio check in is allowed.**
However channel 78 should be monitored at all times for information from the race committee.
- 18.2 Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the Race Committee before leaving the course area VHF 78. If that is not possible, the competitor shall notify a shore side member of the Race Committee or a club staff member (Bartender, Harbormaster) immediately after arriving ashore.
- 18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 19.1 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.
- 19.2 The Race Committee may use **VHF channel 78** (to communicate information about the day's racing and the sail numbers of boats that are OCS or have violated RRS 27.
Neither failure of the Race Committee to communicate the sail numbers of recalled boats in a timely manner, nor failure of a recalled boat to receive or hear transmitted information, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

20 PRIZES

- 20.1** Trophies will be awarded for 1st through 5th Place. Other trophies may be awarded as deemed appropriate. , as soon as possible after completion of the event.
- 20.3** Unclaimed prizes will be held at the RYC Office for a period of one month only. Call at (510) 237-2521 to be sure someone will be in the office for pickup.

21 INTERFERENCE WITH COMMERCIAL VESSELS

Boats shall not impede the passage of ship traffic while racing. Rule 9 of the Inland Rules of the Road applies with respect to all shipping traffic on San Francisco Bay and its tributaries. A violation of Rule 9 is subject to protest by any competitor or by the Race Committee. Compliance with the RRS 60-63 will not be required with respect to a protest involving a Rule 9 infraction. A violation of Rule 9 may not be exonerated by a Turns or Scoring penalty. Any complaint received by the Race Committee from the United States Coast Guard or the captain or bar pilot of any ship that has sounded five blasts on its horn during the course of a race shall result in an automatic protest by the Race Committee if the captain, bar pilot or Coast Guard identifies an offending boat by sail number. In any case where a ship has sounded five blasts on its horn, a presumption shall be created at the protest hearing that the protested yacht(s) has (have) violated Rule 9 and the protested yacht(s) shall have the burden of proving that it(they) did not impede the progress of the ship. Race Committee chase boats patrolling the race course may hail boats to alter course to avoid impeding ship traffic. Failure of any boat to comply with the hail of the Race Committee shall result in an automatic protest by the Race Committee. A protest of a Rule 9 infraction by a competitor may be made at any time prior to the conclusion of the regatta, but not more than 24 hours after the incident. A protest by the Race Committee for an infraction of Rule 9 may be made at any time up to two days after the conclusion of the regatta. The Richmond Yacht Club will cooperate and provide relevant information to any investigations by the Coast Guard or other competent governmental authority of violations of Rule 9.

22 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.

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Attachment A

Long distance race courses only

Course #A (one Triangle)

Start

YRA mark 12 (inner Harding rock G “1”) to Port

YRA mark 18 to port (Blossom Rock GR “BR”)

YRA mark location BOC (B bottom of circle) to port (RYC tetrahedron inflatable)

Finish

Course #B (windward & leeward & repeat)

Start

YRA mark 12 ((inner Harding rock G “1”)) to port

YRA mark 24 to port

YRA mark 12 ((inner Harding rock G “1”)) to port

YRA mark location BOC (B bottom of circle) to port (RYC tetrahedron inflatable)

Finish

Course #D (windward leeward)

Start

YRA mark 16 (Blackaller Y “C”) to port

YRA mark location BOC (B bottom of circle) to port (RYC tetrahedron inflatable)

Finish

Course #E (island race)

Start

Alcatraz Island (big rock with old prison) to port

YRA mark location BOC (B bottom of circle) to port (RYC tetrahedron inflatable)

Finish

Course #F (The Bob Klein)

Start

YRA 17 (Harding Rock RG “HR”) to starboard

RYC Bob Klein buoy to Starboard (small yellow buoy just north of Southampton)

YRA mark location BOC (B bottom of circle) to starboard (RYC tetrahedron inflatable)

Finish

Restricted Areas

The following objects shall be left to shoreward:

Bell buoy 7 off the west end of Alcatraz. Above obstruction is not a mark of the course.

I beam and Anita Rock buoy near St. Francis YC shall be passed on the bay side

The extension between Angel Island and “Blunt buoy G3 will be considered an obstruction.

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Attachment B

Buoy Courses

O W

R S _____ Pelican or Ranger __F

L

Marks

W – Weather Mark

R – Reaching Mark

L – Leeward Mark

O – Offset Mark

Courses

1 – Start – W(p) – O(p) - L(p) - Finish

2 – Start – W(p) – O(p) – L(p) – W(p) – O(p) - L(p) -Finish

3 – Start – W(p) – O(p) – L(p) – W(p) – O(p) – L(p) – W(p) – O(p) -L(p) - Finish

4 – Start – W(p) – O(p) –R(p)- L(p) – W(p) – O(p) - L(p) -Finish

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