

Express 27 Nationals Sport Boat Invitational

**Richmond Yacht Club
Oct. 6,7, and 8, 2017**

NOTICE OF RACE

INVITATION: The Richmond Yacht Club invites Express 27, Antrim 27, Melges 24 & 30, Ultimate 20 & 24, Synergy, Thompson, Flying Tiger, Henderson 30, J70, J88, J80, J90, Farr 30, Soto 30, Open 570, Viper 640, and K6 to the Express 27 Nationals and the Sport Boat Invitational to be held in the challenging breezes and waves of San Francisco Bay.

The three day event, starting on Friday, will serve as the 2017 Express 27 Nationals championship. All other Sportboats are invited for the Saturday and Sunday events.

SITE: The event will be hosted by and from the Richmond Yacht Club (RYC), 351 Brickyard Cove Road, Point Richmond, California. Racing will take place on San Francisco Bay at one of the venues conveniently located a short sail from the Club.

ELIGIBILITY: All Invited boats are eligible after ***On Line Registration*** at www.richmondyc.org and payment of entry fees have been completed. Express 27s will receive a separate start. For all other classes, five or more boats are required for a one design start, all others scored by PHRF handicap. If no PHRF rating is available for a particular design and they are insufficient boats for a one design start, RYC will provide a provisional rating for that design.

RULES: The Invitational will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) & this Notice of Regatta, except as any of these are modified by the Sailing Instructions. For the Express 27 Nationals, all boats must comply with Class Rules.

COURSES: One course on or near Southampton Shoals with offset/indward/leeward

SCHEDULE:

Friday (Express 27) Oct. 6: one long distance race for Express 27 only
First Warning 1200 Race 1

Saturday (All boats) Oct. 7 three mark races for Express 27 and Sportboats
First Warning 1200
Mark Race 2, 3, 4

Sunday (All boats) Oct. 8: three mark races for Express 27 and Sportboats
First Warning 1200
Mark Races 5, 6, and 7.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: The Regatta Sailing Instructions will be available at www.richmondyc.org before the regatta and at the Skippers meeting.

SCORING The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A will apply. 7 races are scheduled for the Express 27 NA and six for the Sportboat Invitational. . 3 races must be completed to constitute a series. When 5 or less races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores. When 6 or more races have been completed, each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

ENTRY and FEES: The entry fee will be \$ 175 US for Express 27s and \$ 75 for the Sportboat Invitational only with a late charge of \$20 after the deadlines listed below. There is also a one day entry of \$50 for those Express 27 and Sportboats that would like to race in the long distance race on Friday. The entry fee will include all racing, dinner Sat. evening for 1 person racing in the Sportboat Invitational (additional meals can be purchased) and three Sat. dinners for the Express 27 participants. Late Fee Deadline for Express 27 registration is September 30, 2017 at Midnight. Late Fee Deadline for the Sportboat Invitational is Fri. Oct 6th at Midnight. Last Day to Register is Oct. 5th 1600.

BERTHING: Extended berthing must be arranged with the RYC Harbor Master. The Richmond Yacht Club hoists may be used to launch participating yachts. All boats participating in the Express 27 Nationals must remain in the water for the duration of the event unless required to effect repairs. Trailers will be stored as directed by the Richmond Yacht Club Harbormaster.

SOCIAL EVENTS:

Friday Oct. 7
Express 27---Post Race Bar
Regular Richmond YC Friday dinner is available

Saturday Oct. 8
Express 27/Sportboats—Post Race Bar
6:00 Regatta buffet dinner at Richmond Yacht Club (entry for Express 27 Nationals includes three dinners, for Sportboat Invitational includes one dinner, additional dinners can be ordered when registering).

Sunday Oct. 9
1600 -- Munchies and a Keg, followed by Trophy Presentation
Regular Richmond YC Sunday dinner is available

Additional events may be scheduled for the Express 27 Nationals during the Regatta and will be posted on the Association web site and at RYC.

TROPHIES: Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third places for fleets over 6 boats, first and second places for fleets with 5 boats, and first place for fleets with 4 boats. The Express 27 National trophy will be presented for the first place finisher.

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