



**North American Championship
49er and 49erFX
Richmond Yacht Club
September 20-23, 2018**



The Organizing Authority is the Richmond Yacht Club in conjunction with the International 49er Class Association.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Where there is conflict with the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail except that neither shall change nor alter any Class Rules.
- 1.3 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will prevail.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Race Office in the race room on the lower level.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than two hours before the scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races, will be posted by 2000 the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole located on the upper deck. When a signal is displayed over a class flag, it applies to that fleet only.
- 4.2 Flag D displayed ashore with one sound signal this means: "the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed or not before the scheduled time, whichever is later. Boats shall not leave their allocated berth until this signal is made"

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

When more than one race, or sequence of races, will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

- 5.1

Thursday, September 20	Competitors meeting	1000
	Racing	1200 - 1 st warning
Friday, September 21	Racing	1200 - 1 st warning
Saturday, September 22	Racing	1200 - 1 st warning

Sunday, September 23 Racing 1200 –1st warning

6 CLASS FLAGS AND ORDER OF START

- 6.1 49ER, 49er FX Flag G 1ST START
 OPEN CLASS (I14, MOTH) FLAG F 2ND START Sat and Sun only

7 RACING AREAS

Attachment B shows the location of the race area.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 Attachment A shows the course to be sailed, the order in which the marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left, and the signals indicating the number of rounds to be sailed.
 8.2 There will be gates at the leeward mark.
 8.3 A gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2S, 2P Yellow
 Mark 1a (Sat and Sun only) Red
 9.2 Starting marks Race Committee vessel orange flag, small red Tetrahedron
 9.3 Finishing mark. Race Committee vessel blue flag, red ball
 9.4 For the open class on Sat. and Sun. Mark 1a will be a red cylinder, which will be laid up 400 metres to leeward of the 49er Mark 1.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between staff displaying orange flag on the starting vessel and a red tetrahedron at the end of the starting line.
 10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
 10.3 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5 and they will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.
 10.4 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, there will be multiple sound signals before the sequence starts.

11 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying blue flag on the signal boat and a red ball.

12 TIME LIMITS

- 12.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1/1a within 10 minutes after starting, the race will be abandoned.
 12.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix V shall be in effect.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1** Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.2** The protest time limit will be posted on the jury notice board located at the Race Office. The protest time limit will be 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area. This time limit also applies to Requests for Redress.
- 14.3** Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room/club library located on the first floor. Hearings may start before the scheduled time with the agreement of all parties.
- 14.4** The race committee or jury intending to protest a boat under RRS 60.2 or 60.3 will comply with RRS 61.1(b) by informing her by posting a notice before the end of the protest time limit.
- 14.5** On the last day of qualification racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- i) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - ii) No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- 14.6** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

15 SCORING

- 15.1** The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 15.3** To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office. Scoring enquiry forms shall be delivered to the race office. A scoring enquiry may be regarded as a request for redress.

16 SAFETY

- 16.1** Boats not leaving the shore for the day's races shall notify the race office as soon as possible.
- 16.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1** Any boat or equipment may be checked for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions at any time.
- 17.2** Any replacement of crew or equipment must be petitioned to the jury.
- 17.3** Only one set of sails shall be used during the regatta. The sails shall be presented and stamped during the initial inspection.
- 17.4** Only one forestay shall be used during the regatta

17.5 All boats, when not afloat, shall be placed on the dock near the launching ramp in the turning basin.

18 TRASH DISPOSAL

As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats. The penalty for breaking RRS 55 is at the discretion of the Jury and may be less than disqualification.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

20 PRIZES

The Organizing Authority will provide prizes to the first three boats in the 49er Championship.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

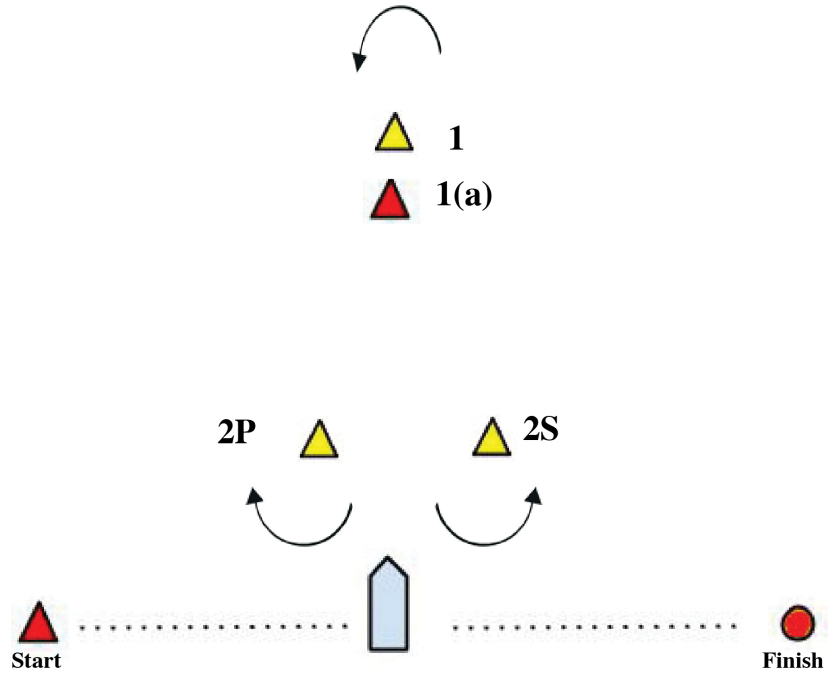
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

22 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of Euro 1,500,000 or the equivalent per incident.

Attachment A Course Layout

- 1) Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish
- 2) Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish
- 3) Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish



Attachment B Course Area

