



Richmond Yacht Club
SPORTBOAT INVITATIONAL
Open 570 Nationals & Ultimate 20 PCCs
Oct. 10, 11, and 12, 2015
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.0 RULES:** The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), as modified by these Sailing Instructions and the one-design class rules of the participating classes. Ultimate 20 boats and equipment must be in accordance with Articles OD-III, OD-V, OD-VI, OD-VII, and OD-VIII.
- 2.0 SAFETY:** Boats shall comply with all government regulations regarding safety equipment and restricted areas. Boats shall stay clear of all commercial traffic. A vessel's failure to stay clear of commercial traffic is a safety violation and will be the basis for disqualification. All racers shall wear an appropriate PFD during racing.
- 3.0 ENTRIES:** The invited classes are the Open 570, Ultimate 20, Antrim 27, Melges 24 & 30, Synergy, Thompson, Flying Tiger, Henderson 30, J70, J90, Ultimate 24, Far 30, Soto 30, Viper 640. Eligible boats in these classes may be entered by completing registration ON LINE at www.richmondyc.org and signing the waver prior to 11:00 Sat. Oct.10
- 4.0 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Regatta Bulletin Board in the Richmond Yacht Club Temporary Dining Tent and on www.richmond.org.
- 5.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 0930 hrs on the day it will take effect, and code flag L will be hoisted on the yardarm of the mast near the Richmond Yacht Club Turning Basin. Any changes in schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hrs on the day before it will take effect.
- 6.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:**
- 6.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of a mast near the Richmond Yacht Club Turning Basin
- 6.2** Code Flag "AP", Answering Pennant, with two (2) sound signals means the race is postponed, One (1) sound signal and lowering of the Answering Pennant will indicate end of postponement time and the warning signal will be made on the water not less than 60 minutes later.
- 7.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES:**
- 7.1** Saturday Oct. 10
- Skippers Mt RYC Dining Rm 1000 Hours
 - **Race #1** First Warning 1200 Hours
 - **Race #2** First Warning Immediately following Race #1
 - **Race #3** First Warning Immediately following Race #2
- 7.2** Sunday Oct. 11
- **Race #4** First Warning 1200 Hours
 - **Race #5** First Warning Immediately following Race #4
 - **Race #6** First Warning Immediately following Race #5
- 7.3** Monday Oct. 12
- Skippers Mt RYC Dining Rm 1000 Hours
 - **Long Distance Race** Warning 1200 Hours

8.0 CLASS FLAGS & RACING FLEETS: To be announced at Skippers Meeting Sat. Oct.10 10:00 RYC Temporary Dining Room

9.0 RACING AREAS:

9.1 The intended Starting Area for all races will be in the vicinity of Southampton Shoal.

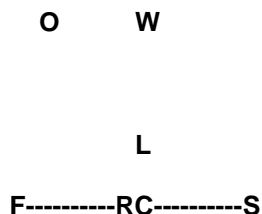
10.0 COURSES and MARKS for Saturday and Sunday:

10.1 The Windward (W) and Leeward (L) marks will be large yellow inflatable marks. The Offset mark (O) will be orange.

- Course 1: Start – Wp – Op – Finish**
- Course 2: Start – Wp – Op – Lp – Wp – Op – Finish**
- Course 3: Start – Wp – Op – Lp – Wp – Op – Lp – Wp – Op – Finish**

10.2 Courses will be signaled by displaying numerical pennant(s) on the Race Committee boat. The Race Committee may announce the fleet starting sequences and course number on VHF channel 78.

10.3 Diagram of Courses 1-3:



11.0 COURSE for Monday Long Distance Race: Around Red Rock and Harding (17) depending on wind and currents.

12.0 START:

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26. Times will be taken from the visual signals; the absence or miss-timing of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>FLAG(S)</u>	<u>SOUND</u>	<u>MIN. TO START</u>	<u>COURSE</u>	<u>FIRST WARNING</u>
Warning	Class flag	horn	5	Show Course flag	1200 hrs
Prep	P, I, or Z	horn	4		
Drop Prep	Drop P	horn	1		
START		Drop Class flag horn		0	Drop Course

Warning Signal for succeeding class will be with or after the starting signal of the preceding class. The fleet starting order for the second or third race of the day may be changed at the discretion of the Race Committee based on fleet availability.

12.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the red ball START mark on the **starboard** end of the line.

12.3 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area, of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

12.4 A boat shall not start more than 4 minutes after her starting signal.

13.0 FINISH:

13.1 The finish line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the red can FINISH mark on the **starboard** end of the line.

14.0 TIME LIMIT:

14.1 For **Courses 1 through 4**, the time limit for each class will be **2 hours**, however if one boat in a class finishes within the time limit, boats finishing within 20 minutes of the first boat in their class will be scored. Boats finishing 20 minutes or more after the first boat in their class will be scored as "Did Not Finish". This changes RRS 35.

15.0 Restrictions:

15.1 The Start line and the Finish line are restricted except for boats that are preparing to start, starting or finishing.

15.2 Boats may not pass between the green mark (G3) and Point Blunt on Angle Island.

15.3 All boats must remain in the water for the duration of the regatta.

16.0 PROTESTS:

16.1 Protests shall be written on forms available on the Regatta Notice Board in the Temp. Dining Room and lodged there within the Protest Period, which will begin when the Finish Boat's return time is posted and end one hour later.

16.2 Protest time limits and protest notices will be posted on the Regatta Bulletin Board to inform competitors where and when the hearing will be held. Competitors are responsible to check the Regatta Bulletin Board for possible protests.

16.3 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as posted on the board.

17.0 SCORING:

17.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A of the racing rules will apply as modified below.

17.2 One race must be sailed to constitute a series.

17.3 Seven races are scheduled in the regatta: three on Saturday, three on Sunday and a Pursuit race on Monday. There will be one discarded race after seven races.

18.0 PRIZES: Trophies for the Sportboat Invitational will be presented following the racing on Sunday. Trophies for the 570 Nationals and the Ultimate 20 PCCs will be presented following racing on Monday.

19.0 PARKING: Due to Club renovation, trailers must be placed in the fenced area to the West of the Club. There is limited space for cars so please 'car pool'. Cars may also be parked in the West fenced area. RVs and Campers must be parked in the West Fenced parking area.