



BERKELEY YACHT CLUB

2016 EXPRESS 27 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

October 14th – 16th, 2016

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(Reposted 10/13/16 @ 1200)

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: THE BERKELEY YACHT CLUB
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes RRS 40.
- 1.3 Appendix T Section A (PENALTIES WHILE RACING) shall apply. The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'
- 1.4 Boats may be required to display bow numbers provided by the Organizing Authority.
- 1.5 Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the BYC clubhouse.

3 **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1930 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the balcony above the main entrance to the BYC clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes'. This changes Race Signals AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Friday, October 14th

- 0930 hours: Skipper's meeting at BYC clubhouse.
- 1130 hours: First warning signal. Three races scheduled.

Saturday, October 15th

- 1130 hours: First warning signal for buoy race.
- Distance race to follow.

Sunday, October 16th

- 1130 hours: First warning signal. Two races scheduled.
- 1400 hours: No starts to take place after this time.

- 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.
- 6** **CLASS FLAG** The class flag will be a white flag with the Express 27 insignia on it.
- 7** **RACING AREA** The starting area for all starts will be in the vicinity Berkeley Circle “XOC”
- 8** **THE COURSES**
- 8.1** Attachment A shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2** The course to be sailed will be designated by flags displayed from the race committee signal boat.
- 9** **MARKS** Original marks will be as described in the Appendix B. New marks will be orange. If mark O is missing it shall be disregarded. If one of the gate marks is missing boats shall round the remaining part to port. This changes RRS 34.
- 10** **AREA THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS** For safety reasons, each of the lines bounded by the following two points is an obstruction. Boats are prohibited from sailing across any of these lines while racing.
- a) The green/red bell buoy off the west end of Alcatraz Island and the nearest point of land on Alcatraz Island.
 - b) Point Blunt buoy off of Angel Island, and the nearest point of land on Angel Island.
 - c) The west end of the ruins of Berkeley Pier, and the west end of the Berkeley Fishing Pier.
 - d) The south tower of the Golden Gate Bridge and the nearest point ashore.
 - e) The north end of the Berkeley Marina southern breakwall and the nearest point ashore.
- 11** **THE START** The starting line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and an orange inflatable mark.
- 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 practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 13** **THE FINISH**
- 13.1** The finishing line for courses 1 and 2 will be the same as the starting line described in SI 11.
- 13.2** The finishing line for courses 3, 4, 5, 6 will be between an orange flag on the BYC race deck and the 5 MPH sign on the opposite side of the marina.
- 14** **TIME LIMITS**
- 14.1** The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish for the buoy races is 100 minutes. In the buoy races, boats failing to finish within 20 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.
- 14.2** The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish the distance race is sunset. In the distance race, boats failing to finish within 60 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.
- 15** **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 15.1** Protest forms will be available at the Regatta Table in the BYC clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered to the race committee representative at the Regatta Table within the protest time limit, which shall be one

hour after the race committee signal boat returns to the dock. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

- 15.2** Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings to which they are parties, along with the time and location of the hearing. Such notice shall serve as notification per RRS 63.1 and 61.1(b).
- 15.3** Requests to reopen a hearing held on October 16th shall be delivered to the race committee representative at the regatta table within 30 minutes of a party receiving the hearing results in writing. This changes RRS 66.

16 SCORING

- 16.1** Seven races are scheduled, of which three must be completed to constitute a series.

- 16.2** A boat's series score shall be the sum of her scores for all races. This changes Appendix A2.

- 17 SAFETY REGULATIONS** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the race committee on VHF 72.

- 18 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 and or the race committee. Compliance with 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 an alternate penalty.

- 19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS** All boats are required to remain in the water from the beginning of racing on Friday through the last race on Sunday, unless the PRO has approved a written request for haul out.

- 20 RADIO COMMUNICATION** The race committee may use VHF channel 72 to communicate information about course selection and the sail numbers of boats that are OCS or have violated RRS 30. 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 be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.



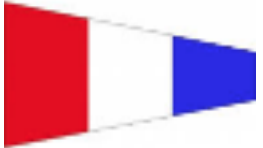
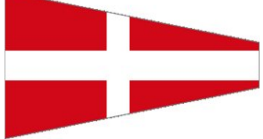
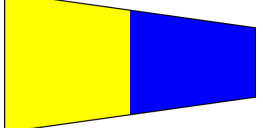
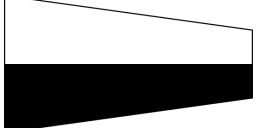
- 21 PRIZES** Prizes will be awarded after the racing, on Sunday, October 16th, at the BYC clubhouse. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers. The Express 27 National Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the regatta. The distance race winner will also be awarded a trophy.

- 22 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.

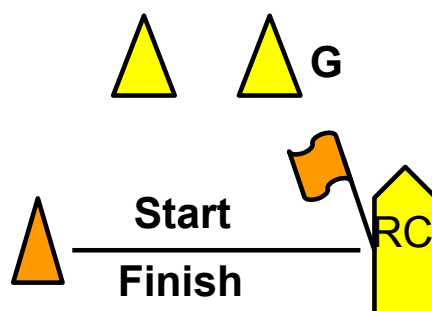
Regatta Chair – Hans Opsahl

Forrest Gay – Principal Race Officer

APPENDIX A – COURSES

<u>Course</u>	All marks shall be rounded to port, except as noted by 's' meaning rounded to starboard.	
1	Start – W – O – Finish	
2	Start – W – O – G – W – O – Finish	
3	Start – 17 – 18 – Finish	
4	Start – PB – Finish	
5	Start – SHB – AI – RR – D – Finish	
6	Start – 18's' – RR – 18 – F's' – Finish	

APPENDIX B – COURSE DIAGRAM



Marks

Mark W is a green tetrahedron.

Mark O is an offset mark from mark W and is an orange ball.

Marks G are yellow tetrahedrons, and collectively are a gate. Boats shall pass between them from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

NEW MARKS will be orange.

Distance Course Marks

17 is RG "HR" Fl (2+1) R6s Harding Rock

18 is RG "BR" Fl (2+1) G6s Bell, Blossom Rock

PB is Point Bonita RG Fl(2+1) R6s Bell

SHB is a yellow buoy 200 yards north of Southampton platform

AI is Alcatraz Island

RR is Red Rock

D is Olympic Circle mark D

F is Olympic Circle mark F