

RICHMOND YACHT  
Laser, Byte Short Course Sunday Nov.6, 2016

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).
- 1.2 RRS 40 is deleted and replaced with "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices." Note that Code Flag Y will not be displayed.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, which is located on the North wall of the Regatta Room first floor Richmond YC. Changes may also be posted on the RYC website.

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on Sunday Nov. 6, 2016
- 3.2 RRS 90.2 (c) is amended to allow oral changes to the Sailing Instructions on the water. In the event the Race Committee needs to communicate oral changes, they shall display the "L" flag and attempt to hail competitors.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yard arm of the mast on the upper deck of the RYC club house.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 Sunday Nov. 6, 2016. Many short races are scheduled.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1300 hours.
- 5.3 After the first race, 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 may be made.
- 5.4 There will be a skippers meeting at 1200 in the Regatta Room
- 5.5 No races will be started after 1630.

**6 CLASS FLAGS**

- 6.1 Laser radials and Laser standards will race together, unless a large number of boats participate. In which case, radials and standards will have separate starts and that will be announced at the skippers meeting along with designation of class flags.

**7 RACING AREA**

- 7.1 The racing area will be on Potrero Reach, inside the outer breakwater adjacent to Richmond YC or to the South of the Potrero reach breakwater.

**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 numerical pennants displayed from the race committee signal boat.

**9 MARKS**

- 9.1 All Marks will be orange or yellow inflatables.

**10 THE START**

- 10.1 Races will be started by using RRS Appendix S, the Sound-Signal Starting System.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the of a orange inflatable.

## **11 THE FINISH**

11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the red ball.

## **12 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

12.1 Any two turn penalties are reduced to one turn penalties. This changes Racing Rule 44.1.

## **13 TIME LIMITS**

13.1 The time limit for races shall be 20 minutes.

13.2 Boats in a fleet failing to finish within 5 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. Such boats are encouraged to return to the start line as soon as possible to expedite starting the next race.

## **14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

14.1 Three minute justice. Each party is given three minutes to verbally make their case to the protest committee. The protest committee will make a decision in three minutes.

## **15 SCORING**

15.1 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a score will be the total of all race scores. When 5 or more races have been completed, a score will be the total of all race scores excluding the worst score

## **16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

16.1 Races will be abandoned in the presence of large commercial vessels. A start may be delayed to permit large vessels to transit Potrero Reach.

16.2 A boat that retires from racing shall notify a race committee boat before leaving the race area.

## **17 PRIZES**

17.1 NO Prizes, Just Glory

## **18 INTERFERENCE WITH COMMERCIAL VESSEL**

18.1 Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with USCG Navigation Rules. If a commercial vessel has sounded five blasts, and the vessel or the Coast Guard identifies the boat by sail number, the Race Committee shall protest the boat, in which case the Protest Committee shall assume that the identified boat has impeded passage or violated USCG Navigation Rules, and the identified boat shall have the burden of proving otherwise. In the case of a complaint by a Vessel Traffic or the Coast Guard, the protest time limit shall be extended up to two days after the conclusion of the regatta. This changes RRS 61.3. Compliance with RRS 60.2(a) shall not be required.

18.2 A Race Committee boat may signal a boat to alter course to avoid impeding the passage of commercial vessels by making a sound signal (horn or whistle) and pointing Code Flag V at the boat. The signaled boat shall comply with the signal unless compliance would create an unsafe condition. If a boat fails to comply with such a signal, the Race Committee shall protest the boat, in which case the Protest Committee shall assume that the course alteration would not have created an unsafe condition, and the protested boat shall have the burden of proving otherwise.

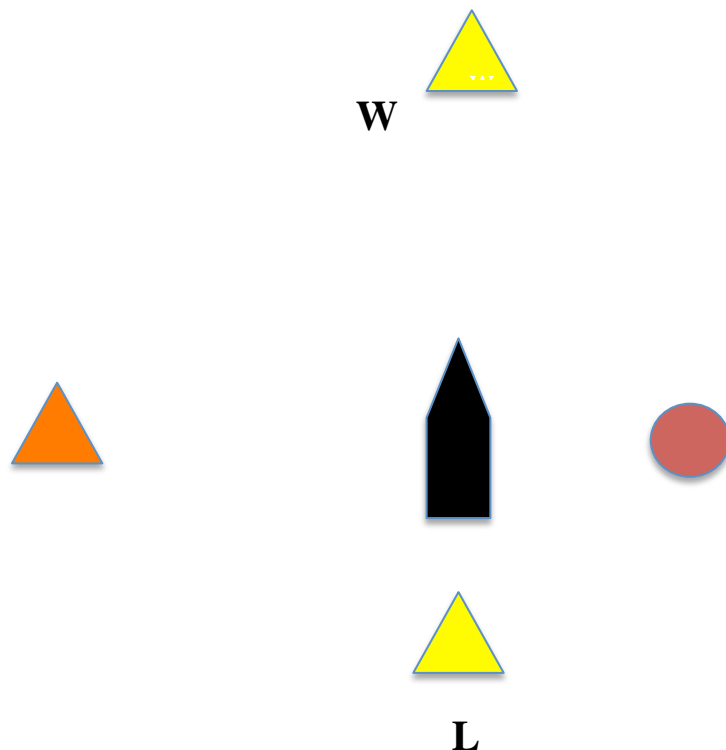
18.3 A boat may be penalized under SI 18.1 even if it does not violate SI 18.2, and a boat may be penalized under SI 18.2 even if it does not violate SI 18.1. A violation of any part of SI 18 may not be exonerated by an alternate penalty. A disqualification under any part of SI 18 shall not be excludable under RRS A2. The Richmond Yacht Club will cooperate with and provide information relevant to any investigations of impeding passage or violation of USCG Navigation Rules by the Coast Guard or other government authority.

## **19 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.

## Attachment A

### Laser Short Course Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016



#### Marks

Course numbers are indicated using signal flags

**1 – Start – W(p) – L(p) – Finish**

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

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

#### Interference with Shipping Traffic

Boats shall not impede the passage of ship traffic. Rule 9 of the Inland Rules of the Road applies to all shipping traffic on San Francisco Bay and its tributaries.