



RICHMOND YACHT CLUB

International 14 North American Championship August 18-20, 2017

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

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, which is located on the north wall of the Regatta Room at the east end of the first floor of Richmond Yacht Club. Changes may also be posted on the RYC website.

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 1800 on the day before it will take effect. 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 yardarm of the mast on the upper deck of the RYC clubhouse.
- 4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 60 minutes’

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1

RACE #	DAY & DATE	Time of FIRST Warning
1	Fri. Aug. 18	1200 hrs
2		Distance Race immediately following race #1
3	Sat. Aug. 19	1230 hrs
4		immediately following race #3
5		immediately following race #4
6	Sun. Aug. 20	1230 hrs
7		immediately following race #6
8		immediately following race #7

- 5.2** There will be a competitors briefing Fri. Aug 18 at 1030 hrs in the RYC dining Room
- 5.3** The display of Flag “H” (white and red vertical bars) at the finish of any race means, “Racing has ended for the day.”

- 6 CLASS FLAG**
The Class flag will be the I-14 Class Insignia flag
- 7 RACING AREA**
The racing area will be on San Francisco Bay, central, in the area known as Southampton Shoal and the Berkeley Circle.
- 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** There may be an Offset Mark “O” set 6-8 boat-lengths from the weather mark. If present, the offset mark is to be passed in sequence as designated in the course descriptions on Attachment A.
- 8.3** The course to be sailed will be designated by numerical pennants displayed from the race committee signal boat.
- 9 MARKS**
All Marks will be orange or yellow inflatable marks.
- 10 AREAS THAT ARE RESTRICTED**
The following objects shall be left to shoreward: Bell buoy 7 off the west end of Alcatraz, and Point Blunt buoy off Angel Island. Above obstructions are not marks of the course.
- 11 CHECK-IN**
Boats are requested to check in with the race committee by sailing by the committee boat on starboard tack prior to the first warning signal of each day.
- 12 THE START**
- 12.1** Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 12.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of an orange inflatable mark
- 12.3** A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**
To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.
- 14 THE FINISH**
The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of an orange inflatable mark.
- 15 PENALTY SYSTEM**
RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-turn Penalty
- 16 TIME LIMITS**
- 16.1** The Long Distance race time limit will be 180 minutes. All others shall be 90 minutes
- 16.2** 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 time limit for the Long Distance Race will be 45 minutes. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 17 AFTER-RACE SCORING PENALTY**
- 17.1** A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 while *racing* may take a penalty after she is no longer

racing and prior to the start of a protest hearing involving an incident. Her penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty of 30% calculated as described in RRS 44.3(c), but not more than that of a DNF score. However, if she caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.

18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 18.1** Protest forms will be available near the official notice board in the club house. Protests shall be delivered to the race committee representative within the protest time limit, which shall be 30 minutes after the signal boat returns to the dock. The signal boat docking time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 18.2** If all parties to such a protest agree, for protests involving one or more rules of RRS Part 2 or rule 31, not involving serious damage or injury, an arbitration hearing will be held prior to the protest hearing. The arbitration will proceed in accordance with RRS Appendix T.
- 18.3** Notices of protests will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.
- 18.4** On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit, if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day. This changes RRS 66.
- 18.5** If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such posted score shall be made no later than one hour after the protest time limit. This changes RRS 62.2.

19 SCORING

- 19.1** 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 19.2** When 5 or fewer races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 6 or more races have been completed each boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst excludable score.

20 SAFETY REGULATIONS

Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the race committee before leaving the course area. If that is not possible, the competitor shall notify a shoreside member of the race committee immediately after arriving ashore.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall not send or receive radio or digital communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

22 PRIZES

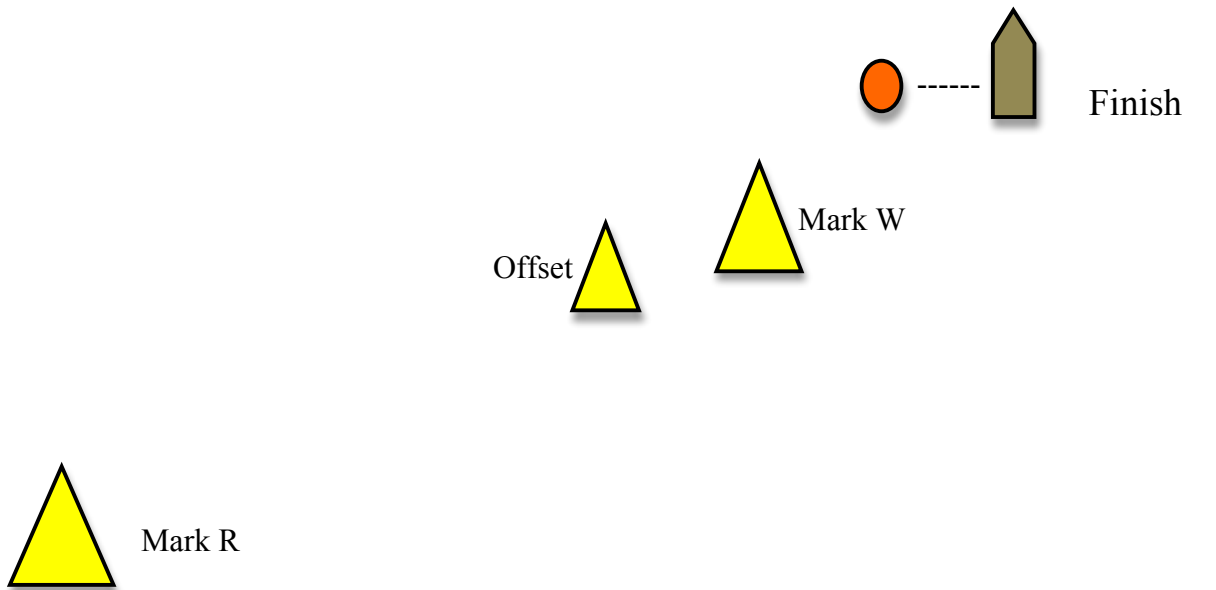
Prizes will be awarded after the racing, on Sunday, Aug. 20 on the RYC deck.

23 INTERFERENCE WITH COMMERCIAL VESSELS

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 may 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 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.

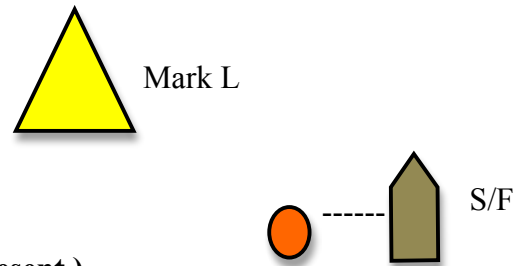
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Attachment A**



Marks

- W – Weather Mark**
- L – Leeward Mark**
- R – Reach Mark**
- O – Offset Mark (Optional. Pass as indicated if present.)**
- Marks W, O, R & L are rounding marks. All Marks to Port**



Courses

- 1 – S/F – W – O – L – Finish**
- 2 – S/F – W – O – R – L – Finish**
- 3 – S/F – W – O – R – L – W – O – L – Finish**
- 4 – S/F – W – O – S/F**
- 5 – S/F – W – O – R – S/F**
- 6 – S/F – W – O – R – L – W – O – S/F**
- 7 – S/F – W – O – R – L – W – O – L – W – O – R – L – W – O – L – 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.