



RICHMOND YACHT CLUB

Sport Boat Invitational Express 27 National Championships

Oct. 6-8, 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 will be deleted and replaced with: "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing clothing or personal equipment." Note that Flag Y will not be displayed.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, which is located in the Regatta Room at the east end of the first floor of Richmond Yacht Club (RYC). Competitors Briefing 1030 Fri. and Sat. RYC lower deck

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0945 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

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' in race signal AP. This changes "Race Signals".

5 **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 Thurs Oct. 5. Exp 27 Weigh in 1700 – 2000 Jr. Room
- 5.2 Friday Oct. 6: one mark race followed by the long distance race for Express 27 only
Exp 27 Weight in 0800 – 1000 Jr. Room
Skippers Meeting 1030 – Jr. Room
First Warning 1200
Two races schedule for Exp 27 only, including a Long Distance Race.
- 5.3 Saturday (All boats) Oct. 7 three mark races for Express 27 and Sportboats
Skippers Meeting 1030 – Jr. Room
First Warning 1200
All Boats three races scheduled.
- 5.4 Sunday (All boats) Oct. 8: two mark races for Express 27 and Sportboats
First Warning 1200
Two races scheduled for Exp. 27. All others three races.
- 5.5 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.
- 5.6 The 2017 Exp 27 Fleet Captain will be fleet spokesperson on the water for Exp 27 fleet concerns before the starting sequence of any race.

6 **FLEET FLAGS**

Exp. 27 will use Fleet Flag
Division A will use code flag A
Division B will use code flag B

7 **RACING AREAS**

- 7.1 There are 2 Racing Areas.
On Friday Oct. 6 long distance race will start in Olympic Circle area and will be using fixed and inflatable marks in the Main & North bay.
- 7.2 On Sat. and Sunday Oct. 7 & 8 Bouy Racing on Olympic Circle

8 **THE COURSES**

- 8.1 Attachment A shows the courses for Fri. Long distance Race, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 Attachment B shows the courses for Fri., Sat. and Sunday, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.3 There will not be an Offset Mark set at the weather mark of the Long Distance race Friday Oct. 6th. There will be an Offset Mark “O” on Saturday and Sunday.

8.4 The course to be sailed will be designated by Numeral pennant displayed from the Race Committee signal boat.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks on Fri. will be USCG Navigation Bouys, fixed marks and yellow or orange inflatables.

9.2 Marks on Sat. and Sun. will be yellow or orange inflatables.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS and RESTRICTIONS

10.1 Boats shall not pass between Angle Island and "G3" to the South of Point Blunt.

10.2 Alcatraz Island and Bell Bouy "7" to the West of Alcatraz

10.3 Buoy R "2CR" Fl R 4s marking Castro Rocks- and the Richmond shore

10.4 The Richmond Long Wharf vicinity such that a boat may not go between the Wharf and a line connecting buoy R "2CR" Fl R 4s marking Castro Rocks , buoy R "2" Q R (1/2 nm west of the Long Wharf), buoy G "3" FL G 4s (1/3 nm south of the Long Wharf) and the Richmond shore northeast of G "3".

11 THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of a yellow inflatable mark.

11.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRSS A4 and A5.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a orange flag on a Race Committee boat and finish mark an orange inflatable mark. Competitors should turn sail so finish line crew can see sail numbers immediately after finishing.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 The time limit for Friday's distance race shall be 5 hours.
The time limit for each buoy races shall be 90 minutes.

13.2 Exp. 27s failing to finish the distance race within 45 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.

13.3 Saturday and Sunday boats failing to finish within 20 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.

14 **SCORING**

The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A4 will apply. 7 races are scheduled for the Express 27 NA and 6 races for the Sportboat Invitational. 3 races must be completed to constitute a series. All races shall count towards a boats series score. This changes RRS A2.1

15 **CREW WEIGHT IN**

Exp 27 must comply with class rule V1-G. Crew weight limit of 880 Lbs. or less. Weigh in to be conducted by class measurers in the Jr. Room of the RYC Club House. Thurs. Oct. 6., 1700-2000. and Fri. Oct. 7, 0800-1000.

16 **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protest forms will be available near the official notice board in the club house. Protests shall be delivered to a Race Committee representative in the Race Office within the protest time limit, which shall be one hour after the committee boat returns to the dock. The return time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.2 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.
- 16.3 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

17 **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1 Check-in: Boats are required to check in with the Race Committee by sailing by the committee boat, on starboard tack, prior to the first warning at least 15 minutes before the first start. Channel 79 is the Race Committee working channel.
- 17.2 Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the Race Committee before leaving the course area VHF 79. If that is not possible, the competitor shall notify a shoreside member of the Race Committee or a club staff member immediately after arriving ashore.
- 17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

18 **HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

EXP 27 shall not be hauled out during the regatta, unless the PRO has approved a written request for the haul out.

19 **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 19.1 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

19.2 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.

20 **PRIZES**

20.1 Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third places for fleets over 6 boats, first and second places for fleets with 5 boats, and first place for fleets with 4 boats. The Express 27 National trophy will be presented for the first place finisher.

20.2 Unclaimed prizes will be held at the RYC Office for a period of one month only. Call at (510) 237 2821 to be sure someone will be in the office for pickup.

21 **INTERFERENCE WITH COMMERCIAL VESSELS**

Boats shall not impede the passage of ship traffic while racing. Rule 9 of the Inland Rules 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 or by the Race Committee. Compliance with the 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 a Turns or Scoring penalty. Any complaint received by the Race Committee from the United States Coast Guard or the captain or bar pilot of any ship that has sounded five blasts on its horn during the course of a race shall result in an automatic protest by the Race Committee if the captain, bar pilot or Coast Guard identifies an offending boat by sail number. In any case where a ship has sounded five blasts on its horn, a presumption shall be created at the protest hearing that the protested yacht(s) has (have) violated Rule 9 and the protested yacht(s) shall have the burden of proving that it(they) did not impede the progress of the ship. Race Committee chase boats patrolling the race course may hail boats to alter course to avoid impeding ship traffic. Failure of any boat to comply with the hail of the Race Committee shall result in an automatic protest by the Race Committee. A protest of a Rule 9 infraction by a competitor may be made at any time prior to the conclusion of the regatta, but not more than 24 hours after the incident. A protest by the Race Committee for an infraction of Rule 9 may be made at any time up to two days after the conclusion of the regatta. The Richmond Yacht Club will cooperate and provide relevant information to any investigations by the Coast Guard or other competent governmental authority of violations of Rule 9.

22 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

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Attachment A

Long distance race courses only

Course #1 Westerly Winds

Start

R 6, Point Bonita (p)

Finish

Course #2 Westerly Winds

Start,

G 7, Little Harding (p)

XOC (p)

R 6 -1mi East of Quarry Point; Angle Island (p)

Finish

Course #3 North Winds

Start

Red Rock (p)

XOC (p)

Finish

Course #4 North Winds

Start

Brother Island E 8 (p)

XOC (p)

Finish

Course #5 NASCAR Madness

Start - W(p) - O(p) - L(p) - W(p) - O(p) - L(p) - W(p) - O(p) - L(p) - W(p) - O(p) - L(p)

W(p) - O(p) - L(p) - W(p) - O(p) - L(p) - W(p) - O(p) - L(p) - W(p) - O(p)

Finish

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And
Sport Boat Invitational**

Attachment B

Buoy Courses for Fri Oct. 6, Saturday Oct. 7th and Sunday Oct. 8th

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Marks

W - Weather Mark

L - Leeward Mark

O - Offset Mark

Courses

1 - Start - W(p) - O(p) - Finish

2 - Start - W(p) - O(p) - L(p) - W(p) - O(p) - Finish

3 - Start - W(p) - O(p) - L(p) - W(p) - O(p) - L(p) - W(p) - O(p) - Finish