



2017/2018 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Centerboard Boats, Wabbit, U20, Mercury, Open 5.7
December 3, 2017 and January 7, February 4 and March 4, 2018

1.0 RACING RULES OF SAILING

1.1 The series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2. Competitors are required to wear USCG approved PFD's on the water at all times except while changing or adjusting clothing. Wet suits or Dry suits are strongly encouraged and are required of sailors 17 years of age and younger on Southampton Course. No "Y" flag will be flown.

2.0 ENTRIES: Registration *on line* at www.richmondyc.org.

3.0 OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD: The official notice board is the RYC Regatta Bulletin Board located on the wall of the Regatta room on the first floor of Richmond Yacht Club.

4.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Any changes to the SI's will be posted and signaled before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races which will be posted on line at www.richmondyc.org and on the official notice board by 1900 on the day before it will take effect..

5.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the mast on the RYC clubhouse deck.

5.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, the warning signal on the water for the Inside and Breakwater Entrance Courses will be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered and the warning signal on the water for the Southampton Course will be made not less than 60 minutes after "AP" is lowered.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES:

Races scheduled as follows:

Skipper's Meeting 10:00 for Potrero/Keller Cove Course
10:30 for Southampton Course

Race 1 First Warning: 1130 for Potrero/Keller Cove Course
1200 for Southampton Course

Subsequent races shortly after completion of previous race

7.0 CLASS FLAGS AND STARTING ORDER: Class flags and final starting order will be defined at the skipper's meeting. This information will be posted on the Regatta Bulletin Board immediately after the skipper's meeting

8.0 RACING AREA: The racing areas will be in the vicinity of Southampton shoals and the Potrero Reach channel and its entrance. Exact race areas will be designated at checkin and posted on the Regatta Bulletin Board. .

9.0 COURSES & MARKS: Attachments **A & B** shows the race courses for the respective Race Area, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is left. Marks **W, R & L** are temporary yellow or orange inflatable marks. Start/finish marks are red inflatable marks, red buckets, or red balls.

10.0 STARTING:

10.1 Per Rule 26 with the warning signal given 3 minutes before the starting signal.

Signal	Flags	Sound	Mins to Start
Warning	Raise Fleet/course Flag	Horn	3
Preparatory	Raise P, I, Z or U Flag	Horn	2
	Drop P, I, Z or U Flag	Horn	1
START	Drop Fleet Flag	Horn	0

10.2 Prior to the first race of the day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the committee boat to hail her sail number for recognition.

10.3 Boats shall not start more than 10 minutes after their class starts.

10.4 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and the starting mark (red inflatable or red ball) . See Attachments A (Southampton Course) and B (Potrero/Keller Cove Course).

10.5 For each fleet, the starting sequence for the next race will commence as soon as practical after the last boat of that fleet has finished. This may alter a previously announced starting order.

10.6 A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other fleets.

11.0 RESTRICTED AREAS: The START and FINISH lines are restricted. A boat shall not cross the START line except when starting or the FINISH line except when finishing.

12.0: FINISHING: The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and the finishing mark (red Inflatable or red ball).

13.0 TIME LIMIT: The time limit for each fleet is 1.5 (one and a half) hours. Boats finishing more than 20(twenty) minutes after the first boat in their fleet finishes will be scored as "Did Not Finish" without a hearing. This changes Rules 35 and A4

14.0 SAFETY:

14.1 Competitors are reminded of Rule 1.2: It shall also be the sole responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race as noted in Rule 4.

14.2 A boat which retires from a race is asked to notify the race committee either before leaving the course area, or if that is not possible, notify the RYC Harbormaster immediately after arriving ashore.

14.3 All boats must carry an accessible tow line, minimum of 20 ft in length, attached to the bow of the boat at all times available for towing.

14.4 Competitors are reminded that commercial vessels have the right of way at all times and violations are subject to protest by the race committee.

15.0 SCORING:

15.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Rule A4 will apply. Series scores will be calculated using 1(one) throw out for every seven races. This changes Rule A2

15.2 US Sailing default Portsmouth number (dPN) and time on time (TOT) scoring system will be used for Open Class.

15.3 Monthly scores will be posted on line at www.richmondyc.org .

16.0 SAIL NUMBERS Competitor is responsible for verifying sail number at check in for each race day. Sail Numbers not in registration data base will not be scored.

17.0 PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

17.1 Protest forms will be available on the RYC Regatta Bulletin Board in the Regatta Room in the Club . Protests shall be delivered to the race committee representative at the race room within the protest time limit, which shall be 30 minutes after the race committee boat returns to the dock. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official RYC Regatta Bulletin Board.

17.2 The schedule of protest hearings will be posted within 20 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties.

17.3 Protest Committee will hear protests in the approximate order of receipt.

17.4 Sailors shall inform the Race Committee on the water of their intention to protest and whom they will protest.

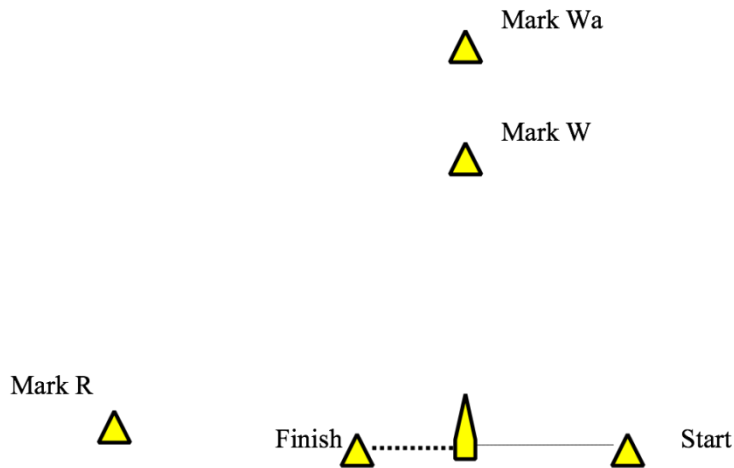
18.0 DOCK USAGE

18.1 All competitors are requested to respect others and follow directions by Club officials on use of docks in order to avoid inefficiencies on haul out or leaving the dock and hoist space.


19.0 AWARDS: Awards will be presented in March after racing has concluded for the day.

Attachment A

Southampton Course



Lasers use Mark – W
All other fleets use Mark – Wa

Mark L 

Mark Changes: When changing the next leg of the course after the start, the race committee will move the original mark to a new position.

Marks:

W – Weather Mark

R – Reach Mark

L – Leeward Mark

(All marks are to be left to Port)

Courses

1 -Start – W – L – Finish

2- Start – W—R-- L-Finish

3-Start – W – L – W – L – Finish

4-Start – W – R – L – W – L – Finish

5 -Start – W – R – L – W – R - L – Finish

6-Start --W – R – L – W –L – W – R – L- Finish

7– Start – W – Harbor Entrance 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

Attachment B

Potrero/Keller Cove Course



W Mark



R Mark



L Mark



FINISH



START

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Marks:

W – Weather Mark

R – Reach Mark

L – Leeward Mark

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Courses

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3– Start – W – L – W – Finish

4– Start – W – R – L – W – Finish

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