

**Wabbit Nationals**  
**August 5-7, 2018**  
**Sport boat Invitational**  
**Multihull Invitational**  
**August 6-7, 2018**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**Organizing Authority: Richmond Yacht Club, Point Richmond, California, USA**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1** This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current applicable Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2** RRS 40 is deleted and replaced with “Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while on the water, 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 (RYC). Changes may also be posted on the RYC website. A limited number of copies of the Sailing Instructions will be available at the Club, competitors are responsible for printing their own copies for their use.

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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’ in race signal AP.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1** **Friday, October 5, 2018** - Wabbit Only—One Long Distance Race  
**Saturday, October 6, 2018** - All fleets: Multiple races are scheduled  
**Sunday, October 7, 2018** All fleets: Multiple races are scheduled
- 5.2** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the Wabbit Long Distance Race will be 1330. For

Saturday and Sunday, the scheduled time for the warning signal is 1200 hours.

- 5.3 There will be a Competitors Briefing for the Wabbit Nationals at 11:00 am on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> prior to the Long Distance Race and for all fleets on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 1030 in the upstairs dining room

## 6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flag will be the Class Insignia or Letter Flag as designated below.

<i>Class</i>	<i>Flag</i>
F-18	D flag
Nacra 15	E Flag
Hobie 20	F Flag
Open Multihull	G Flag
Open Sportboat	N Flag
Hobie 16	K Flag
Wabbit	Class Flag
U20	Class Flag
J70	J Flag
Weta	W Flag

Classes will fewer than five boats may be combined with another class. Class assignments to be posted outside the Race Room on the day of the Regatta.

## 7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be between the Potrero Reach breakwater to the north; the bay shore to the east; Treasure Island to the south and Angel Island to the West.

For the Wabbit Long Distance Race, the racing area will be the central bay as defined the area between Treasure Island to the south, the Golden Gate Bridge to the west, Red Rock to the north, and the bay shore to the east.

## 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 For the Wabbit Long Distance course, there will be two possible race courses. The course to be sailed will be displayed using Numeral Pennants.

Course 1: Start near Southampton Shoal at the Race Committee Boat, Sausalito Channel R2 to Port, Alcatraz to Port, Finish between RYC Race Deck and Green “7” navigational mark on course side.

Course 2: Start near Southampton Shoal at the Race Committee Boat, YRA 12 (Little Harding) to Port, YRA 7 ( R “2” Fl 6s nm Northwest of Treasure Island) to Port, YRA 17 (Harding Rock), Finish between RYC Race Deck and Green “7” navigational mark on course side.

**9 MARKS**

**9.1** All Marks will be Yellow or Red inflatable marks or orange balls.

**9.2** For the Wabbit Long Distance Course, the marks will consist of navigational marks, YRA buoys, or geographical features.

**10 RESTRICTED AREAS**

**10.1** After starting and before finishing, boats shall not cross the start and/or finish line

**10.2** For the Wabbit Long Distance Race, all boats shall avoid the Coast Guard Restricted Area as shown in **Attachment B**.

**10.3** For the Wabbit Long Distance Race, the area between the Point on Angel Island and the green navigational buoy (Blunt) and area between the buoy to the west of Alcatraz and Alcatraz Island are off limits.

**11 CHECK-IN**

**11.1** 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.

**12 THE START**

**12.1** Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26 using the following times and signals.

Signal	Minutes to Start	Flag(s)	Sound
Warning	3	Raise class flag	Gun
Preparatory	2	Raise P, I, Z, or black flag	Gun
One Minute	1	Drop P, I, Z, or black flag	Long horn
START	0	Drop class flag	Gun

The warning signal for a succeeding class will be no less than one minute after the starting signal for the preceding class. Classes may be started in any order, although in the first race each day classes will be started in the order stated in the Competitors’ Briefing held at 1030 on Saturday, October 6th

**12.2** The starting line will be between the staff displaying orange flag on the race committee boat and a mark at the other end of the starting line.

**12.3** A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

**13 THE FINISH**

The finishing line for the mark racing on Saturday and Sunday will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of an orange inflatable mark.

The finishing line for the Wabbit long distance race shall be between the RYC Race Platform and the course side of the green “7” channel buoy.

## **14 MULTIHULL PENALTY SYSTEM**

Rule 44.1 is changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe is required for Multihull classes.

## **15 TIME LIMITS**

**15.1** For the Wabbit Long Distance course, any boat finishing after 30 minutes after first boat in the fleet finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. Unless the race is abandoned or shortened in accordance with Rule 32.1, if no boat finishes within 4 hours, all boats will be scored DNF.

**15.2** Boats in a fleet failing to finish within 15 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.

## **16 SAFETY**

**16.1** For the Wabbit Long Distance Race, all boats shall monitor VHF channel 79.

**16.2** Competitors are reminded of Fundamental RRS 1.2: It shall also be the sole responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or continue to race as stated in RRS 4.

**16.3** 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 shore-side member of the race committee or a club staff member (e.g., Harbormaster) immediately after arriving ashore.

**16.4** Competitors are reminded that commercial vessels have the right of way at all times and violations are subject to protest.

## **17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**17.1** 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 Committee Boat returns to the dock. The return time will be posted on the official notice board.

**17.2** Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.

**17.3** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b). US Sailing Prescriptions RRS 63.2 a,b,c are deleted

## **18 SCORING**

**18.1** Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series for the Wabbit Nationals. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series for the Sport boat Invitational and Multihull Invitational.

**18.2** Wabbit and Sport boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When four (4) or more Multihull races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 19.1** Sport boats and Wabbits shall not be hauled out during the regatta, unless the PRO has approved a written request for haul-out.
- 19.2** Boats shall not dock between the A and B piers on Sunday from 9 am to 3 pm to allow the El Toros to launch from that area

## **20 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 20.1** 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.
- 20.2** The Race Committee may use VHF channel 79 to communicate information about start times, course selection, and OCS at the discretion of the Race Committee. 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**

- 21.1** Prizes will be awarded after the racing, on October 7, 2018 on the RYC deck.
- 21.2** 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.

## **22 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 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.

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George Pedrick (510) 220-7850 – Multihull Regatta Chair  
Eric Menzel (510-282-9024) - Wabbit Nationals  
Del Olsen (510-517-2575) – PRO

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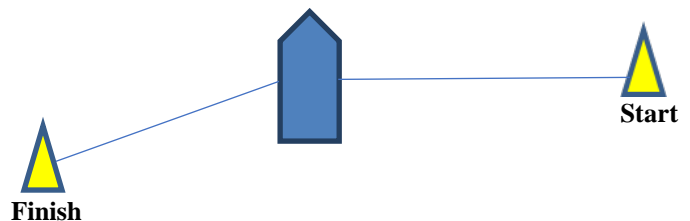
## Wabbit National's Sport Boat Invitational Multihull Invitational

### Attachment A



#### Courses

- 1 – Start – A(p) – Finish
- 2 – Start – A(p) – C(p) – A(p) – Finish
- 3 – Start – A(p) – C(p) – A(p) – C(p) – A(p) – Finish
- 4 – Start – 1(p) – 2(p) – 3(p) – Finish
- 5 – Start – 1(p) – 2(p) – 3(P) – 2(p) -3(p) – Finish
- 6 \_ Start - 1(p) – 2(p) – 3(P) – 2(p) -3(p) - 2(p) -3(p) – Finish



#### Restrictions

The Start and Finish Lines are restricted except when boats are starting or finishing. Please stay well clear of the start finish lines except when finishing or in your starting sequence.

#### 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—RESTRICTED AREA FOR WABBIT LONG DISTANCE RACE**

**NOT BOATS SHALL SAIL WITHIN ORANGE SAFETY AREA FOR FLIGHT SHOW**

