

2019 Delta Ditch Run

June 1-2, 2019



Stockton Sailing Club
4980 Buckley Cove Way
Stockton, Ca. 95219

Richmond Yacht Club
351 Brickyard Cove Rd
Point Richmond, Ca. 94801



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 1900hrs on the night before the race.

2.2 Notices will be posted on the event web site: www.regattanetwork.com/event/18263.
Hardcopies will be available on the SSC (adjacent to the SSC clubhouse main entrance) and RYC (clubhouse lobby) notice boards.

3 SPECIAL RULES FOR THIS EVENT

3.1 **Competitors shall wear USCG approved lifejackets or other adequate personal buoyancy while racing except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.** Wet suits and dry suits are not considered personal flotation devices. Code Flag Y will not be displayed - this changes RRS 40.

3.2 **Boats may not have a spinnaker or gennaker hoisted prior to their starting signal.**

3.3 Cruising Division

3.3.1 Entrants in the Cruising Division may motor for four hours at a speed not greater than 6 knots through the water. Once an engine is engaged, it must remain in use for a minimum of 15 minutes.

3.3.2 Yachts in the Cruising Division that would normally use a spinnaker, and choose to race without one (gennakers are considered spinnakers), will be accorded the following rating adjustment: No spinnaker +15 seconds/mile. All yachts will be assumed to use a spinnaker unless the race chair is notified in writing by 0900hrs on Thursday, May 30th, that they will not.

3.3.3 The Cruising Division (Class Flag "M") will start between the flag on the RYC Race Platform and red channel marker #8. The scheduled warning signal for the Cruising Division is 0825hrs.

4 ENTRIES

4.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration with the organizing authority. Entry is by invitation, as extended in the Notice of Race. To qualify as an entry, the skipper of each boat must accept the Stockton Sailing Club/Richmond Yacht Club "Assumption of All Risks Waiver & Release" form found in the application for the event.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Date of racing is: Saturday, June 1, 2019

5.1.1 The scheduled warning signal for the Cruising Division is **0825hrs**

5.1.2 The scheduled warning signal for the first Racing Division is **1025hrs**

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6 RANKING AS A STARTER

- 6.1 During the period from 0800hrs to the final start signal, each boat shall check in on their appropriate channel and be acknowledged. When checking in, give your sail number and class.
- 6.2 Boats with **even sail numbers should use VHF radio channel 68**. Boats with **odd sail numbers should use VHF radio channel 69**. A boat that is unable to check-in on its assigned channel may try the other. Channels 68 and 69 will not be monitored except for check-in.
- 6.3 Failure to check in is an automatic DNS without a hearing.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Class Flags will be listed in Attachment-A, Start Division/Class Assignments
- 7.1 Attachment-A, Start Division/Class Assignments, will indicate division and class start times. Attachment-A will be posted on the online Regatta Network Event Site by Friday, May 31st, by 1000hrs.

8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 By any course from the starting line to the finish line, observing restricted areas listed below, **after the Antioch Bridge leaving Mark #19 to port**. For sailing purposes, the distance is 65 miles.

9 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS (RESTRICTED AREAS)

- 9.1 The Point Pinole Channel; bounded by lines connecting R"8", R"10", R"12", R"14", G"15", G"13", G"11", G"9", G"7" (chart 18654) and the entire area to the North of the channel is designated as an obstruction, and must be left to the North.
- 9.2 All prohibited areas described in 33 CFR165.1197 and 33 CFR165.1198 (Charts 18652, 18656 & 18658) are designated as obstructions.
 - 9.2.1 <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2013-title33-vol2/pdf/CFR-2013-title33-vol2-sec165-1197.pdf>
 - 9.2.2 <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2013-title33-vol2/pdf/CFR-2013-title33-vol2-sec165-1198.pdf>
- 9.3 Boats may not enter False River for a distance more than 100 feet.
- 9.4 A boat identified as being in violation of one of the above restricted areas are subject to protest by the race committee and risk disqualification without a hearing.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started per RRS 26.
- 10.2 The start area will be located in the area between the Brothers Islands and the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge.
- 10.3 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the RYC Committee Boat to starboard and a line boat and/or an inflatable mark to port.
- 10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequences for other classes.

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11 RECALLS:

- 11.1 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS will be signaled per RRS 29.1. The Race Committee will attempt to hail over-early boats on Chan 72, but nothing shall relieve a boat from making a proper start. If a boat is over early, and does not return to start properly, she will have 3 hours added to her finish time. This changes RRS 29.1.
- 11.2 GENERAL RECALLS will be signaled per RRS 29.2.
 - 11.2.1 In the event of a general recall, the recalled fleet will start at the end of the starting sequence. This changes RRS 29.2.
 - 11.2.2 Any boat which does not return to make a proper start after a general recall will have 3 hours added to her finish time.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish line is between a white flag pole on the lawn in front of the Stockton Sailing Club and a white pole on the South side of the channel.
- 12.2 In the event that a large vessel would obscure the finish line, boats must finish between the vessel and the Stockton Sailing Club.
- 12.3 Boats approaching the finish line after 2100hrs are asked to hail the Race Committee on VHF channel 72 as they approach. In addition, boats finishing after sunset are asked to illuminate their sail numbers as they approach and cross the finish line.
- 12.4 Boats are requested to note their finish time and the boat(s) finishing just ahead and behind them, for later Race Committee inquiry.
- 12.5 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 12.6 If berthing information is needed after finishing, please contact the Harbor Staff on Chan 68 for directions to your mooring.

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 Any boat finishing after 0600hrs on Sunday, June 2, 2019 will be scored as Did Not Finish (DNF).

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the SSC clubhouse race deck. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the same location within one hour of a boat's finish time.
- 14.2 Protest will be heard as soon as possible. Times will be posted ASAP on the official notice board in adjacent to the SSC clubhouse main entrance.
- 14.3 Decisions of the protest committee will be final.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 The Delta Ditch Run will be scored TOT using NCPHRF or SSC buoy ratings.

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16 SAFETY

- 16.1 A boat shall not impede the passage of a vessel that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway, or impede the passage of a vessel with limited maneuverability. (Reference: COLREGS International and 33 CFR 83 Inland Rules 9 and 8). A protest action may be filed by a competitor or by the Race Committee based on direct observation, or if reported to the Race Committee by the Captain of the vessel involved or the US Coast Guard.
- 16.2 **A boat that finishes between the hours of sunset and sunrise without displaying proper running lights (reference: [COLREGS International](#) and [33 CFR 83 Inland Rules 20 and 25](#)) shall be scored DNF by the Race Committee.**
- 16.3 All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio and shall use it to check in (per section 6.1), and to monitor Chan 72 during the entire race for safety. A committee boat will be on the water, and monitoring Chan 72, to observe the racers for safety.
- 16.4 Any boat that withdraws from the race shall notify the Stockton Sailing Club at (209) 406-9679 or 209-951-5600 or via VHF radio on Chan 72 within one hour of dropping out. Failure to notify the Race Committee may result in disqualification from participation in future Delta Ditch Run events.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 Trophies will be presented at the Stockton Sailing Club on Sunday at 0900hrs.
- 17.2 Awards will be presented to the top three finishers of each division. First-to-finish, both for mono and multi hull divisions. The top five monohull boats corrected overall will also receive awards. Only monohull boats which do not have an engine allowance are eligible for the overall awards. Short-handed and other special divisions are not eligible for the overall awards. The winner of the Cruising Division will also be added to the Frank Dukat Perpetual Trophy.
- 17.3 Skippers are responsible for picking up their trophies. All trophies not presented at the awards ceremony must be picked up at the Stockton Sailing Club Harbor Master's Office within thirty days.

18 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.