



Richmond Yacht Club

Notice of Race

Big Dinghy Regatta

April 13th and 14th, 2019

Organizing Authority: Richmond Yacht Club

1. RULES:
 - 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
 - 1.2. Rule 40 is changed as follows: "Competitors shall wear a PFD while racing except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment".
 - 1.3. Wet suits or dry suits are strongly encouraged and required for sailors under 18 years of age.
2. ADVERTISING:

Will not be restricted.
3. ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY/FEEES:
 - 3.1. Eligible boats are single hulled centerboard dinghies. On Saturday, those with less than 4 boats in a fleet will sail in Portsmouth handicap divisions.
 - 3.2. Eligible boats will be entered by completing online registration found at www.richmondyc.org. Credit cards will be accepted using online registration procedures.
 - 3.3. Entry Fees for Saturday Buoy Racing will be \$30 per single handed, \$45 per double handed boat. The fee for Sunday's Pursuit Race will be \$20 per boat. Registration has been separated for each day to improve the time it takes to score each day and begin trophy presentations.

- 3.4. No entries for Saturday will be accepted after **3pm on Thursday, April 11th**. Entries for Sunday will be accepted up until **5pm Saturday, April 13th**. You must provide a Portsmouth handicap rating (column DPN) to register. Ratings may be found here: <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2017-Portsmouth-Precalculated-Classes.pdf>
- 3.5. Sunday registrants: If your rating is not found, email the PRO (vanvlietrobin@gmail.com) by 5pm Saturday, April 13 so that we may collect sufficient information to calculate an approximate handicap and start time. Junior sailors may only register for the Short Course.
If you are having any technical issues with registration, you may email the PRO (vanvlietrobin@gmail.com) before 3pm on Thursday.
- 3.6. Entry fees will include some beverages and snacks (not dinner) each afternoon after racing. Racers are welcome to stay for regular Sunday dinner service at the Club.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

RACE	DAY	TIME OF FIRST WARNING SIGNAL
1	Saturday	1300 hours
2	Saturday	Immediately following Race #1
3	Saturday	Immediately following Race #2
4	Saturday	Immediately following Race #3
1	Sunday Short Course	1100 hours
2	Sunday Long Course	1200 hours

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS/COMPETITORS MEETING:

- 5.1. Saturday's sailing instructions will be available after 11:00 am, Friday April 12th at the Richmond Yacht Club, and on our web page (www.richmondyc.org). Classes/Divisions for Saturday will be available by 11:00am, Friday April 12th.
- 5.2. Saturday's Competitors Meeting will be held at 11:00 am Saturday on the lower deck.
- 5.3. Sunday's pursuit race starting times will be available on our web page by 9pm Saturday, April 13th and at the Clubhouse by 9am Sunday, April 14th.
- 5.4. The Sunday competitors briefing will be at 10:00 am on the lower deck.

6. RACING AREA AND COURSES:

- 6.1. Saturday race areas will be two race areas: **Outside** the breakwater in the vicinity between Southampton and Brooks Island and **Inside** Potrero Reach in the area known as El Toro Cove. Racing will be around temporary marks. Saturday Course locations, fleets and open classes will be assigned and posted at the Competitors meeting. Boats assigned to Southampton will be Lasers, Mercury,

Aero, M14, Thistle and open class sport boats. All other boats (Bytes, El Toro, etc.) will be inside in Potrero Reach.

6.2. The Sunday Pursuit Race will have a revised course from prior years. Please read the Sailing Instructions closely for further details.

7. SCORING:

7.1. At least four races, weather dependent, are planned for Saturday with no throw-outs using the low point system. This changes Rule A2. One race will constitute a series.

7.2. One pursuit race is scheduled on Sunday with a reverse handicap system developed by RYC for this event. This event will be scored separately.

8. DOCKAGE:

Participants are invited to use RYC guest dock facilities for the duration of the regatta. If you wish to extend your stay to the day before and/or the day after, you must coordinate with the RYC Harbor Master (510-234-6569).

9. COMMUNICATIONS:

Radio Communications will not be made on the water.

10. PRIZES:

10.1. On Saturday, prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place for finishers in each class with 4 boats. Prizes will be awarded to 1st through 3rd place for any class with 5 or more boats.

10.2. On Sunday, prizes will be awarded to the first 4 finishers in each of the Short Course and Long Course pursuit races.

10.3. Trophy presentations will be held as soon as possible after racing on the upper deck.

11. PARKING:

Parking in the RYC lot will be restricted during the regatta. Parking at the club is limited to the area in front of the Clubhouse and new western lot. Only one car from each participating yacht may park here, on a first come / first served basis, until full

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors shall participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see Rule 4: DECISION TO RACE). The Organizing Authority does not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.