

Big Dinghy Regatta
April 13th & 14th, 2019
Richmond Yacht Club
Pt. Richmond, CA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 RRS 40 is changed as follows: "Competitors are required to wear a PFD while racing except while briefly changing clothing. Wetsuits do not qualify as PFDs and are strongly encouraged for sailors under 18 years of age."
- 1.3 RRS 44.1 is changed as follows: "A boat may take a one turn penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31. If she has broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a two turns penalty."

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the RYC Bulletin Board on the north wall of the regatta room on the first floor of the club.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any written change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 0930 on the day it is to take effect with the exception that a change to the schedule of race will be posted by 1800 hours the day before it is to take effect.
- 3.2 Starting times for the Sunday pursuit race will be posted online and on the RYC Official Notice Boards by 1700 hours on Saturday April 13th. Copies of the pursuit race start time will be available at the Sunday Competitors meeting.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at RYC clubhouse on a flag pole on the upper deck.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Racing Schedule

04/13/19	1100	<i>Competitors meeting lower deck</i>
	1300	First warning
	Races 2+	Shortly after completion of previous race
04/14/19	1000	<i>Competitors meeting lower deck</i>
	1100	Short course warning
	1200	Long course warning

Note: Depending on the number of boats registered in each class, the list of classes to be given a start, the combination of classes in a single start, the classes assigned to Open Class that will be competing using the Portsmouth rating (classes with less than 4 boats) and the initial order of starts may be changed by verbal amendment at the Saturday competitors meetings or on the water through display of class flags at the warning. This changes RRS 90.2 (c)

- 5.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, except for the first start of the day, the course flag will be displayed with multiple call to attention sounds at least 30 seconds before a warning signal is made.
- 5.3 On Saturday no warning signal will be made after 1630 hours.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

Potrero Reach Course:		
Snipe	Class flag	One Design Start
Byte	Class flag	One Design Start
Inside Open Class	Flag D	Open Class
Day Sailor	Class flag	One Design Start
El Toro	Class flag	One Design Start
Outside Course:		
Wabbit	Class flag	One Design Start
Outside Open Class	Flag G	Open Class
Thistle	Class flag	One Design Start
I14	Class flag	One Design Start
RS Aero	Class flag	One Design Start
Laser/Laser Radial	Class flag	One Design Start
Mercury	Class flag	One Design Start

7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1 The Outside Course area on Saturday will be confirmed at the competitors meeting. It is the race committee's intention to race in the vicinity of Southampton shoal, but this may be moved based on the weather forecast.
- 7.2 Attachment C show the areas for the Sunday pursuit race.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A & B show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 Courses will be signalled with a numerical flag.
- 8.3 The Sunday pursuit race start will be between the RYC platform and a yellow mark. The finish line will be between a Blue flag on the stern of a boat (the "Pelican") docked inside the RYC harbour and a red mark.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Attachment A & B for description of Marks.

10 AREAS THAT ARE RESTRICTED

- 10.1 The following areas are designated as restricted: the start & finish line on both Saturday and Sunday.
- 10.2 The area within 200 yards of Chevron Long wharf in any direction is restricted.
- 10.3 The areas marked by yellow marks on the north/northeast side of Brooks Island.
- 10.4 Boats failing to stay clear of commercial or non-racing traffic within the harbor, as determined by the race committee, will be scored Did Not Finish.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started as follows: This changes rule 26.

Minutes before start signal	Visual signal	Sound signal
3	Class flag	One
2	P, I or U	One
1	Preparatory Flag removed	One
0	Class flag removed	One

- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying orange flag on the signal boat and the starting mark.
- 11.3 The failure of the Race Committee to make a sound or failure of a boat to hear will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a)

- 11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.5 On Saturday a boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored “Did Not Start” without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5. For the Sunday Pursuit Race a boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting time shall be scored “Did Not Start” without a hearing. This changes RS 35, A4, and A5.
- 11.7 For the Sunday Pursuit Race the initial start for each course will be in accordance with RRS 26. The Warning Flag will be the Jolly Roger and will be hoisted 5 minutes before the first start and will remain displayed until the last start time for each course sequence (short course and long course). After the first start a red shape with no sound will be hoisted every 5 minutes thereafter.
- The failure of the Race Committee to make a sound or failure of a boat to hear will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a)

Time of day	Minutes before start signal	Visual signal	Sound signal
1100 & 1200	5	Jolly Roger (Warning Signal)	One
	4	Prep Flag	One
	1	Prep Flag removed	One
1105 & 1205	0	Red shape	One
Every 5 minutes until last start		Red shape	

- 11.8 For the Sunday pursuit race there will be a starting penalty of 5 percent of the total score if the boat is OCS unless the penalty is cleared. The X Flag will be displayed for one minute with no sound or until the penalty is cleared. This changes RRS 29.1.

12 FINISH

- 12.1 For the Saturday Buoy Racing the finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and a mark on the course side.
- 12.2 For the Sunday pursuit race the finish line will be a staff displaying a blue flag on the stern of the docked boat “Pelican” and a red mark.

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 For Saturday racing, boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 13.2 For Saturday racing, Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes of their start will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.
- 13.3 For the Sunday Pursuit race Boats failing to finish before 1600 hours will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office located in the first floor regatta room. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Signal boat docks.
- 14.3 Notices "of protests" will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the library on the first floor of the clubhouse.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1 All boats shall carry a 20 ft towline that can be attached to the bow or mast for towing or to assist in boat recovery.
- 15.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 15.3 Prior to the first race each day boats shall check in with the race committee by sailing past the stern on starboard and hail her sail number for recognition.
- 15.4 Competitors are reminded that commercial vessels have the right of way at all times and violations are subject to protest or disqualification.

16 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 16.1 Substitution of sail numbers must be made by the competitor on-line before 0900 hours Saturday April 13th

17 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, 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.

18 SCORING & PRIZES

- 18.1 Saturday's buoy races will be a series, and a boat's score will be a total of her race scores. One race will constitute a series. This changes RRS A2.
- 18.2 Saturday Prizes will be given as follows: First, Second, and Third place for classes with 5 or more boats. First and a Second Place prize will be given for classes with 4 or less boats.
- 18.3 Sunday Pursuit Race, both Long and Short course, finishers will receive a prize for First through Fourth place finish.

19 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.

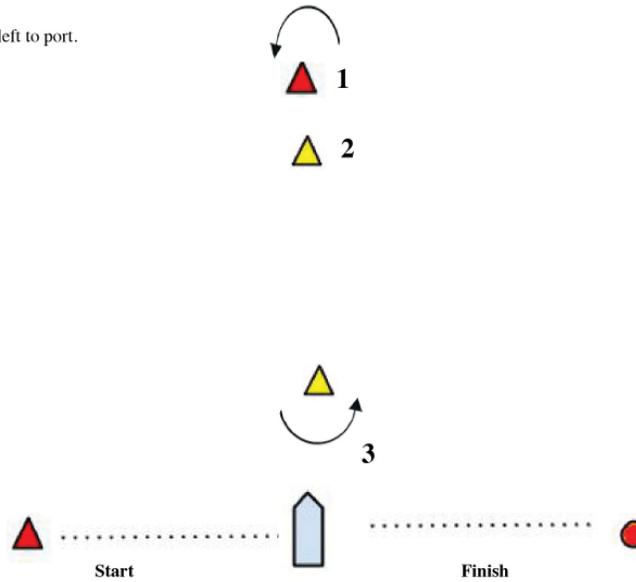
Attachment A

Outside Course

Attachment A Outside Course

All marks are round and left to port.

- 1 S-1-3-1-F
- 2 S-2-3-2-F
- 3 S-1-3-1-3-1-F
- 4 S-2-3-2-3-2-F
- 5 S-1-3-2-F
- 6 S-1-3-1-3-2-F



Description of Marks:

Start: Red inflatable

Finish: Orange ball

Mark 1: Red inflatable

Mark 2/3: Yellow inflatable

Change mark: Orange inflatable

Attachment B

Inside Course

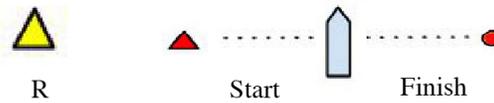
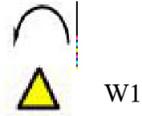
Courses: All marks of the course left to Port. Start/Finish line is restricted unless starting or finishing.

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



Description of Marks:

Start: Red inflatable

Finish: Orange ball

W/R/L Marks: Yellow inflatable

Change mark: Orange inflatable

ATTACHMENT C & D

PLEASE SEE SEPARATE DOCUMENT TO BE POSTED ALONG WITH DIVISION STARTS