



## **RICHMOND YACHT CLUB**

### **Multihull Invitational October 5 & 6, 2019 Sailing Instructions**

Organizing Authority and Host: Richmond Yacht Club, Point Richmond, California

#### **1 RULES**

**1.1** This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

**1.2** Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. Note that Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes Rule 40.

**1.3** To accommodate the conditions and water temperatures commonly encountered on San Francisco Bay, it is strongly recommended that competitors wear wet suits or dry suits while racing.

#### **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 [www.richmondyc.org](http://www.richmondyc.org).

#### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**3.1** 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 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

**3.2** Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water in accordance with RRS 90.2. The inability of the Race Committee after hoisting the "L" flag to hail a competitor who does not come within hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 60.1.

#### **4 MEASUREMENT**

Competitors are responsible for making sure their boat complies with the applicable Class Rules.

#### **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

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

**5.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 40 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

## **6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

**6.1** Saturday, October 5 - Multiple races are planned.

**6.2** Sunday, October 6 - Multiple races are planned.

**6.3** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 1200 hours. On Sunday, the scheduled time for the first warning is 1100 hours.

**6.4** After the first race each day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, a series of short sound signals may be made. Note that following the first start of the day, the classes may be started in any order. See instruction 11.2.

**6.5** No warning signal will be made after 1500 hours on Sunday.

**6.6** There will be a competitor briefing on September 5 at 10:30 at the Richmond Yacht Club on the lower deck.

**6.7** The display of Flag "H" (white and red vertical bars) at the finish of any race means, "Racing has ended for the day."

## **7 CLASS FLAGS AND COURSES**

Class flags will be standard alpha signal flags. The Signal Flags are displayed when they reach their intended position. Class Flag Course Weather Mark

Class	Class Flag	Weather Mark
F-18	<b>D</b>	A
Hobie 20	<b>E</b>	A
Nacra 15	<b>F</b>	A
Open	<b>O</b>	A
Hobie 16	<b>G</b>	Ax
Weta	<b>W</b>	Ax

## **8 RACING AREAS**

**8.1** The racing will be in the area east of Southampton Shoal.

## **9 THE COURSES**

**9.1** 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.

**9.2** The course to be sailed will be designated by a flag displayed from the race Committee signal boat.

## **10 MARKS**

**10.1** All marks will be red or yellow inflatable marks or balls.

**10.2** Mark C is a gate. If one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall round the one existing leeward mark to port.

## **11 THE START**

**11.1** The start will be in accordance with Rule 26. Standard five minute sequence. The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.

**11.2** 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 5th.

**11.3** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the port side of the race committee signal boat and the course side of a mark at the port end of the line.

**11.4** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

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

## **12 RECALLS**

The Race Committee may attempt to hail boats that are OCS, but the failure to do so, or the failure of a boat to hear a hail, will not constitute grounds for redress. This changes Rule 60.1.

## **13 THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the starboard side of the race committee signal boat and the course side of a mark at the starboard end of the line.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

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

## **15 AFTER-RACE SCORING PENALTY**

**15.1** A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 while racing may take a penalty after she is no longer racing and prior to the start of a protest hearing involving an incident. Her penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty of 30% calculated as described in Rule 44.3(c), but not more than that of a DNF score. However, if she caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.

**15.2** Boats accepting an After-Race Scoring Penalty (ARSP) must complete an ARSP form which will be available near the official notice board in the club house.

## **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**16.1** 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 forty-five (45) minutes after the committee boat returns to the dock. The return time will be posted on the official notice board.

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

**16.3** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).

**16.4** Any boat that accepted an ARSP as described in Sailing Instruction 17.2 will not be penalized further as a result of the protest hearing, unless the protest committee concludes that the boat caused injury or serious damage, gained a significant advantage in the race or series, or broke a rule other than a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31.

**16.5** On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:  
(a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;  
(b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes Rule 66.

**16.6** If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such posted score shall be made no later than one hour after the protest time limit. This changes Rule 62.2.

## **17 SCORING**

**17.1** Multiple races are scheduled of which two (2) must be completed to constitute a series.

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

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

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 shoreside member of the race committee or a club staff member (e.g., Harbormaster) immediately after arriving ashore.

## **19 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

A boat shall not make radio transmissions while racing or receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. The RC will be using VHF channel 69 for race management. Competitors may "listen in", however communication to the RC should be limited to informing the RC if you are retiring early and returning to the club.

## **20 PRIZES**

**20.1** Prizes, the number of which will be based on the number of registered entries, will be awarded after the racing on Sunday, October 6, on the RYC deck.

**20.2** Additional recognitions and/or awards may be presented at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

## **21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not be liable for material damage or personal injury or death arising in any way out of the regatta, whether sustained prior to,

during, or after the regatta.

## **22 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 per event or the equivalent.

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# RYC Multihull Invitational

## Attachment A



### Marks

A/Ax – Windward Mark

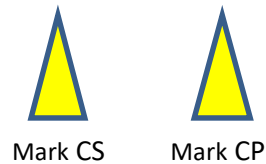
C – Leeward Gate, pass between the marks and exit to Port or Starboard



Hobie 16 and Weta fleets use Mark Ax in place of Mark A

Other fleets use Mark A

Marks A, CS & CP are rounding marks.



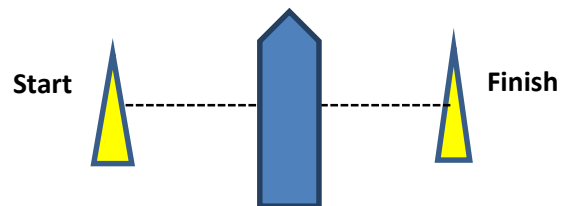
### Courses

1 – Start – A(p) - Finish

2 – Start – A(p) – C – A(p) -Finish

3 – Start – A(p) – C – A(p) – C – A(p) – Finish

4 – Start – A(p) – C – A(p) – C – A(p) – C – A(p) – Finish



### Restrictions

The Start and Finish Lines are restricted except when boats are starting or finishing

### 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.