

Richmond Yacht Club

Notice of Race

Multihull Invitational Regatta

October 3 & 4, 2020

Organizing Authority: Richmond Yacht Club

1. RULES

- 1. The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2017-2020.
- 2. Rule 40 is changed as follows: "Competitors shall wear a PFD while racing except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment".
- 3. This regatta will be sailed in compliance with the most recent Contra Costa County Covid-19 Health Order and is therefore subject to change. Subsequent Health Orders related to Covid-19 may result in revisions to the Sailing Instructions, up to and including cancellation and refund of registration fees.
- 4. All competitors shall follow all Sailing Instructions related to Covid-19 procedures concerning social distancing and personal protection equipment. All competitors launching from Richmond Yacht Club shall follow all notifications posted at the Club. Subsequent Health Orders may extend or modify procedures and competitors are responsible for following such changes as posted at the Club.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted via <u>RegattaNetwork</u> and text messages. Additional paper copies will not be available.

3. ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY/FEES

- 1. Eligible boats are Hobie 16, Hobie 18, Hobie 20, Nacra 15, Weta, F18 and Multihull Open Class. Fleets with fewer than 3 registrants will be combined with the Open Class.
- 2. The entry fee will be \$50.
- 3. Crews must be from the same household or stable social bubble.
- 4. Eligible boats may register online with a valid e-mail address and cell phone number at RegattaNetwork no later than 12:00AM SEPTEMBER 29.
- 5. Skippers and their crew are responsible for compliance with the most recently issued Health Order from Contra Costa County as well as any guidance from the Yacht Racing Association (YRA.org).

4. LAUNCHING

NOTE NEW LAUNCHING LOCATION! RYC currently only allows RYC members on its premises. Hence only boats owned and operated by RYC members may launch from RYC. All others have to launch elsewhere. We recommend the launch ramp at Marina Bay Yacht Harbor (MBYH). Hobie Division 3 will cover the MBHY parking and launching fees.

5. SCHEDULE

1. A competitors' meeting will be held via a Zoom call at 8PM on Friday, October 2nd, especially for those skippers not launching from the MBHY launch ramp, to reconfirm the event, sailing area,

logistics and shoreside social distancing etiquette. The call-in information will be sent out via e-mail 24 hours prior to the call.

- 2. An in-person competitors' meeting will be held next to the MBYH ramp at 10AM on Saturday, October 3rd. In order to facilitate social distancing, please send only one member from your boat to attend, wear a mask and maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from others who are not in your social bubble.
- 3. First shape at 12PM each day. No races to start after 3PM on Sunday.
- 4. There will be no social events planned.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available online by Noon on Friday, October 2nd and posted at RegattaNetwork.

7. RACING AREA AND COURSES

Sailing area will be confirmed at the competitors' meetings. Courses will be provided with the Sailing Instructions

8. SCORING

The races will be scored with the Low-Point system. Two races will constitute a series. If more than 4 races are sailed, there will be one (1) throw-out.

9. PROTESTS

Protest hearings may be held by a video or conference call in the week following the event. Protest forms must be submitted by email to rolf@pacificsound.us no later than 8:00PM Monday, October 5th.

10. PRIZES

A trophy award presentation will be held near the MHBY launch ramp approximately 1 hour after the last race on Sunday.

11. SAFETY REGULATIONS

To minimize crowding on the docks, there will be several safety measures in place. Participants are requested to assist the Club and fellow competitors with facilitating social distancing measures.

At RYC:

- 1. Boats that are launching from the RYC hoist must move their boat immediately to an available endtie where they can proceed to rig their boat. At the end of the day, please only proceed to the hoist area when ready to pull the boat. No rafting up.
- 2. Boats that launch using beach wheels must have their main sails rigged and be ready to sail from the dock within 5 minutes of rolling down to the dock. Beach wheels must be moved out of the way for pedestrians and other competitors. At the end of the day, competitors are asked to use any of the available hoses in the parking/storage areas and not stay/congregate on the dock.

At MHBY:

- 1. All boats must have their sails rigged and be ready to sail from the dock as soon as possible after rolling down the boat ramp.
- 2. Beach wheels must be moved out of the way for pedestrians and ramp users.
- 3. At the end of the day, competitors are asked to use any of the available hoses in the parking lot and not to stay/congregate on the launch ramp.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors shall participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race) and in accordance with the Waiver signed during Registration. 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.

All competitors are required to provide a signed hard copy (those for Minors must be signed by a Parent/Guardian) to either Rolf Jaeger at MBYH or Gene Harris at RYC no later than 10AM on Saturday, October 3rd.

For more information contact the Regatta Chair Team:

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