



Richmond Yacht Club
Sailing Instructions
Multihull Invitational Regatta

October 3 & 4, 2020

Organizing Authority: Richmond Yacht Club

1. RULES

- 1.1.** 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.
- 1.2.** All competitors launching from RYC shall follow all notifications posted at the Club concerning social distancing, personal protection equipment, and any restricted access to facilities. All competitors launching elsewhere shall follow the most recent Contra Costa County Covid-19 Health Order.
- 1.3.** This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.4.** 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.
- 1.5.** 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

- 2.1.** A virtual competitors meeting will be held at 2000 hours on Friday, October 2nd via ZOOM.
- 2.2.** An in-person competitors meeting will be held in the Marina Bay Yacht Harbor (MBYH) parking lot at 1000 hours 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.
- 2.3.** Notices to competitors will be posted on-line, via the Regatta Network notice board, all notices will be posted by 2000 hours the day before.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1.** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Regatta Network notice board before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours 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 Rule 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. NO SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

None. The Race Committee will communicate postponements on the water via VHF channel 69.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. Saturday, October 3 - Multiple races are planned.

6.2. Sunday, October 4 - 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. The display of Flag “H” (one white and one red vertical bar) at the finish of any race means, “Racing has ended for the day.”

7. CLASS FLAGS

Class	Class Flag
F-18	 D
Hobie 20	Blue Hobie Flag
Open	 O
Hobie 16	Pink Hobie Flag

8. RACING AREAS

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 numeral pennant 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 meetings.
- 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. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1.** Competitors intending to protest must inform the Race Committee of their intention no later than 30 minutes after the race in with the incident occurred either in person or via VHF channel 69 (this extends Rule 61.1 and modifies Rule 61.3).
- 15.2.** Protest forms must be submitted by email to rolf@pacificsound.us no later than 2000 hours Monday, October 5th (this modifies Rule 61.3).
- 15.3.** Protest hearings may be held by a video or conference call in the week following the event.
- 15.4.** Notices will be sent via e-mail to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.
- 15.5.** The Race Committee will inform any competitors it intends to protest either in person or via VHF channel 69 no later than 30 minutes after the race in with the incident occurred (this modifies Rule 61.1(b)).
- 15.6.** Request for redress must be communicated to the Race Committee in person or via VHF channel 69 no later than 30 minutes after the race for which the redress is requested (this modifies Rule 62.2).

16. SCORING

- 16.1.** Multiple races are scheduled of which two (2) must be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2.** The Open Class will be scored using the International Small Catamaran Rating System ([SCHRS](#)).
- 16.3.** 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.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1.** Boats are required to check in with the Race Committee by sailing by the committee boat, on starboard tack, prior to the first warning at least 15 minutes before the first start of the first race each day. No radio check-in is allowed.
- 17.2.** Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the Race Committee either in person or via VHF channel 69 before leaving the course area. If that is not possible, the competitor shall call the PRO (510.300.7462) immediately after arriving ashore.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall not make radio transmissions while racing or receive radio communications not intended for all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. The Race Committee will be using VHF channel 69 for race management. Competitors may "listen in", however communication TO the Race Committee should be limited to informing the Race Committee if you are retiring early and returning to the shore, or if you intend to submit either a protest or a request for redress (Section 15).

19. PRIZES

- 19.1.** Prizes, the number of which will be based on the number of registered entries, will be awarded after the racing on Sunday, October 4, in the MBYH parking lot while respecting the Contra Costa County COVID-19 Ordinance by wearing face masks and practicing social distancing.
- 19.2.** Additional recognitions and/or awards may be presented at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

20. 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, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Waivers signed during registration apply to skipper and crew.

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Organizing Authority:

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Attachment A



Marks

A– Windward Mark

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

Marks A, CS & CP are rounding marks.

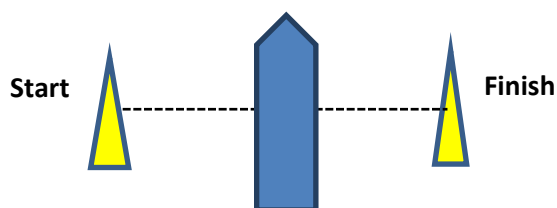
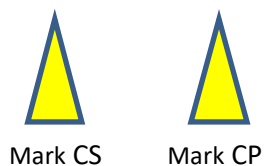
Courses

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.