

**Richmond Yacht Club
Mercury Class Fall Regatta
October 17, 2020**

Notice of Race

Organizing Authority: Richmond Yacht Club in conjunction with the Mercury Class Yacht Racing Association.

1 RULES and more rules..

This regatta will be sailed in compliance with current Contra Costa County Covid-19 Health Order. This Order requires that all individuals in Contra Costa County, over the age of 2 years, wear face coverings in accordance with guidance issued by the State of California. Richmond Yacht Club requires all individuals to wear face coverings at all times when on the docks or grounds of Richmond Yacht Club, and requires participants to maintain a 6 foot distance when not on your boat. Violation of these requirements observed by the Race Committee, or a competitor, may result in a protest by the Race Committee for an individual race, or the regatta.

1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the MCYRA

1.2 RRS 40 is changed as follows: All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. Flag Y will not be displayed.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The regatta is open to all Mercuries that are owned or chartered by members of the MCYRA. However, due to COVID restrictions, the launch facilities of RYC are limited to club members. Mercuries who can otherwise devise ways of attending are welcome.

2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form in its entirety and submitting it, along with the entry fee and the required waivers of liability, online on the RYC website. Entries and waivers must be completed and received by 1000 on Saturday, October 17, 2020. **There will be no onsite opportunity to register for this event.**

3 FEES

The entry fee is \$20. Register thru the RYC link to Regatta Network .

4 SCHEDULE

4.1 1000 hours October 17th - Registration Closes

1100 hours October 17th - Warning, first race

Races 2 through 5 to follow.

4.2 Five races are scheduled.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the RYC website no later than 1200 hours on Friday, October 16, 2020.

7 VENUE

Racing will occur in any of three areas: off the Richmond breakwater in the general vicinity of Southampton Shoals, in Keller Cove (just north of the Richmond channel) or in the area just north of Brooks Island, east of the Richmond channel.

9 SCORING

9.1 There will be no throwouts.

10 RADIO COMMUNICATION

10.1 Competitors should monitor VHF channel 69 for on-the-water communication with the race committee.

10.2 *It is highly recommended that each boat carry a working VHF radio.* There will be no skippers meeting and the declaration of and changes to the racing venue may be announced by radio.

11 PRIZES

Prizes will be as follows:

- First Place - Unlimited Bragging Rights, and, maybe, a decent bottle of wine for skipper and crew
- Second Place - Limited Bragging Rights, and, maybe, a middling bottle of wine for skipper and crew
- First to finish among those who have never won an MCYRA event or any class championship - Considerable bragging rights and, maybe, a six pack of artisanal (as we define) locally brewed beer to be shared by skipper and crew.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for property loss or damage, or personal injury or death, sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

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