



RICHMOND YACHT CLUB

Beer Can 2021 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: Richmond Yacht Club, Point Richmond, California

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 **This series will be sailed in compliance of Contra Costa County Covid-19 Health Order.** This rule is changed to allow for the composition of the skipper and crew to be determined by the most recently issued Order prior to the date of the race by the Contra Costa Health Department. All participants shall be in compliance with the social distancing requirements as required by that Order. **Only members of RYC in good standing can skipper in this event.**
- 1.2 The sailing part of this series will be governed by the RULES as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 Competitors shall wear life jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.4 **ALL** boats must be registered with Regatta Network to sail in this event, please note this is a no charge regatta series.
- 1.5 All boats entered in this event will have a VHF radio, and monitor channel 69.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the RYC website. Additional notices related to COVID-19 procedures while on shore will be prominently posted at the club and elsewhere and shall be followed by all competitors.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be announced via VHF channel 69.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast of racing platform.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

After series start following approval by the County and Coast Guard, every Wednesday starting March 17th until September 29th.

6. FLEET ASSIGNMENTS

Fleets and Class Flags are as shown on **Attachment A**. Fleet assignments will be available on the RYC website.

7. COURSES

See **Attachment A**.

8. MARKS

The marks will be fixed, see **Attachment A**.

9. THE START

9.1 See Attachment A

9.2 Starting line is between the platform and the red channel mark #8 on the far side of the channel.

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

10. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between the race platform and Killer Green (Green Mark 7). Competitors should adjust their sails so finish line crew can see the sail numbers immediately after finishing.

11. TIME LIMITS

The time limit for each race day shall be no later than 8:30 PM. Boats remaining on the course after that time shall notify the Race Committee.

12. SCORING

Scoring will be determined by the Arens dynamic handicap system.

13. COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC

Boats shall not impede the passage of ship traffic while racing. Rule 9 of the Inland Rules of the Road applies with respect to all shipping traffic on San Francisco Bay and its tributaries. A violation of Rule 9 is subject to protest by any competitor or by the Race Committee. Compliance with the RRS 60-63 will not be required with respect to a protest involving a Rule 9 infraction. A violation of Rule 9 may not be exonerated by a Turns or Scoring penalty. Any complaint received by the Race Committee from the United States Coast Guard or the captain or bar pilot of any ship that has sounded five blasts on its horn during the course of a race shall result in an automatic protest by the Race Committee if the captain, bar pilot or Coast Guard identifies an offending boat by sail number. In any case where a ship has sounded five blasts on its horn, a presumption shall be created at the protest hearing that the protested yacht(s) has (have) violated Rule 9 and the protested yacht(s) shall have the burden of proving that it(they) did not impede the progress of the ship. Race Committee chase boats patrolling the race course may hail boats to alter course to avoid impeding ship traffic. Failure of any boat to comply with the hail of the Race Committee shall result in an automatic protest by the Race Committee. A protest of a Rule 9 infraction by a competitor may be made at any time prior to the conclusion of the regatta, but not more than 24 hours after the incident. A

protest by the Race Committee for an infraction of Rule 9 may be made at any time up to two days after the conclusion of the regatta.

The Richmond Yacht Club will cooperate and provide relevant information to any investigations by the Coast Guard or other competent governmental authority of violations of Rule 9.

14. 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.

RICHMOND YACHT CLUB BEER CAN RACING

Attachment A

Fleets and Flags and courses and starting times

EVERY Wednesday after first race through September 30th

Start - Finish

Starting line is between the platform and the red channel mark #8 (piling) on the far side of the channel.

Finish line is between the platform and the green buoy #7 (killer green) on the near side of the channel.

Course

Orange Starting line Flag: Round the yellow "Bob Klein" buoy 200 yards north of the Southampton platform to port & back to finish.

Black Starting line Flag: Round Southampton shoal channel red nun number 6 to port & back to finish.

Starting Sequence

Time	Signal	Meaning
6:05	Yellow Shape	Warning Signal & dinghy start
6:10	Blue Shape	Preparatory Signal & Alerion 28 start
6:15	Red Shape	Start Non-spinnaker under 30'
6:20	Red Shape	Start Non-spinnaker 30' and over
6:25	Red Shape	Start Spinnaker boats under 30'
6:30	Red Shape	Start Spinnaker boats 30' and over

Commercial Traffic always has the right of way.

Please monitor radio channel 69 for info from the race deck. In a calm, boats may use motors to avoid traffic and should aid boats without motors.