



## RICHMOND YACHT CLUB

# Big Daddy 2021 Pursuit Race

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**Organizing Authority: Richmond Yacht Club, Point Richmond, California**

### **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. The owner or skipper of each boat racing is responsible to determine their own group and said group is not to exceed 12 people.

- 1.1** This event will be governed by the RULES as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2** Competitors shall wear life jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.
- 1.3** Racers will be racing in a pursuit race with four divisions all racing together on same course. Singlehanded, Doublehanded, “three household” crew with a max of 12 persons and not necessarily from three households. Moore 24’s and Express 27’s will be using the results of this event as part of their season championships.

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Changes on the RYC website.

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

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.

### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

None made ashore

## 5 SCHEDULE OF RACE

5.1	<u>RACE</u>	<u>DAY AND TIME</u>	<u>TIME OF FIRST WARNING SIGNAL</u>
	1	Saturday, March 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	11:55

## 15 THE COURSE

Courses for the race will be from the start off RYC signal boat Pelican near the Southampton platform, around Angel Island & Alcatraz in either direction, leaving both islands either to port or both to starboard, and back to the finish line near Red # 6 channel mark in the Richmond Channel. Course length will be 10.8 miles.

## 16 THE START

**16.1** The initial start shall be in accordance with Rule 26. The Warning flag will a green “Mr. Fun” flown off RYC race boat Pelican. After the initial start, the “Mr. Fun” flag will be re-hoisted and will remain flying until the last start. All starts subsequent to the first start may be called to attention by a sound only. Hour and minute may be announced on the VHF 69 by the Race Committee. The race committee will use GPS time. **Please keep clear of the starting area at least until 5 minutes before your start time.**

**16.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an inflatable mark.

**16.3** The sail numbers of OCS boats may be called on Chan 69. The X flag may not be displayed. Boats not re-rounding an end of the line to restart will automatically be penalized 10 places at their finish times. This changes RRS 29.

**16.4** If there is a postponement in the initial start, the signal boat will display the number of minutes of postponement with number signal flags. Competitors shall adjust their start times accordingly.

**16.5** Start times will be posted on the RYC website and at the Club after 10:00am on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

## 17 THE FINISH

**The finish line will be between staff flying orange flag on RC signal boat and orange mark. Competitors should ensure that their sail numbers are visible to the finish line crew while finishing.**

## 18 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the Big Daddy race will be 1700 hours. In the event of a postponement the race committee may extend the cutoff time. Boats finishing after that time will be scored as DNF. This changes RRS 35.

**19. RESTRICTED AREAS ON THE COURSE** The following object shall be left to shoreward: Bell buoy 7 off the west end of Alcatraz. Above obstruction is not a mark of the course. Point Blunt buoy will be left to shoreward.

## **20 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 20.1** Protest forms are available online on the US Sailing website . Protests shall be delivered to a Race Committee representative on line within the protest time limit, which shall be 30 minutes after the committee boat returns to the dock. The return time will be announced on VHF 69 and posted on website.
- 20.2** Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Notices will be posted on the Web site
- 20.3** Notices of protests by the Race Committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b). Notices will on the Web site.

## **21 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 21.1** Check-in: No check in is required or desired.
- 21.2** Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the Race Committee by VHF 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 (Bartender, Harbormaster) immediately after arriving ashore.
- 21.3** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. Either by VHF or cell phone (510-612-2426)

## **22 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 22.1** A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **23 PRIZES**

- 23.1** Prizes for four divisions this year... Singlehanded 5 trophies, Doublehanded 5 trophies, “three Household” (crew of up to 12) 10 trophies, and Multihull 5 trophies.  
While it may be possible to give out some on the water at the time of finishing, the balance will be mailed out since this event has no after race party (hopefully for the last time!).

## **24 INTERFERENCE WITH COMMERCIAL VESSELS**

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.

## **25 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.

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