



Richmond Yacht Club

Organizing Authority: Richmond Yacht Club

Totally Dinghy Regatta

September 11th & 12th, 2021

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 This regatta will be sailed in compliance with the most recent Contra Costa County Covid-19 Health Order and RYC Protocol. 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.
- 1.3 All competitors are required to abide by the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations, as well as the host club's restrictions with regard to the COVID-19 virus. This will include demonstrating proof of COVID-19 Vaccination status (fully vaccinated) in order to complete registration.
- 1.4 RRS 40.1 will be deleted and replaced with: "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing clothing or personal equipment." Note that Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.2.

2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board (<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/23130>) no later than 0930 on the day it is to take effect with the exception that a change to the schedule of race will be posted by 1800 hours the day before it is to take effect.
- 2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by hoisting the "L" flag and communicated by loud hail to each competitor. The failure of any boat to hear the hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Paper copies of Notices, SI's, or Protest Forms will be available at RYC in the downstairs race room. Results will be posted online only.
- 3.2 Any specific safety guidance or protocols that govern the event are published on the Official Notice Board, Regatta Website and/or Club Website or on Club grounds.
- 3.3 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm located on the upper deck of the clubhouse.
- 3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Saturday – Three (3) races are scheduled. First warning signal at 1200
- 4.2 Sunday – Two (2) races are scheduled. First warning signal at 1200. No warning shall be made after 1500
- 4.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, a series of short signals will be made at least one minute before a warning signal is made.

5 RACING AREA

5.1 There will be two race areas as follows:

- Potrero Reach
- Keller Cove which is approximately 1/4 nm Northwest of the Richmond Breakwater

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 See Attachment A for Class Flags and Race Area assignments. Final class assignments will depend on the number and type of boats registered. Any one-design boats with 4 or more registrants will have a class start, otherwise boats will be assigned to an Open Class that will be competing using the provisional US Sailing Portsmouth rating described in the NORs. Class assignments and the initial order of starts may be changed on the water through display of class flags at the warning.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show the buoy courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9 MARKS

9.1 Rounding marks will be inflated yellow or orange marks. Start and finish marks will be orange balls.

10 AREAS THAT ARE RESTRICTED

10.1 The following areas are designated as restricted:

- (1) After the first warning of the day the Start/Finish lines are restricted unless preparing to start, starting or finishing.
- (2) The area within 200 yards of Chevron Long wharf in any direction is restricted.

10.2 Boats failing to stay clear of commercial traffic, as determined by the race committee, may be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.

11 THE START

11.1 RRS 26 is changed as follows:

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Visual Signal</i>	<i>Sound Signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
3	Class flag	One	Warning signal
2	P, I, Z, Z with I or U	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting Signal

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying orange flag on the signal boat and an orange ball starting mark.

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

11.4 A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13 FINISH

The finish line will be between a blue flag on the race committee boat and the course side of a finishing mark. Competitors should make their sail numbers visible to the finish line crew as they cross the finish line.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix V1 (Penalty at the time of incident) and V2 (Post-race penalties) shall apply.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes of their start will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Boats intending to file a protest must inform the race committee, including race number and protestee sail number, promptly upon finishing the race.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee boat returns to the dock. The return time and time limit to file protests will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.3 Protest request forms are available from the race office.
- 16.4 Forms may be delivered by hand to a representative of the protest committee.
- 16.5 Protest committee requests that you write legibly and include your cell phone number.
- 16.6 Notices of hearings will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible after the protest time limit has expired. Protests shall be heard in the Library/Boardroom adjacent to the regatta room.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify a Race Committee official or Support boat as soon as possible.
- 17.2 Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify a Race Committee official or Support boat before leaving the course area. If a boat subsequently returns to the race area to continue racing in subsequent races, they are requested also notify the Race Committee or Support boat prior to starting.
- 17.3 Prior to the first race each day boats shall check in with the Race Committee by sailing past the stern on starboard and hail her sail number for recognition.
- 17.4 Competitors are reminded that commercial vessels have the right of way at all times and violations are subject to protest or disqualification.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of sail numbers must be made by the competitor by updating their registration on Regatta Network before 0900 Saturday.

19 SCORING & PRIZES

Honor and glory shall be yours. There will not be any prizes or social events.

20 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

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ATTACHMENT A: CLASS ASSIGNMENTS & STARTING ORDER

**Any classes, other than El Toro, that are assigned to Potrero Reach on Saturday will be moved to Keller Cove on Sunday. Open classes will be scored using Portsmouth handicap ratings.

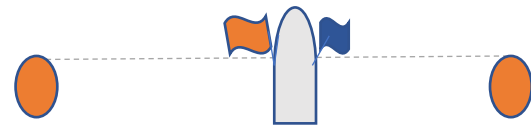
Potrero Reach Course:		
El Toro	Class flag	One Design Start
Keller Cove Course:		
<i>Open Class 1</i>	<i>Flag F</i>	<i>Open Class</i>
<i>ILCA 6</i>	<i>Laser Radial (Red with White)</i>	<i>One Design Start</i>
<i>RS Aero</i>	<i>Flag R</i>	<i>One Design Start</i>
<i>ILCA 7</i>	<i>Laser Standard (White with Red)</i>	<i>One Design Start</i>
<i>Thistle</i>	<i>Flag T</i>	<i>One Design Start</i>

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ATTACHMENT B: COURSE DESCRIPTIONS



Course	
1	S – W1 – L1 – W1 – Finish
2	S – W2 – L1 – W2 – Finish
3	S – W2 – R – L1 – W2 – Finish
4	S – W1 – L2 – Finish (U)
5	S – W1 – L2 – W1 – L2 – Finish (U)
6	S – W2 – L2 – W2 – L2 – Finish (U)

All marks to be left to port. Start/Finish line is restricted unless starting or finishing.

MARK	DESCRIPTION
W1	Inflatable Yellow mark set as a windward mark
W2	Inflatable Red or Orange mark set as windward mark
R	Inflatable Red mark set as a reaching mark
L1/L2	Inflatable Yellow mark set as a leeward mark