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Richmond Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions

Multihull Invitational Regatta

October 2 & 3, 2021

Organizing Authority: Richmond Yacht Club

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.1. 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.
- 1.2. 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 and carry a 20’ bowline on their boats for towing and emergencies.
- 1.3. 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.
- 1.4. All competitors (and any coach boats/support crew) 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.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, which is located in the Regatta Room at the east end of the first floor of Richmond Yacht Club (RYC). Notices will also be posted online at [RegattaNetwork](#).
- 2.2. Competitors’ meeting will be held at 1000 on October 2 on RYC lower deck.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the [RegattaNetwork](#) 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 RRS 90.2. The Race Committee may hoist the “L” flag to indicate that it wants to hail changes to the sailing instructions. Changes to the sailing instructions hailed in this manner will not be grounds for requesting redress for any competitor failing to come within hail. This changes RRS 60.1(b)

4. MEASUREMENT

Competitors are responsible for making sure their boat complies with the applicable Class Rules.



5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the mast on the upper deck of the RYC clubhouse.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 60 minutes’ in race signal AP. This changes RRS “Race Signals”.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. Saturday, October 2 - Multiple races are planned.
- 6.2. Sunday, October 3 - Multiple races are planned.
- 6.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 1155 hours. On Sunday, the scheduled time for the first warning is 1055 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.

11. THE START

- 11.1. The start will be in accordance with RRS 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 even in the first race of each day as long as all competitors of a class have arrived in the starting areas.
- 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 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 RRS 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 RRS 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 finish line.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. The low point scoring system, RSS A4, will be used with modifications as specified in RSS A5.3.
- 15.2. Multiple races are scheduled of which two (2) must be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3. The Open Class will be scored using the International Small Catamaran Rating System ([SCHRS](#)).
- 15.4. 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.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Protest forms will be located outside the downstairs Race Room. Protests shall be delivered to a Protest Committee representative within the protest time limit, which shall be 30 minutes after the race committee returned to the RYC club house each day.
- 16.2. Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.
- 16.3. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

17. PRIZES

A trophy award presentation will be held approximately 1 hour after the race committee returned to the RYC club house after the last race on Sunday. If the protest filings do not impact the awards, the award presentation may take place prior to the protest hearings.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. 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.
- 18.2. 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 (510.388.3686) immediately after arriving ashore.

19. 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).

20. PRIZES

- 20.1. Prizes, the number of which will be based on the number of registered entries, will be awarded approximately 1 hour after the race committee returned to the RYC club house after the last race on Sunday., October 3 on the RYC Upper Deck
- 20.2. Additional recognitions and/or awards may be presented at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

21. 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 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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Attachment A

Marks

A – Windward Mark

C – Leeward Mark

Marks A and C are rounding marks to be rounded to PORT.



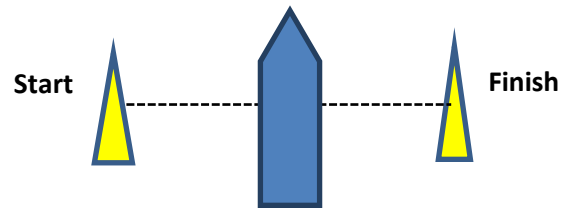
Courses

1 – Start – A – Finish

2 – Start – A – C – A – Finish

3 – Start – A – C – A – C – A – Finish

4 – Start – A – C – A – C – A – C – A – 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.