



RICHMOND YACHT CLUB

2021 Express 27 National Championship

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 regatta will be sailed in compliance with the most recent Contra Costa County Covid-19 Health Order and RYC Protocols. 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. All competitors are required to abide by the state and local laws, guide lines and recommendations, as well as host club's restrictions with regard to the COVID-19 virus. Per the RYC Board of Directors, skippers and crew members will be required to show proof of vaccination (vaccination card or a picture of the vaccination card) when weighing in. Boats with a skipper or crew who is not vaccinated/doesn't show proof of vaccination can still race, but unvaccinated people are asked to stay off the RYC property during the regatta and to weigh in on Thursday prior to the start of the regatta.

1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of sailing (RRS), and the Express 27 class rules. **1.3 Appendix V1. Will be in effect.**

1.2 RRS 40.1 will be deleted and replaced with: "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while on race course, except briefly while changing clothing or personal equipment." Y flag will not be flown.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on-line, via the Regatta Network notice board, all notices will be posted by 2000 (8 pm) the day before. Competitors meeting well be held at 0930 on Friday the 24th on RYC lower deck.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND PENALTIES

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0945 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.

PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT

The Express 27 class will require a two-turn penalty for an incident within the zone and a one-turn penalty for an incident outside the zone. This changes RSS 44.1

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

RYC upper deck flag pole.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Day 1....9/24/2021 first warning by sound and VHF 1155

Day 2....9/25/2021 first warning by sound and VHF 1155

Day 2....9/26/2021 first warning by sound and VHF 1055

5.1 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 and a radio announcement will be made on VHF channel 69 .

6 The Class President will be the fleet spokesperson for on the water communications with the Race Committee...

7 RACING AREA

The long distance race will start in OC area and will be using fixed and inflatable marks in the main bay. Pelican will be start and finish boat for all races.

Olympic Circle area

Pelican will be start and finish boat will be using fixed and inflatable marks for the buoy races.

VHF 69 will be the race committee working channel.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 Attachments A and B shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.3 There will be an Offset Mark set at any of the weather marks that are not fixed government or YRA marks. There may be an Offset Mark "O" set 5-15 boat-lengths from the weather mark on the buoy races. The offset mark is to be passed in sequence as designated in the course descriptions on **Attachment B**.

8.4 The course to be sailed will be designated by flag displayed from the Race Committee signal boat, and announced via VHF channel 69.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks will be yellow or orange inflatable cylinders or tetrahedrons.

9.2 Replaced marks, as provided in instruction 12, will be a different color .

10 AREAS THAT ARE RESTRICTED

The extension between Alcatraz Island and Bell Buoy 7 is restricted. The extension between Angel Island and Blunt Buoy G3 is restricted. I beam and Anita Rock buoy near St. Francis YC shall be passed on the bay side.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started by the Racing Rules of Sailing.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of an inflatable mark.

11.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE Covered in RRS 33

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and an inflatable mark..

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limit for distance race shall be 4 hours.

The time limit for each buoy races shall be 2 hours.

14.2 Boats failing to finish distance race within 45 minutes after the first boat in the fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

Saturday and Sunday boats failing to finish buoy races within 20 minutes after the first boat in the fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15 SCORING

15.1 Seven races are scheduled. Two races shall constitute a series. No discards in this series.

16 THE COURSE's

Courses for the distance race on Attachment A Courses for the buoy racing on Attachment B

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PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1

Protest forms will be available on line and in the RYC race room.

Protests should be filed within 30 minutes of race committee boat Pelican docking.

17.2

Notices and hearing times will be posted online within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.

17.3

Notices of protests by the Race Committee or protest committee will be posted on line to inform boats under RRS 61.1

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 Check-in: 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 first race each day. **No radio check in is allowed.**

However channel 69 should be monitored at all times for information from the race committee.

18.2 Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the Race Committee before leaving the course area VHF 69. If that is not possible, the competitor shall call the PRO (510-612-2426) immediately after arriving ashore.

18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

19.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

19.2 The Race Committee will use **VHF channel 69** (to communicate information about the day's racing and the sail numbers of boats that are OCS or have violated RRS 27. Neither failure of the Race Committee to communicate the sail numbers of recalled boats in a timely manner, nor failure of a recalled boat to receive or hear transmitted information, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

20 Trophies

Trophies will be awarded. Other trophies may be awarded as deemed appropriate. , as soon as possible after completion of the event. Meeting place will be the RYC upper deck.

21 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.

22 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.

Fred Paxton - PRO 510-612-2426

**2021 Express 27 Nationals Attachment A
Long distance race courses only**

Course #A (one Triangle)

Start

YRA mark 12 (inner Harding rock G "1") to Port , YRA mark 18 to port (Blossom Rock GR "BR")
BOC (RYC yellow inflatable) to port

Finish

Course #B (windwards & leewards)

Start

YRA mark 12 (inner Harding rock G "1") to port
YRA mark 24 to port
YRA mark 12 (inner Harding rock G "1") to port
YRA mark location BOC (RYC yellow inflatable) to port

Finish

Course #D (windward leeward)

Start

YRA mark 16 (Blackaller Y "C") to port
YRA mark location BOC (RYC yellow inflatable) to port

Finish

Course #E (Pelican island race)

Start

Alcatraz Island (big rock with old prison) to port
YRA mark location BOC (RYC yellow inflatable) to port

Finish

Course #F (The Bob Klein) Start

YRA 17 (Harding Rock RG "HR") to starboard
RYC Bob Klein buoy to Starboard (small yellow buoy just north of Southampton)
YRA mark location BOC (RYC yellow inflatable) to port

Finish

Course #G

Course #A (one bigger Triangle)

Start

YRA mark 15 (yellow inflatable) Yellow Bluff to Port ,

YRA mark 18 to port (Blossom Rock GR "BR") YRA mark location

BOC (RYC yellow inflatable) to port

Finish

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Buoy Courses

Marks

W – Weather Mark. O- offset mark – L Gate

Courses

1 – Start – W(p) O (p) -- L Gate – Finish.

(once around)

2- Start – W(p) O (p) --L Gate - W(p) O (p) L Gate Finish

(twice around)

