



RICHMOND YACHT CLUB

AMAZING GRACE CHENEY CUP SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

November 7th 2021

Organizing Authority: Richmond Yacht Club, Point Richmond, California

1 1 RULES and more rules..

- 1.1** 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 on club property. 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.
- 1.2** This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of sailing (RRS).
- 1.3** "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while on race course, except briefly while changing clothing or personal equipment." Note that Flag Y will not be displayed.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice web site, no physical notices will be posted.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND PENALTIES

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.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the mast on the upper deck of the RYC clubhouse.
- 4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes "Race Signals".

5 SCHEDULE and CLASS FLAGS

The warning signal for the race will be 11:55 Nov. 7th

RACING AREA

The racing area will be North or Central San Francisco Bay depending on wind direction.

6 COURSE[S] and MARKS

See Attachments for courses 1-4

7 **STARTING AND FINISHING LINES; STARTING SYSTEM]**

The starting and finishing lines will be between the orange flag on Race Committee boat and Olympic circle mark **XOC**. Unless the race committee elects to hunt down a breeze any breeze. Then follow Pelican to new starting area and temporary marks will be used.

7.1 The course to be sailed will be designated by flag displayed from the Race Committee signal boat.

8 **MARKS**

8.1 Marks will be YRA and navigation buoys , and RYC inflatables

9 **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.

10 **THE START**

10.1 First start will be started by using RRS 26 then boats following will be starting on their designated time noted on specific course sheet.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side **Olympic circle mark XOC**. UNLESS the race committee elects to move to a new location with a bit of breeze.

10.3 A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11 **THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and an Olympic circle mark **XOC**. Competitors should turn sail so finish line crew can see sail numbers immediately after finishing. UNLESS the race committee elects to move to a new location with a bit of breeze. Then the race committee will be using temporary marks.

12 **TIME LIMITS**

The time limit for each race will be 3 1/2 hours for the first boat to finish and rest of fleet has 60 minutes after first boat . Time will expire at 16:30 for any boat not yet finished.

13 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. **No radio check in is required**

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

14 **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

15 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.

- a. The Race Committee may 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.

16 PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded for 1st thru 5th other trophies will be awarded as deemed appropriate, on the water as soon as possible after completion of the event. Stick around finish line and give support boat a chance to come along side for trophy presentation. Unclaimed prizes will be held at the RYC Office (510) 237-2521 to be sure someone will be in the office for pickup.

17 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.

18 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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