



Big Dinghy Regatta

April 16, 2022

Richmond Yacht Club

Pt. Richmond, CA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. Rule 40.2 will be deleted and 40.1 will apply at all times. No Y flag will be flown.
- 1.3. 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 <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/24356>.
- 2.2. Competitor's meeting will be held at 1030 on RYC lower deck.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 0930 on the day it is to take effect with the exception that a change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours the day before it is to take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the RYC clubhouse on a flag pole on the upper deck.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Saturday	1030	Outside Course Competitors meeting
	1055	Potrero Reach First Warning
	1155	Outside Course First warning
	1530	No further warning signals
	After racing	Social/awards top deck RYC

- 5.2 Prior to the first race of the day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the committee boat to hail her sail number for recognition.
- 5.3 To alert boats that sequence of races will begin soon, except for the first start of the day, the course flag will be displayed with multiple call to attention sounds before a warning signal is made.

6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Class flags will be:

OUTSIDE COURSE	
Wabbit (DPN 77.6)	Class flag
Thistle (DPN 83)	Class flag
ICLA 7 (91.1)	Class flag
RS Aero 7 & 9	Flag A
ICLA 6 (96.7)	Class flag
Melges 14	Flag M

6.2 The race committee may start two similar classes together in the same sequence.

Note: The above represents the initial order of Race 1 starts. The initial order of starts may be changed on the water with the display of class flags at the warning.

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 The diagrams in Attachment A & B show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.2 Courses will be signalled with a numerical flag.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 Start mark will be an orange ball.
- 8.2 Attachment A & B for description of Marks.

9 AREAS THAT ARE RESTRICTED

- 9.1 The area within 200 yards of Chevron Long wharf in any direction is restricted.
- 9.2 Boats failing to stay clear of commercial or non-racing traffic within the harbor, as determined by the race committee, will be scored Did Not Finish.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races shall be started using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded. This changes Rule 26.

Minutes before start signal	Visual signal	Sound signal
3	Class Flag	One
2	P, I or U	One
1	Preparatory Flag removed	One
0	Class flag removed	One

- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying orange flag on the signal boat and the starting mark.
- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored “Did Not Start” without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.5 The failure of the Race Committee to make a sound or failure of a boat to hear will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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.

12 FINISH

The finish line will be between a blue flag on the signal boat and a mark on the course side.

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 The time limit for each buoy race shall be 60 minutes.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 The low point scoring system, A4, will be used with modifications as specified in A5.3.
- 15.2 The number of races scheduled is 5. The minimum number of races required to constitute a regatta is 1.



16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

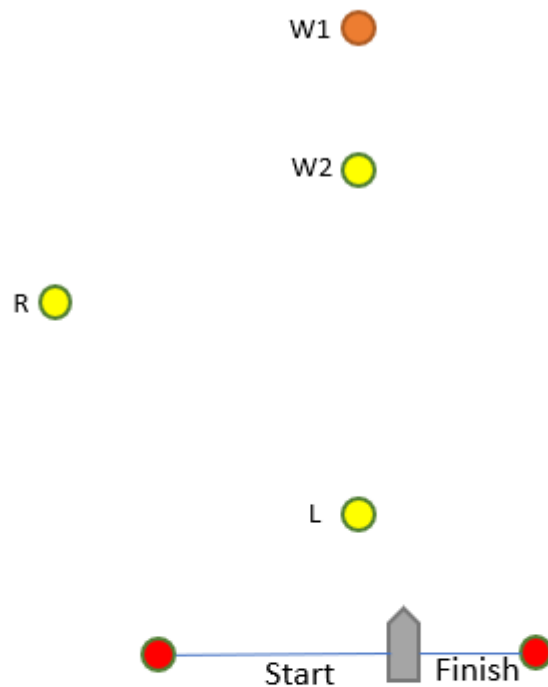
- 16.1 Protest forms will be located outside the downstairs Race Room. Protests shall be delivered to a Protest Committee representative within the protest time limit, which shall be 30 minutes after the Finish Line committee boat returns to the dock.
- 16.2 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice 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).
- 16.4 If the protest filings do not impact the awards, the awards ceremony may take place prior to hearing protests.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 All boats shall carry a 20 ft towline that can be attached to the bow or mast for towing or to assist in boat recovery.
- 17.2 Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing must 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 must also notify a Race Committee or Support boat prior to starting.
- 17.3 Competitors are reminded that commercial vessels have the right of way at all times and violations are subject to protest or disqualification.

Attachment A

COURSE DESCRIPTION



Courses: All marks of the course left to Port.	
1	Start – W1 - Finish
2	Start – W1 – L – W1 – Finish
3	Start – W1 – R – L – W2 - Finish
4	Start – W2 – L – W2 – Finish