



RICHMOND YACHT CLUB

The Intraclub Races May 7, July 9, and August 13

Notice of Race

Organizing Authority: Richmond Yacht Club, Point Richmond, California

1. RULES

- 1.1. These events are governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2021-2024.
- 1.2. RRS 40 is changed as follows: Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices that are USCG approved while racing. Code flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.2.
- 1.3. Alerion 28's will compete in accordance with their class rules.
- 1.4. The use of powered equipment is permitted on boats that have declared this information when their handicap rating was assigned. This modifies RRS 52.
- 1.5. All participants in this regatta are required to follow all relevant state, county, and yacht club Covid safety requirements in effect at the time of the race. (Contra Costa County Covid mandates can be found at <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org>. Richmond YC Covid guidelines can be found [here](#).) The skipper of the boat is solely responsible to comply with state and county health orders with regard to the health and safety of his/her crew, and releases the Richmond Yacht Club of any liability in case new infections occur by racing the boat and COVID-19 tracing of crew members becomes necessary.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing instructions for each race will be available the Friday before the race no later than 1700 on the page for that race listed at <https://www.richmondyc.org/on-the-water/racing>.

2. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official online notice board for each race is on the event page for that race page listed at <https://www.richmondyc.org/on-the-water/racing>.
- 3.2. The race committee intends to post the sailing instructions and any amendments on the Richmond Yacht Club race bulletin board no later than 0930 the day of the race.
- 3.3. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels, and the radio must be and monitored while racing.
- 3.4. On the water, the race committee may use VHF radio channel 69 to communicate information to competitors.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. Richmond Yacht Club members may enter a PHRF-rated boat that has a waterline length of at least 18 feet. A current PHRF certificate is not required.
- 3.2. An Alerion 28 not owned by a Richmond YC member may enter an Intraclub race.
- 3.3. An eligible boat may register for each race by completing online registration on the event page at <https://www.richmondyc.org/on-the-water/racing>.
- 3.4. The entry deadline is 1900 on the Thursday before each schedule race day.
- 3.5. Entrants will be organized into three fleets and each fleet will be scored separately.
 - Spinnaker – Boats that intend to use a spinnaker while racing
 - Non-spinnaker – Boats that will not and do not use a spinnaker while racing
 - Alerion 28 – If fewer than five (5) Alerion 28's start a race, they will be scored with the Non-spinnaker fleet.
- 3.6. The entry fee for each race is \$20.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1.

<u>Race</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>First Start</u>
1.	Saturday, May 7	1200
2.	Saturday, July 9	1200
3.	Saturday, August 13	1200
- 4.2. There will be one race each day.
- 4.3. The first start will use the format in RRS 26.
- 4.4. Races will be started using the pursuit (reverse-order start) format, with the slowest boat starting first, followed by each incrementally faster boat in order, with the fastest boat starting last.
- 4.5. The starting time for each boat will be determined based its PHRF handicap applied in a time-on-distance fashion. A current PHRF certificate is not required; the race committee will assign a handicap, when necessary, that is consistent with established PHRF ratings.
- 4.6. Starting times for all boats will be included in the sailing instructions as an amendment.

5. RACING AREA AND COURSES

- 5.1. Races will start in the vicinity of the Berkeley Circle and finish off the Richmond Yacht Club racing platform in Potrero Reach.
- 5.2. The racing area and course will be described in Sailing Instructions for each race event.
- 5.3. The course for each race will use a combination of government navigational buoys, permanent YRA marks, and San Francisco Bay islands as turning marks.
- 5.4. Course lengths will vary from approximately 8 nm to 16 nm.

6. SCORING

- 6.1. Each race is scored separately; there is no series score.

7. PRIZES

- 7.1. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st place finisher of each fleet.
- 7.2. If more than 5 boats start within a fleet, a 2nd place prize will be awarded in that fleet.
- 7.3. If more than 10 boats start within a fleet, a 3rd place prize will be awarded in that fleet.

8. RISK STATEMENT

8.1. 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.

9. INSURANCE

9.1. Each participating boat shall be covered by valid 3rd-party insurance.

10. FURTHER INFORMATION

10.1. For further information, please contact the following individuals:

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