



RICHMOND YACHT CLUB

2022 RYC Intraclub #3 Race – July 13, 2022

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: Richmond Yacht Club, Point Richmond, California

1 RULES

- 1.1. This event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* 2021-2024.
- 1.2. RRS 40.1 is modified with added text in *italics*: “Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices *while on the race course*, except briefly while changing clothing or personal equipment.” 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-19 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-19 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 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the [regatta website](#) before 0900 on July 9, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on July 8.
- 2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by VHF radio.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the [regatta website](#). Physical notices will not be posted at RYC.
- 3.2 On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 69.

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 Signals AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACE

5.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal is 1155.

6 RACING AREA

6.1 The racing area for the race will be the central San Francisco Bay.

7 COURSE AND MARKS

7.1 The courses, marks and distance for this race are shown in **Attachment A**.

8 RESTRICTED AREAS

8.1 For safety, each of the lines bounded by the following two point is an obstruction:

- 8.1.1. Bell buoy GR "AZ" west of Alcatraz Island and the closest point ashore
- 8.1.2. Buoy "G 3" south of Pt Blunt on Angel Island and the closest point ashore
- 8.1.3. Beacon "RW BN" (aka the 'Birdcage') and the NW end of the Point Potrero Reach (Richmond channel) breakwater.

9 THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the Berkeley Circle mark XOC.
- 9.2 RRS 26 will be used to start the boat (or boats) that has (or have) the largest PHRF rating on the starting time list in **Attachment B**, with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.3 Boats with smaller PHRF ratings will follow the scheduled starting times shown in **Attachment B**.
- 9.4 If the first start is postponed, the Race Committee will announce the duration of the postponement before the rescheduled first start. Competitors should adjust their scheduled start time by adding the postponement delay.
- 9.5 A boat that starts more than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between the mast on the RYC race platform and the buoy G "7" Fl G 4s (aka "Killer Green").
- 10.2 Competitors should trim the mainsail immediately after finishing so the race committee can see and record the sail number.

11 TIME LIMIT

- 11.1 The time limit for this race will be 1600 hours.
- 11.2 If Race Committee chooses to extend the time limit in the event of a postponement of the start, the revised time limit will be communicated via VHF channel 69.

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 The goal of Intraclub races is fun competition. Therefore, competitors are encouraged to take the appropriate penalty when breaking a rule rather than instigating a protest.
- 12.2 If a protest or request for redress needs to be filed, the forms are available online from the US Sailing website. [Protest forms](#) and [requests for redress](#) shall be delivered to a Race Committee representative within 30 minutes of the last boat to finish the race. The Race Committee will announce this time on VHF channel 69.
- 12.3 Notices of protests will be posted on the regatta website within 30 minutes after the protest filing limit deadline, along with information about when and where the protest will be heard.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 A competitor will be scored within the fleet chosen during registration, or as assigned by the Race Committee. There are three fleets: Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker, and Alerion 28.
- 13.2 A boat that does not finish the race will be scored one point more than the number of starters in the race. This changes Rule A 5.2.
- 13.3 A boat that does not race will be scored two points more than the number of starters in the race. This changes Rule A 5.2.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1 No check-in is required.
- 14.2 A boat that retires from the race, or that leaves the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing, shall notify the Race Committee via VHF channel 69 or by calling Paul Disario at 559-273-9549, **before leaving the course area**. If that is not possible, the competitor shall notify a shoreside member of the Race Committee or a club staff member (e.g. bartender, harbormaster) immediately after arriving ashore.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 15.1 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.

16 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 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.

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.

17 RISK STATEMENT

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.

Contact Information

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ATTACHMENT A – COURSE AND MARKS

Start Between RC Boat and Berkeley Circle Mark **XOC**

Mark 1 **Blackaller Buoy** (aka YRA 16) to **STARBOARD**

Mark 2 **R “4” Fl R 2.5s** (Pt Stuart at Raccoon Strait) to **STARBOARD**

Finish Between RYC race platform and **G “7” Fl G 4s** (aka **Killer Green**)

Race Distance = 13.90 nm

Note the following restricted area is also described in section 8:

- Beacon “RW BN” (aka the ‘Birdcage’) off the NW end of the Point Potrero Reach breakwater must be left to **starboard**

ATTACHMENT B – START TIMES

Start	Sail#	Skipper	Boat Name	Class/Fleet	PHRF
12:00:00	179	Mark Werder	Strange Magic	Spinnaker	180
12:02:47	133	Chuck Eaton	Eagle	Alerion 28	168
12:02:47	136	Kers Clausen	Resilience	Alerion 28	168
12:02:47	188	Bill Claussen	Allegro non tropo	Alerion 28	168
12:02:47	190	John Arnold	Diana	Alerion 28	168
12:02:47	222	Kirk Smith	Dream	Alerion 28	168
12:02:47	244	Bruce Munro	Last Dance	Alerion 28	168
12:02:47	254	Christian Kramer	SWEET DE	Alerion 28	168
12:02:47	38079	Fred Paxton	Zenaida	Alerion 28	168
12:02:47	406	Paul Descalso	Sobrante	Alerion 28	168
12:08:20	3001	Bilafer Family	Free	Non-spinnaker	144
12:12:31	28207	Mark Briner	Bare Necessities	Spinnaker	126
12:12:31	35	Erik Menzel	Student Driver	Spinnaker	126
12:12:31	47	Ethan Petersen	Hare-o-dynamic	Spinnaker	126
12:18:46	28132	Hendrik Bruhns	WYSIWYG	Spinnaker	99
12:23:52	USA192	Mark Kubinec	Free Energy 5	Spinnaker	77