



RICHMOND YACHT CLUB

2022 Express 27 Nationals

May 20 - 20, 2022

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The 2021 - 2024 Racing Rules of Sailing and the Express 27 class rules.
- 1.2 Appendix V1 will be in effect. 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
- 1.3 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 Covid mandates can be found at <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/>. Richmond Yacht Club Covid guidelines can be found at <https://www.richmondyc.org/Default.aspx?p=dynamicmodule&pageid=103&ssid=100110&vnf=1>.
- 1.4 RRS 40 is changed as follows: All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices that are USCG or ISO approved except briefly while changing clothing or personal equipment. The "Y" flag will not be displayed.
- 1.5 All boats shall remain in the water from the beginning of racing Friday through the last race on Sunday unless the PRO has approved a written request for a haul out.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0945 on the day it will take effect. Change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, which is located in the Junior's room downstairs, by 2000 hrs (8PM) the day before. Notices may also be posted on the RYC website.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast on the upper deck at RYC. 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 RACE SCHEDULE

- 5.1

Date	Time
5/20/20 - Skippers Meeting	RYC Junior's Room - 0930 hrs
5/20/20 - Race 1	First Warning 1155 hrs
5/20/20 - Race 2 - Long Distance Race	Immediately Following Race 1
5/20/20 - owners meeting	RYC Junior's room - 1730 hrs

5/21/21 - Race 3	First Warning - 1155 hrs
5/21/21 - Race 4	Immediately Following Race 3
5/21/21 - Race 5	Immediately Following Race 4
5/22/22 - Race 6	First Warning - 1055 hrs
5/22/22 - Race 7 - Possible 2nd long distance race	Immediately Following Race 6
5/22/22 - Awards Presentation	RYC Upper Deck ASAP After Last Race

5.2 After each race a warning signal for the succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable, A series of short sound signals and a radio announcement may be made to alert boats that another race will begin soon.

6 RACING AREAS

- 6.1 The buoy races will be in the Olympic Circle area.
- 6.2 The long distance race(s) will start in the Olympic Circle area and will be using fixed and inflatable marks in the main bay.
- 6.3 RYCs Pelican will be the start and finish boat for all races.

7 MARKS

- 7.1 Marks will be inflatable cylinders or tetrahedrons.

8 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 8.1 VHF 69 will be the race committee working channel.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 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 be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Attachment A will indicate courses for the long distance races. Attachment B will show the courses for the buoy races.
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 The course to be sailed will be designated by a flag displayed from the Race Committee signal boat, and announced via VHF channel 69.

10 RESTRICTED AREAS

- 10.1 For safety, each of the lines bounded by the following two points is an obstruction:
 - 10.1.2 The Bell Buoy (GR Bell) off the West end of Alcatraz Island and the closest point ashore.
 - 10.1.3 The buoy (G 3) South of Point Blunt on Angel island and the closest point ashore.
 - 10.1.4 A 200' circle around Southampton shoal platform.
- 10.2 The I beam and Anita Rock buoy near St. Francis YC shall be passed on the bay side.

11 STARTS

- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 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. There may be a limiting mark near the signal boat.
- 11.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number on the designated VHF channel.

Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

- 11.6 A boat that does not start within 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12 CHANGES TO THE NEXT LEG OF A COURSE

- 12.1 As indicated in RRS 33.

13 FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and an inflatable mark. Competitors should adjust their sails so the finish line crew can see sail numbers immediately after finishing. Stick around after your finish and be ready to start the next race, listen to your VHF or watch for your fleet flag on the starting boat.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit for each buoy race shall be 2 hours.
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.
- 14.2 The time limit for the long distance race on Saturday shall be 4 hours.
- 14.3 The time limit for the long distance race on Sunday shall be 3 hours.
Boats failing to finish the distance race(s) 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.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 Seven races are scheduled. Two races shall constitute a series.
- 15.2 There will be no race discards or throughouts for the series.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms will be available near the official notice board. Protests shall be delivered to a Race Committee representative in the Race Office within the protest time limit, which shall be 30 minutes after the committee boat returns to the dock. The return time will be posted on the website.
- 16.2 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Notices will also be posted on the web site. Note that fleets with protests on Saturday will have their trophy presentations on Sunday afternoon during the pursuit race awards.
- 16.3 Protest forms will be available near the official notice board. Protests shall be delivered to a Race Committee representative in the Race Office within the protest time limit, which shall be 30 minutes after the committee boat returns to the dock. The return time will be posted on the official notice board inside and to the left of the main entrance to the club.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 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 start of the first race each day. No radio check in is allowed.
- 17.2 Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the Race Committee by VHF 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 (Bartender, Harbormaster) immediately after arriving ashore.
- 17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

18 INTERFERENCE WITH COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC

- 18.1 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.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 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.

OTHER INFORMATION

Parking

Parking in the RYC lot will be restricted during the regatta. Parking at the club is limited to the area in front of the Clubhouse. Only one car from each participating yacht may park in the RYC lot, on a first come / first served basis, until full.

Participants are invited to use RYC guest dock facilities for the duration of the regatta. If you wish to extend your stay to the day before and/or the day after, you must coordinate with the harbormaster, who can be reached at 510-234-6959.

There may be limited RV parking - check with the harbor master for space/details/permission.

Dinner

Extra Fleet Dinners are only \$30 each.

Further Race Info

The race PRO is Fred Paxton. Contact Fred Paxton at: f.paxton@comcast.net.

Rebecca Hinden on Bombora will be the fleet spokesperson for on the water communications with the Race Committee.

Race Chairperson is Lori Tewksbury. Contact Lori at: mstewks@yahoo.com; 510-205-6889

RYC Harbor Master is Danny Harris. Contact Danny at harbormaster@richmondyc.org; 510-234-6959