

# Big Daddy Regatta - Fleet Racing

Saturday, March 11, 2023

## Sailing Instructions



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YACHT CLUB

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The use of powered equipment is permitted as long as those boats have declared this information on their PHRF rating. This modifies Rule 52.

### 2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board by 0930 on the day they will take effect. Changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before they will take effect.
- 2.2 Changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water. If a change is made the race committee will display the L flag and may also announce the change on the designated VHF channel.

### 3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, which is located in the RYC Junior Room downstairs. 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.
- 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 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 The Race Committee will use the following VHF channels to communicate information about the day's racing.

**DeepwaterCourse - 69**

**OC Course - 79**

**Southampton Course - 71**

### 6 SATURDAY RACE SCHEDULE

- 6.1
- | Race Signal | Time                         |
|-------------|------------------------------|
| Race 1      | 1125                         |
| Race 2      | Immediately following race 1 |
| Race 3      | Immediately following race 2 |

- 6.2 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.

### 7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1
- |                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Deep Water Course</b>  | West of the Berkeley Pier |
| Start/Finish Line Boat    | RYC Pelican               |
| <b>OC Course</b>          | Olympic Circle Area       |
| Start/Finish Line Boat    | Toro Grande               |
| <b>Southampton Course</b> | East of Southampton       |
| Start/Finish Line Boat    | Buoy Toy                  |

### 8 COURSES

- 8.1 Attachment C shows the courses for the Southampton Course and OC Course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Attachment B shows the courses for Deep Water Course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 There may be an Offset Mark "O" set 5-8 boat-lengths from the weather mark. If present, the offset mark is to be passed in sequence as designated in the course descriptions on Attachment B & C.
- 8.3 The course to be sailed will be designated by a flag displayed from the Race Committee signal boat.
- 8.4 The race committee will attempt to announce courses and starting groups on the race channel. The absence of this announcement or the failure of a boat hearing the announcement shall not be grounds for redress.

### 9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks will be inflatable cylinders or tetrahedrons.

### 10 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 The following lines and areas rank as obstructions.
- 10.1.1 The start/finish line is an obstruction except when a boat is starting or finishing. The obstruction extends from the starting pin to the finishing pin.
- 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 Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway (see US Dept. of Commerce chart 18649 for designated narrow channels and fairways of SF Bay) or fishing or other vessels with restricted ability to maneuver. Boats identified who endanger their own safety, other sail boats, or that of a commercial or government vessel will be subject to protest by a Race Committee (RC) or contestant and face possible disqualification. RRS 60.3 is modified to add (d) to read: A hearing for allegations of the above will be instigated by a protest committee if notified by government, commercial or individual vessel of possible infraction. It shall also extend the time limit under RRS 61.3 to accept the information.

## **11 START**

- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26. Classes may be started in any order, although in the first race of the day expect that classes will be started in the order listed in Attachment A.
- 11.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.3 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 The race committee may attempt to hail the sail numbers of boats that are OCS on the designated VHF channel. Failure to hail her number, or 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).
- 11.5 General Recall: If there is a second general recall, that group will start after the last scheduled group of starters.
- 11.6 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 11.7 The start line is an obstruction and boats shall not cross the start line unless a boat is in their start sequence (the time between the warning signal and the starting signal).

## **12 FINISH**

- 12.1 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.

## **13 TIME LIMIT**

- 13.1 The time limit for each race shall be 90 minutes.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in the fleet starts, sails the course, and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1 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 official notice board inside and to the left of the main entrance to the club and on the website.
- 14.2 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.
- 14.3 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b). Notices will be posted on the official Notice board and on the Web site.

## **15 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 15.1 Check-in: On Saturday, boats are requested to check in with the Race Committee by sailing by the committee boat, on starboard tack, prior to the first warning signal (Saturday), or 15 minutes prior to her start No radio check in on Saturday.
- 15.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.