

Big Dinghy Regatta

Saturday, April 1 - Sunday, April 2, 2023

Sailing Instructions



RICHMOND
YACHT CLUB

1 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 Changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water. If a change is made the race committee will display the L flag.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted online on the Big Dinghy webpages on Regatta Networks. Notices may also be posted on the bulletin board outside RYC Junior Race Room.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast on the upper deck at RYC.
- 3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes "Race Signals".

4 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 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 RACE SCHEDULE

5.1 Potrero Reach - Saturday only

First Warning	Time
Race 1	1125
Race 2	Immediately following race 1
Race 3	Immediately following race 2

5.2 Southampton or Keller Cove - Saturday

Saturday: First Warning	Time
Race 1	1125

Additional Races to Follow

Sunday: First Warning	Time
Race 1	1100

Additional Races to Follow

- 5.3 Subsequent races will begin as soon as possible. The race committee intends three races per day, but may be behind or ahead by one race as weather permits. There will be awards on Saturday for Potrero Reach and on Sunday for the other course(s).

- 5.4 After each race a warning signal for the succeeding race will be made as soon as practical. A series of short sound signals may be made to alert boats that another race will begin soon.

- 5.5 To alert boats that a 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. Failure to hear a signal will not be grounds for request for redress.

6 RACING AREAS

- 6.1 **Potrero Reach
Southampton** Outside the Breakwater, down towards Brooks Island

7 COURSES

- 7.1 Attachment C shows the courses for the Southampton 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 Potrero Reach Course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.2 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.
- 7.3 The course to be sailed will be designated by a flag displayed from the Race Committee signal boat.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 The start/finish mark will be an orange ball.
- 8.2 All other marks will be inflatable cylinders or tetrahedrons.

9 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 The following lines and areas rank as obstructions.
 - 9.1.1 Chevron Long Wharf and an area 200 yards off the Long Wharf.
 - 9.1.2 A thirty yard radius around the Keller Cove sunken boat. The sunken boat is located approximately one third the distance between Ferry Pier and Keller Beach.
GPS: 37*54'47.5N 122*23'40.9W
 - 9.1.3 A 200' circle around Southampton shoal platform.

9.2 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.

10 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 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.3 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.
- 10.4 The race committee may attempt to hail the sail numbers of boats that are OCS via a bull horn. Failure to hail, or failure 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).
- 10.5 General Recall: If there is a second general recall, that group will start after the last scheduled group of starters.
- 10.6 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.
- 10.7 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 4 minutes after her starting signal).

11 FINISH

- 11.1 For Southampton: The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and an orange ball.
- 11.2 For Potrero Reach: The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and an orange ball.

11.2 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.

12 TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 The time limit for each race shall be 60 minutes.
- 12.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 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.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Protest forms will be available in the RYC Juniors room. 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 notice board.
- 13.2 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 bulletin board.
- 13.3 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 bulletin board.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1 Check-in: On Saturday, boats are required to check in on-shore in the downstairs Junior Race Room. Boats are also requested to check in on the water with the Race Committee by sailing by the committee boat on starboard tack prior to the first warning signal. No radio check-in.
- 14.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 14.3 A boat that leaves or returns to the race area shall notify the race committee.
- 14.4 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.

