

Alerion 28 Regatta

April 23, 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 and may also announce the change on the designated VHF channel.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board: <https://tinyurl.com/RYC2023AlerionNoticeBoard>

3 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 The Race Committee will use VHF channel 69 to communicate information about the day's racing.

4 RACE SCHEDULE

- 4.1

Race Signal	Time
Race 1	1125
Race 2	Immediately following race 1
Race 3	Immediately following race 2
- 4.2 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.

5 RACING AREA

- 5.1 The racing area will be between Southampton and south of Brooks Island.

6 COURSES

- 6.1 Attachment A will indicate courses, marks, and the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 6.2 The course to be sailed will be designated by a flag displayed from the Race Committee signal boat.
- 6.3 The race committee will attempt to announce courses on the race channel. The absence of this announcement or the failure of a boat hearing the announcement shall not be grounds for redress.

7 MARKS

- 7.1 Drop (inflatable) marks will be used.

8 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 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.

9 CHECK IN

- 9.1 Boats are required to check in with the Race Committee by sailing by the committee boat, on starboard tack, prior to the first warning signal.

10 START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 10.2 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.
- 10.3 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).
- 10.4 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 10.5 The start line is not an obstruction.

11 FINISH

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 The finish line is not an obstruction.

12 TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 The time limit for each race shall be 90 minutes.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.
- 13.3 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board.

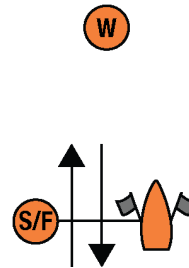
14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

Attachment A - Course Sheet

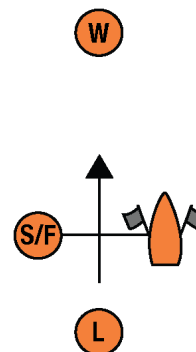
Course 1 Start - W - Finish
Course 2 Start - W - S/F - W - Finish
(All marks rounded to port. Finish is a downwind finish.)

W Weather Mark
S/F Start / Finish Pin



Course 3 Start - W - L - Finish
Course 4 Start - W - L - W - L - Finish
(All marks rounded to port.)

W Weather Mark
S/F Start / Finish Pin
L Leeward Mark



Interference with Shipping Traffic

Section 8.1 of the Sailing Instructions shall apply to boats interfering with commercial shipping traffic.