

Fall One Design Invitational

October 13, 14 and 15

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://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26897>

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 71 to communicate information about the day's racing.

4 RACE SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Start order: For the first race of each day, including Friday, the order of starts will be Wabbit, Olson 25, J/24.

5 COURSES

- 5.1 The racing area on Friday will be a distance race using fixed marks for Olsons and Wabbits and will be described further in the **Sailing Instructions - Attachment**.
- 5.2 The racing area Saturday will be in the vicinity of Southampton and Brooks Island. Racing will be around temporary marks. See **Sailing Instructions - Attachment**.
- 5.3 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.

6 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 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.

7 CHECK IN

- 7.1 [DP] 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.

8 START

- 8.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 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).
- 8.4 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.

9 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 9.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 9.2 The race committee may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees or the length up to 10% of the previous length, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark. This changes RRS 33.
- 9.3 The race committee may, without signal, adjust a finish line mark while boats are on the first half of the leg. This changes RRS 33.

10 FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a orange 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 TIME LIMIT

- 11.1 Friday: The time limit shall be 1800. Competitors shall note that Sunset is 18:34 and functioning navigation lights are encouraged.
- 11.2 The time limit for each buoy race shall be 90 minutes.
- 11.3 If no boat has passed the windward mark within 20 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 RRS 61 is modified to add this additional requirement: A boat intending to protest shall report her intentions and the boat(s) being protested to the RC boat on station upon finishing or retiring and obtain RC acknowledgment. Radio reports of protests will only be accepted from boats that are retiring from the race.
- 12.2 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.
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board.

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

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