

# Big Daddy Regatta - Fleet Racing

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## Sailing Instructions



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The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply while crew are on the water. RRS 40.2 is deleted.

### 2 CHANGES TO 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 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted at the Richmond Yacht Club and on the Richmond Yacht Club official notice board. The official notice board is located at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27490>
- 3.2 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**

### 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 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1
- | Race   | Signal Time                  |
|--------|------------------------------|
| Race 1 | 1125                         |
| Race 2 | Immediately following race 1 |
| Race 3 | Immediately following race 2 |
- 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
- |                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Deep Water Course</b>  | West of the Berkeley Pier |
| Start/Finish Line         | RYC Pelican               |
| <b>OC Course</b>          | Olympic Circle Area       |
| Start/Finish Line         | Toro Grande               |
| <b>Southampton Course</b> | East of Southampton       |
| Start/Finish Line         | Journey                   |

### 7 COURSES

- 7.1 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. 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.
- 7.2 There may be an Offset Mark "O" set 10 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.
- 7.4 [DP ]The race committee will attempt to announce courses and starting groups on the race VHF radio channel. The absence of this announcement or the failure of a boat hearing the announcement shall not be grounds for redress.

### 8 MARKS

- 8.1 Marks will be inflatable cylinders or tetrahedrons. The Deep Water course may use YRA marks.

### 9 OBSTRUCTION

- 9.1 The following lines and areas rank as obstructions.
- 9.1.1 The Bell Buoy (GR Bell) off the West end of Alcatraz Island and the closest point ashore.
- 9.1.2 The buoy (G 3) South of Point Blunt on Angel island and the closest point ashore.
- 9.1.3 A 200' circle around Southampton shoal platform.

- 9.1.4 After completing the first leg of the course and while racing, a boat shall not cross the starting line; or, unless she is finishing, the finish line; or rounding the starting or finishing mark buoy as a rounding mark. This changes RRS 28.2. A boat that fails to observe this restriction may exonerate herself by taking a Two-Turns Penalty as described in RRS 44.2. This changes RRS 44.1 but does not change RRS 44.1(b). A boat that fails to exonerate herself will be scored Did Not Sail the course (NSC) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5. The starting and finishing lines, including their marks, is an obstruction for a boat required not to cross them.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with 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.
- 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 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).
- 10.5 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/Finish line is an obstruction (see 9.1.4)

## **11 THE FINISH**

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.

## **12 TIME LIMIT**

- 12.1 The time limit for each race shall be 90 minutes.
- 12.2 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.

## **13 HEARING REQUEST**

- 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. The return time will be posted on the official notice board in the RYC race office.
- 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 be posted at the Richmond Yacht Club and on the Richmond Yacht Club official notice board. Note that fleets with protests on Saturday will have their trophy presentations on Sunday afternoon during the pursuit race awards.

## **14 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 14.1 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 or 15 minutes prior to her start.

## **15 RISK STATEMENT**

- 15.1 The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

## **16 CONTACT INFO**

- 16.1 Please contact Fred Paxton at [f.paxton@comcast.net](mailto:f.paxton@comcast.net) if you have any questions regarding the regatta.