

# Big Daddy Regatta - Pursuit Race

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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

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 located at:  
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27495>
- 3.2 The Race Committee will use VHF channel 69 to communicate information about the day's racing.
- 3.3 Check ins are not required for the Sunday Pursuit race.
- 3.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

### 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

Race	Signal Time
Pursuit Race	11:25

### 6 RACE AREA

- 6.1 The race start will be near the Southampton platform.

### 7 COURSE

- 7.1 The race course is as follows, a start near the Southampton platform, around Angel & Alcatraz islands in either direction, leaving both islands either to port or both to starboard, and back to the finish line near Red # 6 channel mark in the Richmond Channel.
- 7.2 Course length will be 10.7 miles

### 8 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The following lines and areas rank as obstructions.
  - 8.1.1 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.
  - 8.1.2 The Bell Buoy (GR Bell) off the West end of Alcatraz Island and the closest point ashore.
  - 8.1.3 The buoy (G 3) South of Point Blunt on Angel island and the closest point ashore.
  - 8.1.4 A 200' circle around Southampton shoal platform.

### 9 THE START

- 9.1 The race start will be in accordance with RRS 26.
- 9.2 Warning flag will be a blue flag. After the initial start, the blue flag will be re-hoisted and will remain flying until the last start. All starts subsequent to the first start may be called to attention by a horn only. Hour and minute may be announced on VHF channel 69 by the Race Committee. The race committee will use GPS time.
- 9.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an orange flag on a boat at the other end of the line.
- 9.4 Boats that are over early boats may be called on Chan 69. The X flag may not be displayed. Boats not re-rounding an end of the line to restart will automatically have 20 minutes added to their finish times. This changes RRS 29.1.
- 9.5 If there is a postponement in the initial start, the signal boat will display the number of minutes of postponement with number signal flags. Competitors shall adjust their start times accordingly.
- 9.6 Start times will be posted on the RYC website and at the Club after 7:00pm on March 9th.
- 9.7 The Start/Finish line is an obstruction (see 8.1.1)

## **10 THE FINISH**

- 10.1 The finish line will be between a blue flag on the RC boat Pelican and orange flag on a RC whaler position at the pin end of the line. Competitors should ensure that their sail numbers are visible to the finish line crew while finishing.

## **11 TIME LIMIT**

- 11.1 The time limit for the Big Daddy Pursuit race will be 1700 hours on Sunday. Boats finishing after that time will be scored as DNF. If conditions require a postponement, the race committee may announce an extended finish time. This changes RRS 35.

## **12 HEARING REQUEST**

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 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.

## **13 RISK STATEMENT**

- 13.1 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.

## **14 CONTACT INFO**

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