

Big Dinghy Regatta

April 13-14, 2024

Notice of Race



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 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 RRS 40.1 shall apply while crew are on the water. RRS 40.2 is deleted. [DP] Wetsuits or drysuits are mandatory for all competitors 17 years or younger when sailing on dinghies on courses outside the Richmond Breakwater.
- 1.3 Per RRS 42.3(i), competitors may use an engine or other propulsion method to avoid impeding commercial traffic or restricted areas described in the Sailing Instructions provided they gain no significant advantage in the race.
- 1.4 Open Class boats will be scored Time on Time using the existing US SAILING PY DPN based on the current (2017 US SAILING Portsmouth Table) with BN factors as listed in Regatta Network. For exceptions to this handicap, contact the Regatta Chair prior to April 8th.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available April 10th by 5pm at Richmond Yacht Club on the official notice board and on the online notice board.
- 2.2 One Design and Open Class assignment will be determined and posted the notice boards on Thursday, April 11th. Race area assignments will be posted by April 11th and may be subject to change due to weather.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors prior to April 13th will be made online and on the official notice board located at Richmond Yacht Club. During the regatta all additional notices will be made on the official regatta notice board. The online notice board is located at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27715>
- 3.2 Competitors will be required to check in on shore between on Saturday 0900-1030 in the downstairs race room. The time and location for the competitors' briefing, if held, will be announced in the Sailing Instructions.

- 3.3 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The Big Dinghy regatta is open to all non-foiling monohull centerboard dinghies, and the following invited classes: Wabbits.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27715>
- 4.3 Entry deadline is April 13th at 8:30am. The registration deadline to establish One Design classes will be midnight Tuesday, April 9th.
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fees are as follows:
Saturday only- Potrero Reach: \$40

Two days:

Single handed: \$90

Double handed: \$115

Triple+ handed: \$140

- 5.2 Refunds, less a \$5 processing fee, may be requested if received prior to Tuesday, April 9th at midnight. Contact the regatta chair to request a refund at vanvietrobin@gmail.com

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Potrero Reach course area will race Saturday only.
- 6.3

Race	First Warning
Race 1	1100 Potrero Reach (Saturday) 1125 all other courses
Race 2	Immediately following race #1
Race 3	Immediately following race #2
- 6.4 The race committee intends three races per day but may be behind or ahead by one race as weather permits.
- 6.5 No warning signal will be made after 1530 on Sunday.

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7 COURSES

- 7.1 The racing area will be held on an Inside course (Potrero Reach) and Outside course (Southampton and/or Brooks Island). Final race area assignments for the outside race area(s) will be determined based on registration levels and weather forecast.
- 7.2 Racing will be around (inflatable) drop marks or balls.

8 SCORING

- 8.1 Portsmouth handicap time allowances for Open Class boats shall be calculated using the ratings provided when registering on Regatta Network. A minimum of **5** boats must be registered in order to be scored One Design.
- 8.2 Three races are scheduled per day. All races will count toward the final score. This changes RRS A2.

9 PRIZES

- 9.1 Prizes will be awarded to first through third place finishers in each class with 6 or more boats; and to first place finisher for 5 or less boats.
- 9.2 The trophy presentation will be held as soon as possible after racing upstairs (approximately 4pm).

10 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: '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.

11 INSURANCE & SAFETY

- 11.1 Competitors are required to have an adequate line for purposes of towing.
- 11.2 Valid third-party liability insurance is required for any boat with an inboard or outboard motor.
- 11.3 All competitors under age 18 must have a completed RYC Waiver on file or may upload a signed waiver to Regatta Network.

12 CONTACT INFO

- 12.1 Please contact Robin Van Vliet (vanvlietrobin@gmail.com) if you have any questions regarding the regatta.

PROs:

Outside: Robin Van Vliet & David Fried

Inside: Nick Grebe

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NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

There has been insufficient registration during the past few years to support holding races in the Keller Cove Race area and increasing demand to sail "outside". With this regatta we are exploring either two outside race areas (Brooks Island and Southampton) or combining all outside race areas into one. If we combine the areas, the committee intends to have a separate finish line to provide quick turnaround between races.

Please register early. If you must cancel your registration, contact the regatta chair (vanvlietrob@gmail.com) prior to midnight, Tuesday, April 9th to request a refund less a \$5 Regatta Network processing fee.

Location of race areas:

