



The Richmond Yacht Club

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## The Annual Bullship Race



### Sailing Instructions

1. This race will be governed by rules as defined by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
2. This race is only open to El Toro class sailboats.
3. Changes to sailing instructions will be posted before 2000 the night before the race.
4. Launching and a mandatory safety equipment check in will take place on the Sausalito YC dock. Proof of completion of the safety check with signature will allow you to receive a ribbon to fly at the end of your boom.
5. The following mandatory equipment is required:
  - a. a PFD to be worn at all times while on the water, this deletes RRS 40.1
  - b. a Ping-Pong size or larger paddle
  - c. a 1 qt or larger bailing device
  - d. a 30 ft long by at least 1/4" line or larger tow lines secured to the boat during the race
6. The Start: RRS 26 shall be used.
7. Starting Line: The starting line will be in the vicinity of the Trident Restaurant pier in Sausalito. An orange flag on the pier marks the onshore end and an orange flag on the committee boat will mark the offshore end of the line.
8. The course:
  - a. The course is from the starting line in Sausalito to the end of the City Front breakwater off Golden Gate and St. Francis Yacht Clubs. You must take Alcatraz to port and the Golden Gate Bridge to starboard.
  - b. Going under the Golden Gate Bridge or East of Alcatraz's western shore **will require you to accept a tow and not cross the finish line.**
  - c. If at any time the safety of the fleet is in jeopardy or boats have not finished within three hours, the Cowships will start to collect all remaining boats still on the course.
  - d. If you withdraw from the race anytime after checking in, **you must notify the race committee, cowship, or onshore committee, give your sail number, name, and time of withdrawal.**
9. The Finish line is between an inflatable orange buoy and an orange flag on shore at the entrance to the Golden Gate YC/Saint Francis YC Harbor.
10. **Remember that you shall not hamper in a restricted channel, the safe passage of a commercial or naval vessel.**

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