

Express 27 Nationals

October 11 - 13, 2024

Notice of Race NoR



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 Class rules will apply.
- 1.3 RS 40.1 shall apply while crew are on the water.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing instructions will be available after 1500 hrs. on October 11, 2024 on the official notice board.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28761>
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on the VHF channel used by the RYC race committee.
- 3.3 The VHF channel to be used by the RC will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 [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 Skippers are required to have paid 2024 class dues to participate. Each sailor must sign a Waiver and Release of Liability. These forms will be available online.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online at https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=28761
- 4.3 Entry deadline is October 9, 2024.
The maximum combined crew weight for each boat shall be no more than 880 pounds. Crew/skipper weigh-ins are required for all participating boats. Weigh-ins shall be at the small deck near the RYC harbor master's office on Thursday 10/10 from 3-7pm, Friday 10/11 from 8-9:30, and Saturday 10/12 and Sunday 10/13 as needed for crew substitutions. Please inform the Race Chairperson if you have crew substitutions that need to be weighed and arrangements will be made.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The regular entry fee is \$300.00. A late fee of \$50 will apply to registration after October 3rd.

- 5.2 The entry fee includes five class dinners on Saturday evening, and beer and snacks on Friday afternoon after the long distance race.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1

Date	Activity
Oct 11	Competitors Meeting 0930
Oct 11	Race 1 First Warning 1155
Oct 11	Race 2 Long Distance Race Immediately After Race 1
Oct 12	Race 3 First Warning 1155
Oct 12	Race 4 Immediately Following Race 3
Oct 12	Race 5 Immediately Following Race 4
Oct 13	Race 6 First Warning 1155
Oct 13	Race 7 Immediately Following Race 6
Oct 13	Awards Presentation

- 6.2 The OA reserves the right to modify the schedule due to weather conditions or other causes.

7 COURSES

- 7.1 Racing will be around inflatable buoys and fixed buoys in the vicinity of the Olympic Circle on San Francisco Bay.
- 7.2 A distance race will be included and will be sailed inside the bay and will use fixed YRA marks, inflatable buoys, and may include some of the Bay islands.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1 RRS Appendix V1 applies.
- 8.2 Unless the course is shortened at the windward mark, penalties for incidents that take place while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible after rounding the offset mark. This changes RRS 44.2.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 3 races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2 7 races are scheduled. All races will count toward the final score. This changes RRS A2.

10 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 10.1 [DP] All boats shall return to The Richmond Yacht Club after Friday and Saturday's races and are required to remain in the water from the beginning of racing on Friday through the last race on Sunday, unless the PRO has approved a written request for haul out.

11 RISK STATEMENT

- 11.1 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.

12 INSURANCE

- 12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 Prizes will be awarded to 1st through 5th place finishers.
- 13.2 The Express 27 National Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the top finishing boat.
- 13.3 The awards presentation will be held on the RYC deck after the racing on Sunday October 13th.

14 CONTACT INFO

- 14.1 Please contact Fred Paxton if you have any questions regarding the regatta.

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Notice to Competitors



Parking

Parking in the RYC lot will be restricted during the regatta. Parking at the club is limited to the area in front of the Clubhouse. Only one car from each participating yacht may park here, on a first come / first served basis, until full.

Participants are invited to use RYC guest dock facilities for the duration of the regatta. If you wish to extend your stay to the day before and/or the day after, you must coordinate with the harbormaster, who can be reached at 510-234-6959.

There may be limited RV parking - check with the harbor master for space/details/permission.

Further Race Info

The race PRO is Fred Paxton: Contact Fred Paxton at: f.paxton@comcast.net.

Race Chairperson is Katie Cornetta: katie.cornetta@gmail.com 765-481-9179

RYC Harbor Master is Danny Harris: Contact Danny at harbormaster@richmondyc.org; 510-234-6959