

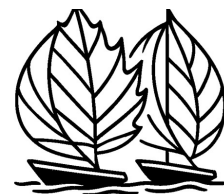


# Fall One Design Invitational

Organizing Authority: Richmond Yacht Club

September 19 (U-20 only), 20-21, 2025

## ***Sailing Instructions***



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### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the Organizing Authority Richmond Yacht Club, the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: A protest is invalid if "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in and did not see the incident, or"

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board (Regatta Network) and the Regatta Bulletin Board located outside the race office located downstairs.
- 2.2 The race committee intends to communicate with competitors on the water on the VHF Channel 69.

### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it shall take effect. Any change to the schedule of races or fleet course area assignment will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water. If a change is made, the race committee will display the L flag.

### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole on the upstairs deck of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, the warning signal on the water will be made no less than 60 minutes after "AP" is lowered.

### **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

#### **Friday**

Competitor's briefing: 1200 for U-20s and Practice races

U-20 Distance Race Warning: 1330

Practice races for all other fleets as soon as possible thereafter. One or more fleets may have combined starts and will be announced in advance by VHF.

#### **Saturday**

Competitor's briefing: 0930

First Warning: 1130

#### **Sunday**

First warning: 1100

No warning after: 1500

### **6. CLASS FLAGS AND STARTING ORDER**

- 6.1 Class Flags and Initial Starting Order shall be announced at the competitor's briefing.

### **7. THE COURSES**

- 7.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course with a numeral pennant.
- 7.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 7.3 Attachments A and B show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. At a gate mark, in the event of a missing mark, the remaining mark is to be rounded to port.

## **8. MARKS**

- 8.1 The marks 2,2a and 4s/4p shall be Yellow inflatables. Mark 1 & 1a will be a Red inflatables.
- 8.2 New marks, per 11.1, shall be Orange inflatables.
- 8.3 The starting and finishing marks shall be orange balls or inflatable marks.
- 8.4 Marks are subject to change due to material failure and will not be grounds for redress.

## **9. OBSTRUCTIONS**

- 9.1 In the event that the race area is moved due to weather conditions, all local Marine Hazards are considered obstructions. A description of these hazards can be found here: <https://www.richmondyc.org/on-the-water/racing>
- 9.2 For the distance race on Friday, the following areas are obstructions:
  - The buoy (R 4) West of Point Stuart on Angel Island and the closet point ashore.
  - "Little Alcatraz" on the West end of Alcatraz and closest point ashore
  - 200' radius around Southampton Shoal platform
  - Richmond Long Wharf to Castro Rocks: The Richmond Long Wharf (RHC #2/ G"3" FI G4s) approx 0.2 nm S of the wharf and a line connecting buoy R "2CR" FI R 4s marking Castro Rocks

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1 The start sequence will be in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark.
- 10.3 A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the start area during the start sequence for other classes.
- 10.4 Prior to the first race of the day, each boat shall pass by the stern of the committee boat to hail her sail number and be recognized.
- 10.5 Boats starting more than 4 minutes after their class starts will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 28 and A5.1.

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2 The race committee may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees or the length up to 10% of the previous length, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark. This changes RRS 32.2 and 33.

## **12. THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a finish line vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

## **13. TIME LIMITS**

- 13.1 The time limit for each race is 60 minutes for the first boat to finish. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in her fleet shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.3.
- 13.2 The time limit for the U-20 Distance Race on Friday is 17:00. This changes 13.1.

## **14. PROTESTS AND HEARING REQUEST**

- 14.1 Protests shall be delivered to the Protest Committee representative in the race office. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat reaches the dock. The protest time limit and list of protests received will be posted on the Regatta Bulletin Board located outside the race office.
- 14.2 The protest committee will schedule hearings at its discretion each day and in the order it determines. A list of protests to be heard will be posted on the Regatta Bulletin Board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Hearings will be held in the club library.

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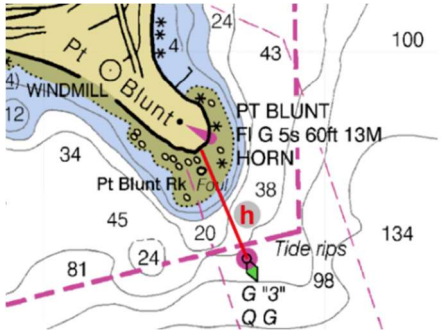
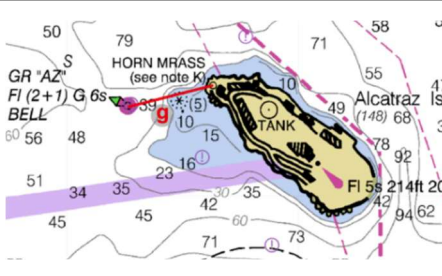
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## ATTACHMENT A: FRIDAY DISTANCE COURSES (U-20 only)

The finish line will be the same as the start line.

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
1	Start – 1(s) - Point Stuart R"4"(p) via Raccoon Straits - Point Blunt G"3" (p) - Finish
2	Start – 1(p) - Alcatraz(p) - Finish
3	Start – 1(s) - Red Rock YRA 1(s) - Finish

Description of Marks – For more information, refer to <https://yra.org/descriptionofmarks/>

Mark	Description	
1	Red inflatable mark approximately 0.50 NM to windward of the start line	
Point Stuart R"4"	Lighted red column approx 0.1 nm west of western tip of Angel Island.	
Point Blunt G"3" (s)	Lighted green column approx .15nm south of the southeastern tip of Angel Island. It is Obstruction between G3 mark and shore.	
Alcatraz	Includes both Alcatraz Island and Little Alcatraz, which is bell buoy (GR Bell) off the west end of Alcatraz Island. It is an obstruction between GR bell and shore.	
YRA 1	Red Rock Island, located near the Richmond-San Rafael bridge.	

Please review the local marine hazards information including

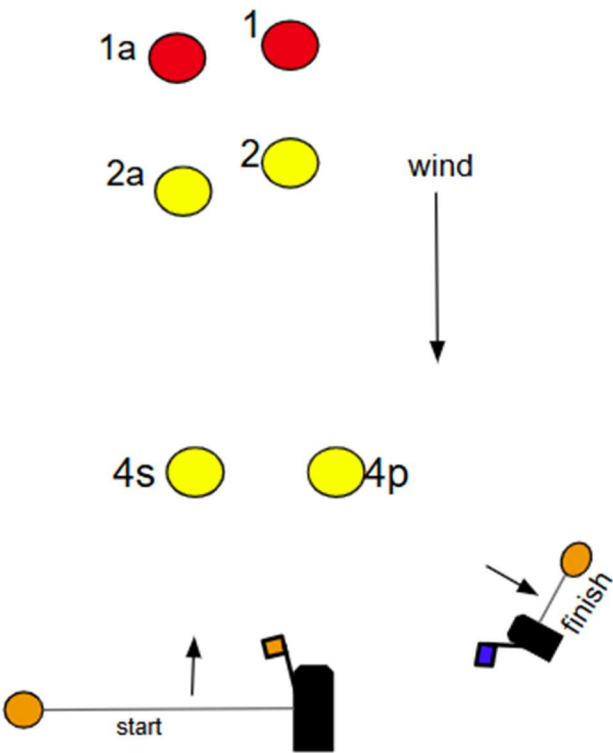
- Obstructions SI 9.2 & <https://yra.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/obstructions.pdf>
- RYC local hazards (<https://www.richmondyc.org/on-the-water/racing>)
- and use caution when transiting through commercial traffic zones in the [Central](#) and [North Bay](#). Obstruction of commercial traffic may be grounds for disqualification without a hearing.

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## ATTACHMENT B: BUOY COURSES



Signal	Mark Rounding Order
1	Start - 2 - 2a - 4p- Finish
2	Start - 2 - 2a - 4s/4p- 2- 2a - 4p - Finish
3	Start - 1 - 1a - 4p- Finish
4	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p- 1- 1a - 4p - Finish
In the absence of a second leeward mark, the remaining leeward mark is to be rounded to port.	

**Friday Practice Race Only:** In the absence of a gate, the start mark and signal boat shall form the gate. The start line shall be the finish line.

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## ATTACHMENT C: SAILING AREA

The intended start area will be approx 0.5nm southeast of the Point Potrero Reach Breakwater and northwest of the Berkeley Olympic Circle.

Please review the local marine hazards information (<https://www.richmondyc.org/on-the-water/racing>) and use caution when transiting through commercial traffic zones.

After exiting the Richmond Yacht Club marina, head northwest to the end of the Potrero Reach breakwater; after exiting the Potrero Reach, it is an approximately 15-20 minute sail to the south depending on conditions (not as far as the Berkeley Circle). Start area, in typical wind conditions, near Brooks Island located on the NNE edge of the compass rose on the below chart.

