



2025 Fall Match Race Clinic and Regatta

Richmond Yacht Club

Racing Nov 15-16

Clinic Nov 14

NOTICE OF RACE

The following abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions:

PC: Protest Committee or International Jury

NoR: Notice of Race

OA: Organizing Authority

RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing

SI: Sailing Instruction

RC: Race Committee

TD: Technical Delegate

[NP]: A boat may not protest as per NoR

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix C.
- 1.2 The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the Sailing Instructions, will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply
- 1.3 The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.4 Rule 40.1 shall always apply while afloat.
- 1.5 The event has applied for World Sailing (WS) Grade 5. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.
- 1.6 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable requests from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.
- 1.7 **Major Alterations to the RRS:**
 - (a) When a boat in a match fails to *Sail the Course*, she will be disqualified without a hearing and scored zero points unless both boats in the match have sailed the same course in which case the boats will be scored as if they had *sailed the course*. This changes **RRS 28, 35, 63.1, 90.3(a), A5, and C10.7**.
 - (b) When the umpires proceed under RRS C8.6 they will follow the guidance in SI Addendum E.

- (c) Errors or omissions by the RC will NOT be grounds for redress by a competitor. In the event of an error or omission, the Match or Chief Umpire may notify the RC of the incident and request postponement or abandonment. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- (d) The US Sailing Prescriptions to rules 63.1 and 63.2 will not apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available no later than 17:00 on Nov 12 on the official Notice Board. [LINK](#)

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted online at: [LINK](#)
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the RYC Club Deck's flagpole.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make broadcasts to competitors by VHF radio. This channel will be stated in the SIs.

4 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 **Requests for Invitation** If you wish to be invited please fill out a Request for Invitation form here: [RYC Match Race RFI](#)
- 4.2 Eight skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
- 4.3 The registered skippers shall always helm the boat while racing, except in an emergency, or if excused by the OA.
- 4.4 To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing, via email to be received by the date on the letter of invitation.
- 4.5 A non-refundable entry bond of **\$100 USD** shall accompany the acceptance of the invitation for this to be valid.
- 4.6 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2
- 4.7 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at [World Sailing Categorization](#)
- 4.8 **Invited skippers can complete registration at [LINK](#)**
- 4.9 The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing, and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be in US dollars by check or credit card.
- 4.10 **Entry fee is \$350 USD**, including the non-refundable \$100 entry bond. The balance of the entry fee shall be paid upon registration.
- 4.11 Final competitor list will be noted in SI Addendum A.
- 4.12 **Withdrawal:** When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero

score may be applied to their Ranking point for that event by World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2).

5 DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 5.1 Each supplied boat is insured by the OA for the third-party liability insurance.
- 5.2 An initial damage deposit of **\$1,500 USD** shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- 5.3 If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- 5.4 Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 30 days after the event less the costs of any boat damage or other costs incurred and left unpaid, for which the OA deems the skipper to be responsible.
- 5.5 The entire Entry Fee and Damage Deposit must be paid before a team can sail in any practice sessions or the regatta.

6 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 6.1 The number of crew (including the skipper shall be **three (3) or four (4)**.
- 6.2 All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 6.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- 6.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.
- 6.5 The weight limit would be best to be a maximum total crew weight limit of 262.5 kg (578.7 lbs).
- 6.6 Crew weight shall be checked at registration, and no further weigh-in shall be required, except for substitute crew.

7 EVENT FORMAT

- 7.1 The event will consist of a double round robin.
- 7.2 The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of the matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled.
- 7.3 The OA intends to provide 6 J/22 type boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker.
- 7.4 Boats will be allocated by draw. Boats may also be assigned during any stage by the OA or RC.
- 7.5 The OA or RC may require rotation of sails for any reason. Rotation of sails by the OA or RC shall NOT be grounds for redress for a competitor. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 7.6 The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC.

- 7.7 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 7.8 The number of matches to be sailed will be determined by the RC with the intention to start each subsequent flight as soon as practicable after the previous flight.
- 7.9 The course will be windward/leeward courses with a finish downwind.
- 7.10 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on the World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event.
- 7.11 The intended racing area will be in Keller Cove or in the North Berkeley Circle.



8 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

8.1 Schedule

- (a) Registration is open Friday Nov 14 from 1100-1800 and Saturday Nov 15 from 0800 to 0900.
- (b) Crew weigh-in is available Friday, Nov 14 from 1100-1900 and Saturday Nov 15 from 0800 to 0900.
- (c) The **Clinic** will be hosted on Friday Nov 14 from 1200 to 1700. Teams shall notify the OA of their intent to participate and time slots will be given for on the water coaching and drills practice with former world champ Liz Baylis.
- (d) A competitors' briefing shall be held on Saturday Nov 15 at 0900.
- (e) First meeting with the umpires will be immediately following the competitor's briefing.
- (f) Racing days will be Saturday Nov 15 and Sunday Nov 16.
- (g) Time of the first attention signal will be 10:45.
- (h) The latest time for an attention signal will be 1630.

- (i) A debrief will be held each day after racing. Sunday there will be awards following the debrief.
- 8.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
 - (a) Competitors' briefing
 - (b) Debrief and prize giving

9 [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 9.1 Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions and co-operation with event sponsors, and shall behave to not bring the event into disrepute.
- 9.2 Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment provided by the OA with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

10 [NP] SUPPORT PERSONS

- 10.1 Support person vessels shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.
- 10.2 Support persons shall stay approximately 100 yds from the racing area while boats are racing or comply with reasonable requests from the officials.

11 [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES, AND SOUND

- 11.1 The OA has the right to use any images and sound recording during the event free of any charge.
- 11.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA-supplied media equipment.

13 RISK STATEMENT

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this regatta. By participating in this regatta, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

14 PRIZES

First, second and third place teams will be awarded a trophy.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

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