### **Notice of Race**

OA: Richmond Yacht Club

Dates: December 7, January 4, February 1, March 1

# **Small Boat Midwinters**

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The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

'[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

# 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be 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. Wetsuits or drysuits are mandatory for all competitors 17 years or younger when sailing on dinghies on courses outside the Richmond Breakwater.

# 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available after 1800 PST on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.
- **2.2.** Changes to the rules will be posted on the official notice board by 0930 on the day they take effect. Changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before they will take effect.
- **2.3.** Fleet Assignments, Initial Order of Starts and Class Flags will be posted on the RYC website by 2000 PST on the Saturday prior to racing in Attachment A to the Sailing Instructions.

# 3. COMMUNICATIONS

- **3.1.** The Official Notice Board is located outside the downstairs Race Office. Additionally race documents will be available online, at a URL that can be located on the event's information page on the RYC club calendar.
- **3.2.** [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 event is open to all (non-foiling) monohull centerboard dinghy boats and the following invited classes: Mercury, Wabbit, U-20 and RS-21.
- **4.2.** Unless amended by the Sailing Instructions, any class with 5 or more boats by the registration date will be scored One Design. Any class with less than 5 boats registered by entry date may be placed in a handicap division and scored using Time on Time according to their handicap that is provided during registration. The Race Committee may adjust the handicap if incomplete or inconsistent.
- **4.3.** Registration Date: Eligible boats may enter by completing registration, including payment of fees, online by 1500 PST on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. The link to register will be posted on the event's information page on the RYC Club Calendar.
- **4.4.** Entries will be accepted until 1100 PST, Sunday March 1, 2026.
- **4.5.** Refunds may be requested until the registration date less a small processing fee charged by Regatta Network.

### 5. ENTRY FEE

**5.1.** The entry fees are as follows:

Single Handed: \$100.00
Double Handed: \$135.00
Three or More Handed: \$155.00
RYC Junior: \$30.00
Non-RYC Junior: \$60.00

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### 6. SCHEDULE

**6.1.** Shoreside check-in between 0900 – 1100 each day.

	Inside Course	Southampton Course
Shoreside check-in	0900 – 1100	0900-1100
Competitor's Briefing	0930 Downstairs Deck	1030 Upstairs Dining Room
First Warning	1100	1200
No warning after	1500	1530
[NP] Intended Number of Races/Day	5	4

# **7.** VENUE

- **7.1.** Attachment A will list the Fleet Assignments.
- **7.2.** RYC will use the following venues:
  - Inside Course (also known as Potrero Reach or Parent's Cove)
  - Southampton Course (outside and southeast of the Potrero Reach Breakwater, and may be as far east as Brooks Island)

### 8. THE COURSES

- **8.1.** The course(s) to be sailed will be shown using numeral pennant flags and will be described further in the Sailing Instructions.
- **8.2.** The courses will be around temporary marks.

#### 9. SCORING

- **9.1.** Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- **9.2.** When fewer than 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 7 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be calculated using one throw-out for every 7 races. This changes A2.1.
- 9.3. RRS A2.2 and RRS A5.3 shall apply
- **9.4.** Competitors shall verify their sail number at check-in for each race day. A boat that races with a different sail number than listed in their registration will not be scored.

### 10. PRIZES

**10.1.** Prizes will be given as follows: 1st, 2nd and 3rd for classes with 7+ boats. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for classes with 6 or less boats. Double handed will receive awards for skipper and crew. Triple handed will receive awards for skipper and 2 crew.

## 11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

**11.1.** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

### 12. INSURANCE AND SAFETY

- **12.1.** Competitors are required to have an adequate line (30ft+) for purposes of towing.
- 12.2. Valid third-party liability insurance is required for any keelboat with an inboard or outboard motor.

# 13. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Nancy Pettengil, Regatta Chair for the event. Their contact information is listed on the event's information page on the Club Calendar.