

Notice of Race

OA: Richmond Yacht Club
Saturday, March 7, 2026
Big Daddy –Fleet Racing



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.
- 1.3. RRS 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"
- 1.4. The NCPHRF Part 1: Rules and Guidelines shall apply to boats racing in the PHRF divisions. These can be found at: https://yra.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/RulesAndGuidelinesJuly_2025.pdf

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available after 1500 on Thursday, March 5.
- 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 1900 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 after 1500 on Friday, March 6, in Attachment A to the Sailing Instructions (SIs).

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1. The official notice board is located outside the RYC Race Office. Additionally race documents will be available on the online notice board. The online notice board URL can be located on the event's information page on the RYC club calendar.
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.3. [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 PHRF keelboats with a **2026 NCPHRF** certificate with a rating of **237** and below and One Design keelboats with an NCPHRF One Design Rating (ODR).
- 4.2. Fleets will be defined based on boat class and handicap entered at registration.
 - **One Design:** Any class with an NCPHRF One Design Rating (ODR). Fleets with similar ratings and less than 5 boats registered may be merged with another fleet. No PHRF certificate is required to complete entry.
 - **PHRF:** To be considered an entry in the event a boat shall upload a copy of their 2026 NCPHRF certificate.
- 4.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing registration, including payment of fees, online by 1800 on Thursday, March 5. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4. The link to register will be posted on the event's online notice board.
- 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 fee for Saturday is \$3.00 per foot and includes one ticket for dinner on Saturday. Additional tickets may be purchased through Regatta Network.
- 5.2. No entries will be accepted after 1800 on Thursday, March 5th.

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6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Unless otherwise noted in the SIs, the first warning will be 1125 GPS time.
- 6.2. A maximum of 3 races are scheduled.

7. VENUE

- 7.1. Attachment A to the SIs will list the Division Assignments
- 7.2. The event will use three different venues:
 - Olympic Circle (in the vicinity of XOC)
 - Deep Water (southwest of Olympic Circle)
 - Southampton (outside and southeast of the 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 SIs.
- 8.2. RYC may use fixed marks or drop marks, or a combination thereof.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. The scoring system is as follows: Regular PHRF time allowances shall be calculated using the Time on Time (TOT) method.
- 9.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.3. All races will be scored. This changes A2.1.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 10.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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.**

11. INSURANCE AND SAFETY

- 11.1. Valid third-party liability insurance is required.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1. Prizes will be given as follows: 1st, 2nd and 3rd for classes with 6+ boats. 1st and 2nd for classes with 5 boats.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Regatta Chair for the event, **Fred Paxton: f.paxton@comcast.net**