

Notice of Race

OA: Richmond Yacht Club

Big Daddy – Pursuit Race

Sunday, March 8, 2026



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.
- 1.5. The use of powered equipment is permitted as long as those boats have declared this information on their PHRF rating. This modifies Rule 52.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available by 1500 on Friday, March 6.
- 2.2. Starting times for the Sunday pursuit race will also be available by 2000 on Saturday, March 7.
- 2.3. Changes to the rules will be posted on the official notice board by 0930 on the day they take effect. Verbal amendments may be made on the water.

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 race is open to PHRF boats with a **2026 NCPHRF** certificates with a rating of **280** and below and One-Design monohulled keelboats with an NCPHRF One Design Rating (ODR). The race is also open to multihulls with a 2026 BAMA rating.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing registration, including payment of fees, online by 1800 on Friday, March 6, 2026. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.3. The link to register will be posted on the event's information page on the RYC club calendar.
- 4.4. Refunds may be requested until the registration date less a small processing fee charged by RegattaNetwork.

5. ENTRY FEE

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$2.00 per foot.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. The start times for individual boats will be in reverse handicap order, using GPS time, and will be available on the official notice board after 2000 on Saturday, March 7, 2026.

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7. VENUE and COURSE

7.1. The race will start in the vicinity of Southampton Shoal and will finish near the Richmond Yacht Club. The race course is around Angel and Alcatraz Islands, in either direction.

8. SCORING

8.1. The scoring system is as follows: Regular PHRF time allowances shall be calculated using the Time on Distance (TOD) method.

9. PRIZES

9.1. Prizes will be awarded to first through tenth place finishers for keelboats, and first through third place in multihull.

9.2. The trophy presentation will be held on the RYC deck after the racing.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

10.1. 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.

11. INSURANCE AND SAFETY

11.1. Valid third-party liability insurance is required.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

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