

Notice of Race

OA: Richmond Yacht Club

Dates: April 25-26, 2026

Big Dinghy



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 (SIs) will be available after 1900 on Thursday, April 23.
- 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, April 24 in Attachment A to the SIs.

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.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all (non-foiling) monohull centerboard dinghy boats and the following invited classes: RS-21s.
- 4.2. Unless amended by the SIs, any class with 5 or more boats will be scored One Design. Any class with less than 5 boats registered by entry date will be placed in a handicap division and scored using Time on Time according to their US Sailing Portsmouth handicap provided during registration. The Race Committee may adjust the handicap if incomplete or inconsistent.
- 4.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing registration, including payment of fees, online by 1900 Thursday, April 23. 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 Regatta Network.

5. ENTRY FEE

- 5.1. The entry fees are as follows:
 - Inside Course – Saturday Only: \$40
 - Outside Course:
 - Single Handed – \$90
 - Double Handed – \$115
 - Triple Handed – \$140

The following hospitality information is not included in the NOR:

Sunday, April 26 is Opening Day on the Bay. Richmond Yacht Club hosts an *Opening Day on the Bay Reception* from 4-6pm on Sunday which includes sparkling wine and appetizers.

Your entry includes one drink ticket (beer, wine, soda) that can be used anytime during the weekend. Non-members who are registering for the Outside course will also receive a hospitality ticket for the reception. Additional tickets are available for purchase at check-in (\$15 - cash or checks only).

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6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Competitors will be required to check in on shore on Saturday between 0830-1000 in the downstairs race room. A competitor's briefing, if held, will be announced in the SIs.
- 6.2. Up to seven (7) races will be held. No more than four (4) races will be held on Saturday.
- 6.3. No races will be started after 1500 on Sunday.

7. VENUE

- 7.1. Attachment A to the SIs will list the Fleet Assignments (Inside Course or Outside Course).
- 7.2. RYC intends to use the following venues:
 - Inside Course: East of the Yacht Club entrance within the Potrero Reach channel, also known as Parent's Cove
 - Outside Course: 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 flats and will be described further in the SIs.
- 8.2. The courses will be around temporary marks.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

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. Competitors are required to have an adequate line for purposes of towing.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1. Prizes will be given as follows: 1st, 2nd and 3rd for classes with 7+ boats. 1st and 2nd for classes with 6 boats. 1st for classes with 5 or less boats.
- 12.2. Awards will be given as soon as possible after racing on the downstairs deck.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Regatta Chair for the event: Robin Van Vliet (vanvlietrobin@gmail.com)