



RICHMOND YACHT CLUB

Big Dinghy Regatta

April 11 – 12, 2015

Organizing Authority: Richmond Yacht Club, Point Richmond, California

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RACING RULES OF SAILING: This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.1 Rule 40 is deleted and replaced by “Competitors are required to wear a PFD while racing”. Wet Suits or Dry suits are strongly encouraged and required by sailors under 18 years of age. Code Flag “Y” will not be displayed.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS: Notices to competitors will be posted on the RYC Bulletin Board located downstairs in the “junior room” in the South East corner of the club.

3.0 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted and signaled no later than 0930 on the day it is to take effect.

3.2 Starting times for the pursuit race will be posted online and on the RYC Bulletin Board on the day before the event. Copies of the pursuit race start times may also be available at the clubhouse.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the mast on the RYC clubhouse deck.

4.2 When flag “AP” is displayed ashore the first warning signal on the water will be no less than 60 minutes after the “AP” displayed ashore is lowered This replaces “1 minute” in Race Signals.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES:

5.1 Mark Racing, Saturday, April 11th, 2015

Skippers Meeting	10:00
Check in on the water	
First Warning	12:00
Races 2-4 Warning	Shortly after previous race, no start after 16:00

5.2 Pursuit Race, Sunday, April 12th, 2015

Skippers Check-in	09:00 In the Junior Room, SE corner of the Club.
Skippers Meeting	10:00
First Warning Short Course	11:30
First Warning Long Course	12:00

6.0 RACING AREAS: The planned racing areas are the Potrero Reach and the vicinity of Southampton Shoals. Final locations will be announced at the Skippers meeting.

7.0 CLASS FLAG ASSIGNMENT:

7.1 Potrero Reach Course:

El Toro SR.	E
El Toro JR.	J
Bytes	Class Flag
Day Sailor	D
Banshee	B
Snipe	Class Flag
Open Class	Class Flag

7.2 Southampton Course:

Open Class #1	B
FD	F
Wylie Wabbit	Class Flag
Thistle	T
Open Class #2	D
Laser	Class Flag
Laser Radial	Class Flag
Weta	W

NOTE: Depending on the number of boats registered in each fleet, the list of fleets to be given a start, combinations of fleets in a single start, and the initial order of start may be changed by verbal amendment at the Saturday Skippers' Meeting or on the water through the display of Fleet/Class flags at the warning signal. This changes Rule 90.2(c).

8.0 THE COURSES:

8.1 Saturday Mark Racing, Attachment A shows the race courses for the respective Race Areas, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is left. Marks W, Wa, R & L are temporary yellow or orange marks. Start/finish marks are floating can buoys with red tops or red balls.

8.2 Legs of the course for Saturday Mark Racing will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes Rule 33.

8.3 The Sunday Pursuit Race short course will start between the RYC Platform and red can / red ball, sail West out the Potrero Channel, proceed counterclockwise around Brooks Island (port), keeping all

RYC yellow /orange marks to port, and the finish will be between the RYC Platform and red can / red ball.

8.4 The Sunday Pursuit Race long course will start between the RYC Platform and red can / red ball, sail West out the Potrero Channel, Red Rock (port), Southampton Shoals (port), Brooks Island (port), keeping all RYC yellow/orange marks to port. The finish is between the RYC platform and the red can or ball.

8.5 The Sunday alternate long course (“chicken course”) is as follows: The long course will start between the RYC Platform and red can / red ball, sail West out the Potrero Channel, Red Rock (port), Southampton Shoals (port), #1 yellow/orange mark (East end of Brooks Island) (port), Potrero Channel breakwater (starboard), #2 yellow/orange mark (East of the finish line) (port), the finish is between the RYC platform and the red can or ball.

9.0 STARTING:

9.1 Saturday:

9.1.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal.

9.1.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the starting mark (red can or red ball).

9.1.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored “Did Not Start” without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

9.1.4 For each fleet, the starting sequence for the next race will commence as soon as practical after the last boat of that fleet has finished. This may alter a previously announced starting order.

9.2 Sunday:

9.2.1 The initial start shall be in accordance with Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the initial starting signal. The warning flag will be the Jolly Roger. After the initial start, the Jolly Roger will be re-hoisted and will remain flying until the last start. The race committee will use GPS time.

9.2.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RYC platform on the breakwater and the starting mark (red can or red ball).

9.2.3 After the first start signal, a horn may sound for each fleet at their required start time. The failure of the Race Committee to make a sound or the failure of a boat to hear it will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

9.2.4 Starting Penalties will be 5 min. for every 30 sec. early, rounded up, unless penalty is cleared. X flag will be displayed until next start or penalty is cleared, whichever is earlier. No sound signal will be made. This changes rule 29.1

9.2.5 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored “Did Not Start” without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

10.0 RECALLS: Recalled boats may be hailed. The failure of the Race Committee to make a hail or the failure of a boat to hear the hail is not grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

11.0 RESTRICTED AREAS:

11.1 **On both Saturday and Sunday**, the START and FINISH lines are restricted. A boat shall not cross the START line except when starting or the FINISH line except when finishing. This changes Rule 28.

11.2 The area within 200 yards of Chevron Long Wharf in any direction is restricted.

12.0 FINISHING:

12.1 The Saturday Mark racing finish will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the finishing mark (red can or ball).

12.2 The Sunday Pursuit Race finish will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RYC platform on the breakwater and the finishing mark (red can or red ball).

13.0 TIME LIMITS:

13.1 During Saturday's racing on both the Southampton course, the first boat in each fleet must finish within 1.5 (one and a half) hours of their start. Boats finishing more than 20 minutes after the first boat in their fleet finishes will be scored as "Did Not Finish" without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

13.2 During Saturday's racing on the Potrero course, the first boat in each fleet must finish within 1 (one) hour of their start. Boats finishing more than 20 minutes after the first boat in their fleet finishes will be scored as "Did Not Finish" without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

13.3 During Sunday's Pursuit race any boat not finishing before 17:00 will be scored as "Did Not Finish" without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14.0 SAFETY:

14.1 All boats **SHALL** carry a 10 ft. towline, attached to the bow or mast for towing or to assist in boat recovery.

14.2 Prior to the first race each day, boats are strongly urged to sail past the stern of the committee boat or RYC platform and hail her sail number for recognition

14.3 Competitors are reminded of Fundamental Rule 1.2: It shall also be the sole responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or continue to race as stated in Rule 4.

14.4 A boat which retires from racing is asked to notify the RC either before leaving the racing area, or, if that is not possible, then immediately after arriving ashore.

14.5 Competitors are reminded that commercial vessels have the right of way at all times and violations are subject to protest.

15.0 SCORING:

15.1 For Saturday's racing, one race will constitute a series and each boat's series score is the total of her races. There will be no throw-out.

15.2 Sunday's pursuit races use a reverse handicap start. All boats are scored on the order of finish. Start times are calculated using the Big Dinghy Handicapped Rating.

16.0 SAIL NUMBERS: All sail number changes must be made by the competitors **ON-LINE before the close of registration.**

17.0 PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS:

17.1 Protest forms will be available near the RYC Regatta Bulletin Board in the "junior room". Protests shall be delivered to a Race Committee representative within the protest time limit. The protest time limit shall be 30 minutes from the time the Race Committee Boat returns to the dock. The return time will be posted on the RYC Bulletin Board.

17.2 Notices will be posted within 20 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of the hearing in which they are parties.

17.3 Protests will be heard in the approximate order they were received.

17.4 In addition to complying with the rules for filing a protest, a boat is strongly encouraged to inform the Race Committee at the finish of their intention to file a protest and whom they are protesting.

18.0 PRIZES:

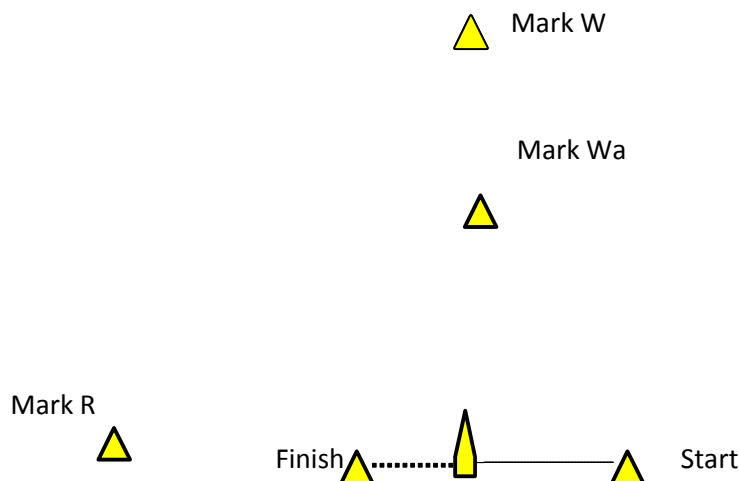
18.1 Saturday Mark Racing: Fleets with more than 5 boats, 3 prizes; Fleets with 5 or fewer boats, 2 prizes.

18.2 Sunday Pursuit Race: Short Course, 5 prizes; Long Course, 5 prizes

Big Dinghy Saturday

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Attachment A



Marks

W or Wa – Weather Mark

R – Reach Mark

L – Leeward Mark

(All marks are to be left to Port)

Mark L



Laser's, Laser Radials, Open #2, and any other fleet which has Signal Flag A displayed along with its designated fleet flag at its warning signal shall use Mark Wa

All other Southampton area fleets use Mark W

Potrero Course will have only one Windward Mark. This course has no Wa.

Courses

1 – Start – W – L – Finish

2 – Start – W – R – L – Finish

3 – Start – W – L – W – L – Finish

4 – Start – W – R – L – W – L – Finish

5 – Start – W – R – L – W – R – L – Finish

6 -- Start - W – L – W – R -- L – W – L – Finish

7 -- Start – W - Harbor Entrance Finish