



Richmond Yacht Club

Organizing Authority: Richmond Yacht Club

Totally Dinghy Regatta

September 17–18, 2022

Sailing Instructions including Amendments

Amendments: see edits to 10.2, 11.2 and the course descriptions on Attachments B & C

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Rule 40.1 will apply at all times when boats are in the racing area, and on their way to and from the racing area.

2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board (<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/23130>) no later than 0930 on the day it is to take effect with the exception that a change to the schedule of race will be posted by 1800 hours the day before it is to take effect.
- 2.2 Changes to the Sailing Instruction may be made on the water, including a change of venue, by hoisting the “L” flag and communicated by loud hail to each competitor. The failure of any boat to hear the hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Paper copies of Notices, SI's and Protest Forms will be available at RYC in the downstairs race room. Results will be posted online only.
- 3.2 Any specific safety guidance or protocols that govern the event are published on the Official Notice Board, Regatta Website and/or Club Website or on Club grounds.
- 3.3 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions communication that is not available to all boats.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm located on the upper deck of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 First warning signal at 1130. No warning shall be made after 1530.
- 5.2 Saturday – Three (3) races are scheduled for Keller Cove and Outside Course. Four (4) races are scheduled for Potrero Reach. This amends the Notice of Race section 4.2.
- 5.3 Sunday – Two (2) races are scheduled.
- 5.4 One extra race per day may be sailed provided that the regatta does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.

6 RACING AREA

There will be three race areas as follows:

- **Inside Course:** Potrero Reach
- **Keller Cove:** Approximately 1/4 nm Northwest of the Richmond Breakwater
- **Outside Course:** Between Brooks Island and Southampton Shoal which is 1/4 to 1/2 nm Southwest of the Richmond Breakwater.

7 CLASS ASSIGNMENTS AND CLASS FLAGS

7.1 See Attachment A for Class Flags and Race Area assignments. Final class assignments will depend on the number and type of boats registered. Class assignments and the initial order of starts may be changed on the water through display of class flags at the warning.

7.2 The race area assignment and initial order of starts may be changed by verbal amendment at the competitors' meetings or on the water through display of class flags at the warning. This changes RRS 90.2 (c)

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment B and C show the buoy courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Refer to the course diagram for the sailing area.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks: See Course Sheets

10 AREAS THAT ARE RESTRICTED

10.1 Boats failing to stay clear of commercial traffic, as determined by the race committee, may be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.

10.2 Deleted

10.3 The following areas are designated as restricted and shall be treated as Obstructions:

- The area within 200 yards of Chevron Long wharf in any direction is restricted.

11 THE START

11.1 RRS 26 is changed as follows:

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Visual Signal</i>	<i>Sound Signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
3	Class flag	One	Warning signal
2	P, I, Z, Z with I or U	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One Long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting Signal

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying orange flag on the signal boat and **the course side of an orange ball starting mark.**

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.4 A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13 FINISH

13.1 The finish line will be between a blue flag on the race committee boat and the course side of a finishing mark. Competitors should make their sail numbers visible to the finish line crew as they cross the finish line.

- 13.2 Due to congestion at some of the finishes, no sound may be made for a finisher. (No rule change. Finish sounds are a courtesy only).
- 13.3 Flag "A" (with no sound) displayed while boats are finishing means "No more racing for today".

14 TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 A boat that fails to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in her class shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 Appendix V1 (Penalty at the time of incident) shall apply. A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1
- 15.2 Appendix V2 (Post-race penalties) shall apply. A boat that may have broken one of the rules of Part 2 or Rule 31 may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of the protest filing deadline. This changes RRS V2(a). Rule 44.1(b) does not apply.
- 15.3 A post-race penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty (SCP) calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). A boat takes a Post-race Penalty by delivering to the Race Office a written statement that she accepts the penalty and identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.
- 15.4 The protesting and protested skippers are encouraged to use the Three Minute Justice system outlined below to resolve the protest. The Three Minute Justice system provides quick arbitration, and the jurors are offering opinions, but this does not remove the ability to file a formal protest. If either skipper does not agree, the protester prepares a written protest and submits it per 16.1.

Three Minute Justice

If both skippers agree to use the Three Minute Justice, the process proceeds as follows:

- (a) Both skippers must meet as soon as practicable after returning to shore and agree to use the Three Minute Justice system.
- (b) Each skipper selects a member of the fleet not involved in the protest to act as a juror.
- (c) The two skippers and the two jurors repair to a private area. They remain standing. The protester has one minute to describe the incident including when and where it occurred, and the rule(s) believed broken. The protestee then has one minute to present his/her side of the case. The skippers and jurors may question each other. If any of the four want a witness to resolve a matter of fact, the witness has one minute to present his/her testimony.
- (d) The jurors then have one minute to reach a decision. If the jurors are unable to agree on a resolution because of the complexity or difficulty of the protest, the jurors will inform the protester. If the protestor wishes to pursue the protest further, a written protest per 16.3 must be filed. If the protestee wishes to accept a SCP, they must inform the race office per 15.3.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 Boats intending to file a protest must inform the Signal Boat, including protestee sail number, promptly upon finishing the race.
- 16.2 The protest time limit, and time limit to accept a Post-Race Penalty according to Appendix V2, is 60 minutes after the race committee boat returns to the dock. The return time and time limit to file written protests will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Race Office.
- 16.3 Protest request forms are available from the Race Office and may be delivered by hand to the Race Office. Competitors may also complete the protest form using the US Sailing app and submit the completed form(s) by email to the Regatta Chair (vanvlietrobin@gmail.com).
- 16.4 Protest committee requests that you write legibly and include your cell phone number and email address.
- 16.5 Notices of hearings, requests for redress and post-race penalties will be posted on the official notice board. Hearings will be heard as soon as possible in person or via Zoom video conference. A link to the Zoom video conference will be sent via email to the parties.
- 16.6 The Protest committee decisions will be posted on the online notice board platform.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify a Race Committee official or Support boat as soon as possible.
- 17.2 Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify a Race Committee official or Support boat before leaving the course area. If a boat subsequently returns to the race area to continue racing in subsequent races, they are requested also notify the Race Committee or Support boat prior to starting.
- 17.3 Prior to the first race each day boats shall check in with the Race Committee by sailing past the stern on starboard and hail her sail number for recognition.
- 17.4 Competitors are reminded that commercial vessels have the right of way at all times and violations are subject to protest or disqualification.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of sail numbers must be made by the competitor by updating their registration on Regatta Network before 0900 Saturday.

19 SCORING & AWARDS

- 19.1 Two races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 19.2 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores (RRS A4). No scores will be excluded.
- 19.3 Awards will be provided to 1st and 2nd place for classes with 6 or less boats. 1st, 2nd and 3rd for fleets with 7 or more boats.



20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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.**

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ATTACHMENT A: FLEET ASSIGNMENTS AND INITIAL STARTING ORDER

Potrero Reach/Inside Course (Saturday only)		
El Toro Sr	Class flag	One Design Start
RS Tera	Flag T 	One Design Start
Keller Cove Course		
Snipe	Class flag	One Design Start
Mercury	Flag S 	One Design Start
Outside Open Class B	Flag B 	Open Class
Outside Course		
Wabbit	Class flag	One Design Start
Thistle	Class flag	One Design Start
ILCA 7	Class flag (white)	One Design Start
ILCA 6	Class flag (green)	One Design Start
RS Aero 9	Flag R 	One Design Start

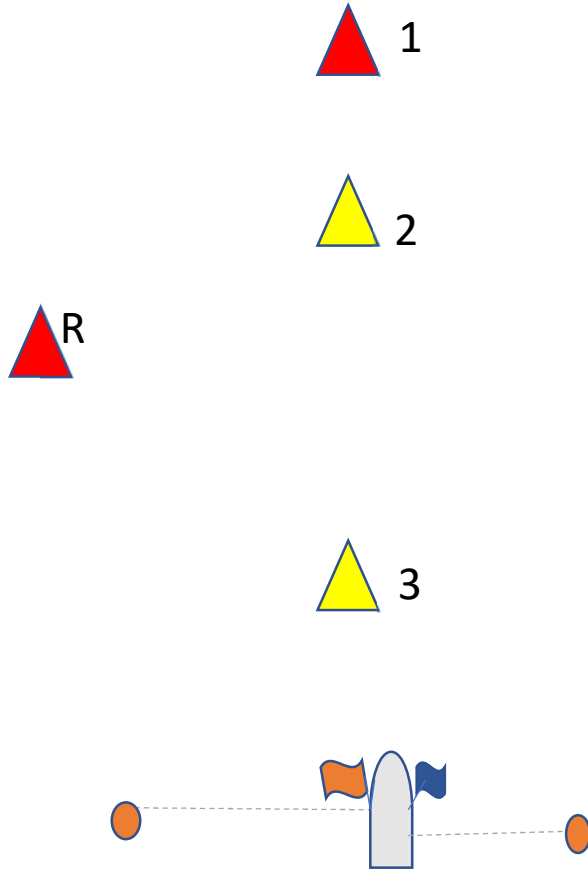
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ATTACHMENT B: COURSE DESCRIPTIONS – Outside & Keller Cove Courses

Course	All marks left to Port
1	S– 2– Finish (D)
2	S– 2– 3 – 2 – Finish (D)
3	S – 1 – R – 3 – 1 – Finish (D)
4	S – 1 – 3 – 1 – Finish (D)



The Start line is between an **Orange** flag on the signal boat and a ball.

The Finish line is between a **Blue** flag on the signal boat and a ball.

Rounding marks will be inflated yellow or red marks. Start and finish marks will be orange balls.

MARK	DESCRIPTION
1	Inflatable Yellow mark set as a windward mark
2	Inflatable Yellow mark set as windward mark
R	Inflatable Red mark set as a reaching mark
3	Inflatable Yellow mark set as a leeward mark

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ATTACHMENT C: COURSE DESCRIPTIONS – Potrero Reach/Inside Course

All marks are left to Port. All marks will be Orange Balls.

The start / finish line is restricted and shall be treated as an obstruction except when starting or finishing.

Course	All marks left to Port
1	S – 1 – 3 – Finish (upwind)
2	S – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish (upwind)

