

2024 Delta Ditch Run

June 8-9, 2024



Stockton Sailing Club
4980 Buckley Cove Way
Stockton, Ca. 95219

Richmond Yacht Club
351 Brickyard Cove Rd
Point Richmond, Ca. 94801



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 This event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 1900hrs on the night before the race.

2.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27200>.

3 SPECIAL RULES FOR THIS EVENT

3.1 RRS 40.1, required use of personal flotation devices, applies while racing.

3.2 Cruising Division - Entrants in the Cruising Division may motor for a total of four hours at a speed not greater than six knots through the water.

3.2.1 Once an engine is engaged, it must remain in use for a minimum of 15 minutes.

3.2.2 While motoring, entrants must not interfere with vessels under sail. Motoring sailboats operate as power driven vessels underway and are subject to rule 18(a) of the [USCG Amalgamated International & U.S. Inland Navigation Rules](#).

4 ENTRIES

4.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration with the organizing authority. Entry is by invitation as extended in the Notice of Race. To qualify as an entry, the skipper of each boat must accept the Stockton Sailing Club/Richmond Yacht Club "Assumption of All Risks Waiver & Release" form found in the application for the event.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Date of racing: **Saturday, June 8, 2024**

5.1.1 The scheduled warning signal for the Cruising Division is **0825hrs**.

5.1.2 The scheduled warning signal for the first Racing Division is **1025hrs**.

6 RANKING AS A STARTER

6.1 Each boat shall check in on their appropriate channel (DDR SI 6.2 below) and be acknowledged. When checking in, give your boat name, sail number and class.

6.1.1 Boats in the Cruising Division may check in when they arrive at their starting area in the Richmond Inner Harbor Approach Channel near the RYC breakwater.

6.1.2 Boats in the Racing Divisions may check in from the time they arrive at the starting area North of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge until the last start is completed.

6.2 Boats with **odd sail numbers check in on VHF channel 71**. Boats with **even sail numbers check in on channel 72**. A boat that is unable to check-in on its assigned channel may try the other channel. Channels 71 and 72 will not be monitored except for check-in.

6.3 **Failure to check in and be acknowledged is an automatic DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.**

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7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Class Flags will be listed in Attachment-A, Start Division/Class Assignments, along with division and class start times.
- 7.2 Attachment-A will be posted on the Regatta Network event site by 1000 hours, Friday, June 7th, 2024. www.regattanetwork.com/event/27200

8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 By any course from the starting line to the finish line, observing restricted areas listed below, **after the Antioch Bridge leaving Mark #19 to port**. The approximate distance is 65 nautical miles.

9 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS (RESTRICTED AREAS)

- 9.1 The Point Pinole Channel; bounded by lines connecting R"8", R"10", R"12", R"14", G"15", G"13", G"11", G"9", G"7" (chart 18654) and the entire area to the North of the channel is designated as an obstruction, and must be left to the North.
- 9.2 All prohibited areas described in 33 CFR165.1197 and 33 CFR165.1198 (Charts 18652, 18656 & 18658) are designated as obstructions.
 - 9.2.1 <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2013-title33-vol2/pdf/CFR-2013-title33-vol2-sec165-1197.pdf>
 - 9.2.2 <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2013-title33-vol2/pdf/CFR-2013-title33-vol2-sec165-1198.pdf>
- 9.3 Boats may **not** enter False River for a distance more than 100 feet.
- 9.4 A boat identified as being in violation of any of the above restricted areas is subject to protest and risks disqualification without a hearing.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started per RRS 26.
- 10.2 The Racing Divisions start area will be in the area between the Brothers Islands and the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge.
 - 10.2.1 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the RYC Committee Boat to starboard and a line boat and/or an inflatable mark to port.
- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequences for other classes.
- 10.4 The Cruising Division start area will be in the Richmond Inner Harbor Approach Channel near the RYC breakwater.
 - 10.4.1 The Cruising Division start line will be a flag on the RYC Race Platform to starboard and red channel marker #8 to port.

11 RECALLS:

- 11.1 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS will be signaled per RRS 29.1. The Race Committee will attempt to hail over-early boats on VHF channel 69, but nothing shall relieve a boat from making a proper start.
- 11.2 If a boat is over early, and does not return to start properly, she will have 3 hours added to her finish time. This changes RRS 29.1.

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11.3 GENERAL RECALLS will be signaled per RRS 29.2.

11.3.1 **In the event of a general recall, the recalled fleet will start at the end of the starting sequence.** This changes RRS 29.2.

11.3.2 Any boat that does not return to make a proper start after a general recall will have 3 hours added to her finish time. This modifies RRS A5.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finish line is between a white flagpole in front of the Stockton Sailing Club and a white pole on the South side of the channel.

12.2 In the event that a large vessel obscures the finish line, boats must finish between the vessel and the Stockton Sailing Club.

12.3 Boats approaching the finish line after 2100hrs are asked to hail the Race Committee on VHF channel 69 as they approach. In addition, boats finishing after sunset are asked to illuminate their sail numbers as they approach and cross the finish line.

12.4 Boats are requested to note their finish time and the boat(s) finishing just ahead and behind them, for later Race Committee inquiry.

12.5 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

12.6 If berthing information is needed after finishing, please contact the harbor staff on VHF channel 68 for directions to your mooring.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 Any boat finishing after 0600hrs on Sunday, June 9, 2024, will be scored as Did Not Finish (DNF).

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available online from US Sailing, or from the SSC Race Committee. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Race Committee within one hour of the protesting boat's finish time.

14.2 Protests will be heard as soon as possible. Notices to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties will be posted on the official notice board located at https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27200#_newsroom.

15 SCORING

15.1 Monohull divisions will be scored TOT using PHRF buoy ratings.

15.2 Multihull divisions will be scored TOT using BAMA ratings.

16 SAFETY

16.1 A boat shall not impede the passage of a vessel that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway or impede the passage of a vessel with limited maneuverability. (Reference: COLREGS International and 33 CFR 83 Inland Rules 9 and 8). A protest action may be filed by a competitor or by the Race Committee based on direct observation, or if reported to the Race Committee by the Captain of the vessel involved or the US Coast Guard.

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- 16.2 **A boat that finishes between the hours of sunset and sunrise without displaying proper running lights (reference: [COLREGS International](#) and [33 CFR 83 Inland Rules 20 and 25](#)) shall be scored DNF by the Race Committee. This changes RRS A5.1.**
- 16.3 All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio and shall use it to check in (per SI 6.1), and to monitor channel 69 during the entire race for safety.
- 16.4 Any boat that withdraws from the race shall notify the Race Committee at (209) 981-5598 (text or voice). Failure to notify the Race Committee may result in disqualification from participation in future Delta Ditch Run events.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authorities will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after this event.