

International 14 US National Championship



RICHMOND YACHT CLUB

I14 Nationals

May 16 - 19, 2024

Sailing Instructions

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1.0 RULES

1.2 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 The following prescriptions of US Sailing will apply: Appendix V, rule V1 and V2.

1.3 The US Sailing prescriptions to rule 63.2 is deleted.

1.4 RS 40.1 shall apply while crew are on the water. RS 40.2 is deleted. All hands shall wear a PDF.

2.0 Notice to Competitors

2.1 Any revision to sailing instructions will be available on Regatta Network before 0800 the day of the race and the RYC on the Race Committee notice board.

2.2 Changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water. If a change is made the race committee will display the L flag.

2.3 Any changes to the scheduled number of races will be posted by 0800 on the day of the race on Regatta Network and the RYC on the Race Committee notice board.

3.0 COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 Communications with competitors will be available online at the official notice board located at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27651> and at RYC on the Race Committee notice board.

3.1 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be 65.

3.2. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

4.0. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast on the upper deck at RYC.

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4..2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes "Race Signals

5.0 Race SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event
Thurs, 5/16	1500	Practice Race
Fri, 5/17	0900	Skippers Meeting
	1055	1st Warning Signal (short race) 2nd (Distance) race to follow.
	1700	Beer at the Club Dinner may be purchased RYC.
Sat, 5/18	1055	1st Warning Signal Races 3, 4, 5, and 6 to follow.
	1700	Beer at the Club Dinner may be purchased RYC.
Sun, 5/19.	1055	Warning Signal for race 7 Races 8 and 9 to follow
	1500	Trophy Presentation and Beer 1700 Dinner may be purchased RYC.

6.0 COURSES

6.1 Racing will be in the vicinity of Southampton Shoals (George Klein Buoy). The long-distance race is anticipated to include a course along the San Francisco City Front, weather permitting.

6.2 See attachments for courses.

7.0. MARKS

7.1 The start/finish mark will be an orange ball.

7.2 For the LD race, government or YRA marks may be used. For Friday, Saturday and Sunday buoy racing marks will be inflatable cylinders or tetrahedrons.

8.0 OBSTRUCTION

8.1 A circle of 60 meters circle around Southampton shoal platform (YRA Mark 14).

9.0. TIME LIMIT

9.1 Time Limit The time limit for each race shall be 90 minutes except the Long-Distance race which will have a 4-hour time limit. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes in races other than the Long-Distance race, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. Upon Race Committee discretion, trailing boats may be finished "on-the-water" (Race Committee will assign the boat's finishing place before the boat actually finishes the race). This changes RRS A5, 5.2.

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10.0 START

10.1 Races sailed shall be started in accordance with Rule 26.

10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of an orange ball. The race committee may attempt to hail the sail numbers of boats that are OCS via a bull horn. Failure to hail, or failure to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11.0 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and an orange ball

12.0. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12.1. Protest forms will be available in the RYC Juniors room. Protests shall be delivered to a Race Committee representative in the Race Office within the protest time limit, which shall be 30 minutes after the committee boat returns to the dock. The return time will be posted on the official notice board inside and to the left of the main entrance to the club and on the notice board.

12.2 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Notices will also be posted on the bulletin board outside the Race Committee room.

13.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS

13.1 Summary: Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway (see US Dept. of Commerce chart 18649 for designated narrow channels and fairways of SF Bay) or fishing or other vessels with restricted ability to maneuver. Boats identified who endanger their own safety, other sail boats, or that of a commercial or government vessel will be subject to protest by a Race Committee (RC) or contestant and face possible disqualification. RRS 60.3 is modified to add (d) to read: A hearing for allegations of the above will be instigated by a protest committee if notified by government, commercial or individual vessel of possible infraction. It shall also extend the time limit under RRS 61.3 to accept the information. Racing occurs near active shipping channels. The race committee would like to call special attention to the preamble to RRS Part 2.

13.3. A race committee boat may signal a boat that is racing to alter course to avoid impeding the passage of commercial vessels by making a sound signal (horn or whistle) and clearly displaying flag V at the boat. The signaled boat shall promptly comply with the signal unless compliance would create an unsafe condition. If a boat fails to comply with such a signal, the race committee shall protest the boat. In this case the protest committee shall assume that the course alteration would not have created an unsafe condition, and the protested boat shall have the burden of proving otherwise.

13.4. If a commercial vessel sounds five blasts at a boat which is racing, and/or the vessel or the USCG is subsequently able to identify the offending boat, the boat may be subject to protest. In the event the race

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committee files the protest, the protest committee shall assume that the identified boat has impeded passage or violated the U.S. Inland Navigation Rules, and the identified boat shall have the burden of proving otherwise.

13.5. A boat cannot exonerate herself when she may have broken this rule. When a protest committee decides that a boat has broken this rule, the penalty shall be disqualification not excludable (DNE).

13.6. The RYC shall cooperate with and provide relevant information to the Coast Guard or other governmental authority regarding investigations of boats impeding ship traffic or violating U.S. Inland Navigation Rules (33 CFR 83).

13.7. Check-in: Boats are required to check in onshore in the downstairs Junior Race Room. Boats are also requested to check in on the water with the Race Committee by sailing by the committee boat on starboard tack prior to the first warning signal. No radio check-ins are permitted.

13.8 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible and check in with the shore committee in person.

13.9 A boat that leaves or returns to the race area shall notify the race committee.

Long Distance Race Courses

Long Distance Race Course 1 (Flag D)

1. **Weather Mark near South Hampton (port)**
 2. **Blackaller Buoy (Lighted yellow column approx. 0.2 nm east of Ft Point) (Port)**
 3. **Lighted yellow column M approx. 0.1 nm north of Ft Mason docks (Port)**
 4. **Blackaller Buoy (Lighted yellow column approx. 0.2 nm east of Ft Point) (Port)**
- F. Finish at Dolphin/birdcage at entrance to Richmond Breakwater**

Long Distance Race Course 2 (Flag E)

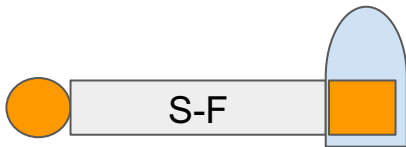
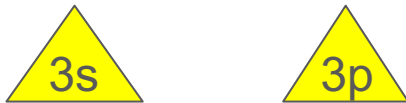
1. **Weather Mark near South Hampton (port)**
 2. **Blossom Rock "BR" [GR Fl (2+1) G 6s bell] (Starboard)**
 3. **Blackaller Buoy (Lighted yellow column approx. 0.2 nm east of Ft Point) (starboard)**
 4. **Raccoon Straight Light #4 (starboard)**
 5. **Buoy 6" approx. 1.2 nm southeast of Red Rock [R Fl 2.5s (lighted)] (starboard)**
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Course Sheet



Course												
1	SF→	1→	1o→	SF								
2	SF→	1→	1o→	3s or 3p→	1→	1o→	SF					
3	SF→	1→	2→	SF								
4	SF→	1→	1o→	3s or 3p→	1→	2→	SF					
5*	SF→	1→	1o→	3s or 3p→	1→	2→	3p	1	1o	SF		
6*	SF→	1→	1o→	3s or 3p→	1→	2→	3p	1	1o	3s or 3p→		



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