



1. RULES

- 1.1. This event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. RRS 40.1 shall apply to all competitors while on the water. Code flag Y will not be displayed.
- 1.3. Alerion 28's will compete in accordance with their class rules.
- 1.4. The use of powered equipment is permitted on boats that have declared this information when their handicap rating was assigned. This modifies RRS 52.
- 1.5. Per RRS 42.3(i), competitors may use an engine or other propulsion method to avoid impeding commercial traffic or restricted areas described in the Sailing Instructions provided they gain no significant advantage in the race.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Changes to a sailing instructions prior to the start may be made on the water by raising the "L" flag and announcements by VHF radio.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the regatta website. Physical notices will not be posted at RYC.
- 3.2. On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 72.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

5. SCHEDULE OF RACE

- 5.1. The scheduled time of the first fleet's warning signal is 1155.
- 5.2. The order of fleet starts are as follows:

Alerion 28	Alerion 28
Non-spinnaker	Fleet "A"
Spinnaker	Fleet "C"

6. RACING AREA

- 6.1. The racing area for the race will be the eastern part of San Francisco Bay.
- 6.2. Race will start in the vicinity of Bob Klein, and finish off the Richmond YC racing platform in Potrero Reach. This amends NOR 7.1.

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7. COURSE AND MARKS

The courses, marks and distances are described in Attachment A.

8. OBSTRUCTIONS

8.1. The following lines and areas rank as obstructions:

- 8.1.1. A 200 foot radius circle around the Southampton Shoal Platform
- 8.1.2. Beacon "RW BN" (aka the 'Birdcage') and the NW end of the Potrero Reach (Richmond channel) breakwater.
- 8.1.3. A 100 yard zone in all directions from Chevron Long Wharf.
- 8.1.4. Between Day Mark #8 ("pin end of Beercan line") and the Potrero Reach Breakwater.

9. THE START

- 9.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with exception listed below. The first warning signal is scheduled for 1155. There will be no flag signals. Start signals will be transmitted via **VHF 72**.
- 9.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and **Bob Klein or an orange mark approximately .25nm downwind from Bob Klein**. There may be a limiting mark off the stern of the signal boat.
- 9.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 9.4. The race committee may attempt to hail the sail numbers of boats that are OCS via VHF radio. Failure to hail or to hear a sail number, or the order of sail numbers hailed, will not be grounds for a redress request. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).
- 9.5. A boat that starts more than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1. The finishing line will be between the mast on the RYC race platform and the buoy G "7" Fl G 4s (aka "Killer Green").
- 10.2. Competitors should trim the mainsail immediately after finishing so the race committee can see and record the sail number.

11. TIME LIMIT

- 11.1. The time limit for this race will be 1600 hours.
- 11.2. If Race Committee chooses to extend the time limit in the event of a postponement of the start, the revised time limit will be communicated via VHF.



12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1. Protest and redress the forms will be available in the Race Office. Protest forms and requests for redress shall be delivered to a Race Committee representative in the Race Office within 30 minutes of the last boat to finish the race. The Race Committee will announce this time on VHF.
- 12.2. Notices of protests will be posted on the regatta website within 30 minutes after the protest filing limit deadline, along with information about when and where the protest will be heard.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. The Alerion 28s shall be scored as a one design fleet.
- 13.2. Any other one design fleet with 4 or more entries will be scored one design.
- 13.3. Corrected times for the Non-Spinnaker and Spinnaker fleets shall be calculated using the time-on-time method as described in the NCPHRF Rules & Guidelines.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1. Boats are requested to check-in with the Race Committee by sailing by signal boat the on starboard tack before the first fleet's warning signal.
- 14.2. A boat that retires from the race, or that leaves the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing, shall notify the Race Committee via VHF channel 72 or by calling the PRO before leaving the course area. If that is not possible, the competitor shall notify a member of the Race Committee or the Club General Manager immediately after arriving ashore.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 15.1. 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.

16. INTERFERENCE WITH COMMERCIAL VESSELS

Boats shall not impede the passage of ship traffic while racing. Rule 9 of the Inland Rules of the Road applies with respect to all shipping traffic on San Francisco Bay and its tributaries. A violation of Rule 9 is subject to protest by any competitor or by the Race Committee. Compliance with RRS 60-63 will not be required with respect to a protest involving a Rule 9 infraction. A violation of Rule 9 may not be exonerated by a Turns or Scoring penalty.

Any complaint received by the Race Committee from the United States Coast Guard or the captain or bar pilot of any ship that has sounded five blasts on its horn during the course of a race shall result in an automatic protest by the Race Committee if the captain, bar pilot or Coast Guard identifies an offending boat by sail number. In any case where a ship has

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sounded five blasts on its horn, a presumption shall be created at the protest hearing that the protested yacht(s) has (have) violated Rule 9 and the protested yacht(s) shall have the burden of proving that it (they) did not impede the progress of the ship.

A protest of a Rule 9 infraction by a competitor may be made at any time prior to the conclusion of the regatta, but not more than 24 hours after the incident. A protest by the Race Committee for an infraction of Rule 9 may be made at any time up to two days after the conclusion of the regatta.

The Richmond Yacht Club will cooperate and provide relevant information to any investigations by the Coast Guard or other competent governmental authority of violations of Rule 9.

17. RISK STATEMENT

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 – COURSES AND MARKS

Course	Mark (port or starboard)	Distance
1	BK (start) – Ayala Cove(p) – N(p) – R6 (s) – KG (finish)	8.6 nm
2	BK (start) – YRA 19(p) – N(p) – R6 (s) – KG (finish)	9.3nm
3	Start – BK(s) –YRA 19(p) – N(p) – R6 (s) – KG (finish)	9.6nm

DESCRIPTION OF MARKS: For a visual chart of marks, please refer to YRA Central Bay (<https://yra.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/central-bay.jpeg>) and YRA North Bay (<https://yra.org/north-bay-chartlet/>)

BK	Bob Klein Mark, N of Southampton Shoal	37 51.5	122.24.3
YRA 19	R “8” Fl R 2.5s ~ approx. 1.5 nm east of Pt Bluff	37 52.78	122 24.90
N	Daymark 2 on channel east of Sausalito [Fl R]	37 51.35	122 28.11
R6	R “6” Fl R 4s, outside entrance to Potrero Reach	37 54.35	122 23.65
KG	G “7” Fl G 4s, in Potrero Reach (aka Killer Green)	37 54.40	122 23.20