

Totally Dinghy Regatta

October 5, 2024

Sailing Instructions



1 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board by 1900 on the day before they will take effect. The official notice board is at:
- 1.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions 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.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 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, or communications that are not available to all boats.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast on the upper deck at RYC.
- 3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

3 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Radio Channels used by the Race Committee will be discussed at the skippers meeting.

4 RACE SCHEDULE

- 4.1 **Potrero Reach Course**
 - Up to four (4) races are scheduled for Potrero Reach. This amends section 6.2 of the NoR.
 - First warning signal at 1100.
 - No warning shall be made after 1500.
- Outside Course**
 - Up to four (4) races are scheduled.
 - First warning signal at 11:30.
 - No warning shall be made after 1600.

5 RACING AREA

- 5.1 There will be two race areas as follows:
 - **Inside Course:** Potrero Reach
 - **Outside Course:** Between Brooks Island and Southampton Shoal which is 1/4 to 1/2 nm Southwest of the Richmond Breakwater.

6 CLASS ASSIGNMENTS & CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Final class assignments will depend on the number and type of boats registered. The initial order of starts may be changed on the water through display of class flags at the warning.
- 6.2 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)

7 COURSES

- 7.1 The diagrams in Attachment B (Inside course) and C (Outside course) 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.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 Marks will be described in Attachments.

9 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 A 200' circle around Southampton shoal platform.

9.3 After completing the first leg of the course and while racing, a boat shall not cross the starting line; or, unless she is finishing, the finish line. This changes RRS 28.2. A boat that fails to observe this restriction may exonerate herself by taking a Two-Turns Penalty as described in RRS 44.2. This changes RRS 44.1 but does not change RRS 44.1(b). A boat that fails to exonerate herself will be scored Did Not Sail the course (NSC) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5. The starting and finishing lines, including their marks, is an obstruction for a boat required not to cross them.

10 START

10.1 RRS 26 is changed as follows:

3 Minutes Before Start

- Visual Signal - Class Flag
- Sound Signal - One Signal
- Sequence Warning Signal

2 Minutes Before Start

- Visual Signal - P, I, Z, Z with I or U
- Sound Signal - One Signal
- Sequence Preparatory Signal

1 Minute Before Start

- Visual Signal - Preparatory flag removed
- Sound Signal - One Long Signal
- Sequence 1 Minute to Start Signal

0 Minute Before Start

- Visual Signal - Class flag removed
- Sound Signal - One Signal

Sequence Starting Signal

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 inflatable mark. There may be a limiting mark near the signal boat.

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

10.4 A boat that does not start within 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 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.

11.2 The race committee may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees or the length up to 10% of the previous length, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark. This changes RRS 33.

12 FINISH

12.1 The Outside course 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.

12.2 The Inside course finish will use an orange flag on the signal boat.

13 TIME LIMIT

13.1 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.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Appendix V1 (Penalty at the time of incident) and Appendix V2 (Post-race penalties) shall apply.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Boats intending to file a protest must inform the Signal Boat, including protestee sail number, promptly upon finishing the race.

15.2 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.

15.3 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 (vickiesail@aol.com).

15.4 Protest committee requests that you write legibly and include your cell phone number and email address.

15.5 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.

15.6 The Protest committee decisions will be posted on the online notice board platform.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

16.2 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 to also notify the Race Committee or Support boat prior to starting.

16.3 Prior to the first race boats shall check in with the Race Committee by sailing past the stern on starboard and hail her sail number for recognition.

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

17.1 Substitution of sail numbers must be made by the competitor by updating their registration on Regatta Network before 0800 Saturday.

18 SCORING & AWARDS

- 18.1 Two races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores (RRS A4). No scores will be excluded.
- 18.3 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.