

Express 27 Nationals

October 11 - 13, 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 RULES

- 1.1 Appendix V1 will be in effect. The Express 27 class will require a two-turn penalty for an incident within the zone and a one-turn penalty for an incident outside the zone. This changes RSS 44.1
- 1.2 RRS 40 is changed as follows: All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices that are USCG or ISO approved except briefly while changing clothing or personal equipment. The "Y" flag will not be displayed.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0945 on the day it will take effect. Change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.
- 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 and may also announce the change on the designated VHF channel.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The URL for RYC's official notice board is: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28761>
- 3.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on RYC's official notice board.
- 3.3 The Race Committee will use VHF channel 65 to communicate information about the day's racing.
- 3.4 Boats are required to check in with the Race Committee by sailing by the committee boat, on starboard tack, prior to the first warning signal.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

6 SCHEDULE

Date	Activity
Oct 11	Competitors Meeting 0930
Oct 11	Race 1 First Warning 1155
Oct 11	Race 2 Long Distance Race Immediately After Race 1
Oct 12	Race 3 First Warning 1155
Oct 12	Race 4 Immediately Following Race 3
Oct 12	Race 5 Immediately Following Race 4
Oct 13	Race 6 First Warning 1155
Oct 13	Race 7 Immediately Following Race 6
Oct 13	Awards Presentation

- 6.2 The OA reserves the right to modify the schedule due to weather conditions or other causes.

7 COURSES

- 7.1 Attachment B indicates the courses for the buoy races. Attachment C indicates the courses for the long distance race.
- 7.2 The course to be sailed will be designated by a flag displayed from the Race Committee signal boat.
- 7.3 [DP] The race committee will attempt to announce courses on the VHF radio channel. The absence of this announcement or the failure of a boat hearing the announcement shall not be grounds for redress.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 Drop (inflatable) marks will be used.

9 OBSTRUCTION

- 9.1 The buoy (G 3) South of Point Blunt on Angel Island and the closest point ashore.
- 9.2 A 200' circle around Southampton shoal platform.

10 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 10.1 [DP] All boats shall return to The Richmond Yacht Club after Friday and Saturday's races and are required to remain in the water from the beginning of racing on Friday through the last race on Sunday, unless the PRO has approved a written request for haul out.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and an inflatable mark. Competitors should adjust their sails so the finish line crew can see sail numbers immediately after finishing.

12 TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 The time limit for each race shall be 90 minutes.
- 12.2 Time limit for the distance race is 3 hours, and the distance race time limit expires 30 minutes after the first boat to finish.

13 HEARING REQUEST

- 13.1 Protests shall be delivered to a Race Committee representative 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.
- 13.2 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Notices will be on the Richmond Yacht Club official notice board.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 14.2 Boats shall not impede the passage of ship traffic. Rule 9 of the inland rules of the road applies to all shipping traffic on San Francisco Bay and its tributaries.
- 14.3 Competitors are reminded that commercial vessels have the right of way at all times and violations are subject to protest by the race committee.

15 CONTACT INFO

- 15.1 Regatta information is below:

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