



San Francisco Bay Lipton Cup Regatta



June 13-15, 2025

Organizing Authority (OA): Richmond Yacht Club, 351 Brickyard Cove Rd., Pt. Richmond, CA

In conjunction with Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association

NOTICE OF RACE + AMENDMENT #1

The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 World Sailing Appendix UF - Umpired Fleet Racing, adapted for this event, applies to the racing on Saturday and is posted on the official notice board as "APPENDIX UF Umpired Fleet Racing 2025 San Francisco Bay Lipton Cup Edition."
- 1.3 "Addendum HANDLING PROVIDED BOATS" applies to the use and handling of the J/22 type boats throughout the event and is posted on the official notice board.
- 1.4 The J/22 Class Rules will not apply.
- 1.5 Rule 40.2 is changed to: Rule 40.1 applies at all times when boats are in the racing area or on their way to and from the racing area.
- 1.6 Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return-on-board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- 1.7 [DP] Boats shall carry a functioning VHF radio, capable of using USA channels, on board at all times while on the water.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available by 1600 hours on June 9 at the Richmond Yacht Club (RYC) and online at regattanetwork.com/event/29400.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors: The official regatta notice board is online at regattanetwork.com/event/29400.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs. Listening to announcements and/or responding to requests over the VHF radio from the race committee is encouraged.
- 3.3 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY AND ENTRY FEES

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all yacht clubs that are current members of the PICYA and in good standing.
- 4.2 The regatta will be sailed in J/22 type boats furnished by PICYA for the regatta. In the event any boat becomes unavailable for any reason, PICYA may substitute another boat with similar equipment and sails. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize, variations in the boats will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 4.3 Entries will be limited to 12 teams. If more than 12 clubs wish to enter, a wait list will be established based on the time the entry is received.
- 4.4 Eligible clubs shall begin the entry process by completing Club Registration and paying the event entry fee, and late fee if applicable, on or before 1600 hours on June 4, 2025. Upon approval of a club's registration by the OA and PICYA, to complete its entry, the club shall have each of its competitors complete individual registration, including signing the waiver, by 1600 hours on June 4, 2025. Both club and individual registrations shall be done through Regatta Network at regattanetwork.com/event/29400.
- 4.5 Three clubs are pre-approved for entry but must still complete the full entry process and pay the fees. They are:
 - Defending Champion San Francisco Yacht Club
 - Host Club Richmond Yacht Club
 - J/22 Fleet Supplier St. Francis Yacht Club
- 4.6 Registration will open at 1200 hours on March 18, 2025.
- 4.7 Registration will close at 1600 hours on June 4, 2025.
- 4.8 The entry fee is \$600, payable to Richmond Yacht Club.
- 4.9 There will be a late entry fee of \$100 after 1700 hours on May 28, 2025.

5 REGATTA BOATS AND BOAT FEES

- 5.1 Entrant clubs must obtain a J/22 from PICYA for the regatta. Information and documents related to reserving the boat and its handling are available at LiptonCupSF.com and PICYA.org. The PICYA contact for further information and assistance is Larry Mayne, (650) 888-2324, lmayne@gmail.com.
- 5.2 Boats will be randomly assigned to each club. Boats shall be handled in accordance with the handling instructions which will be attached as an Addendum to the sailing instructions.
- 5.3 [DP] The club name shall be displayed on both sides of the mainsail; name placards will be supplied by PICYA.
- 5.4 [DP] Each boat will display their club burgee on the backstay; the club shall provide the burgee to be displayed (minimum size of 12" x 18").
- 5.5 A separate regatta boat use fee of \$600 shall be paid as directed by PICYA. The fee must be paid no later than 1600 hours on June 4, 2025.
- 5.6 Arrangements to reserve a boat for the regatta may be made starting on April 9, 2025 at 1200 hours.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 Crews shall consist of 4 persons, all of whom shall be, at the time of registration and participation, current members in good standing of the club they represent. Helmspersons must meet the requirements for each of the race divisions.
- 6.2 [DP] No person who, at the time of his or her participation in this event, would be classified as a Group 3 Competitor according to the World Sailing (WS) Sailor Classification Code WS Regulation 22, shall act as a helmsperson except in an emergency involving the safety of the boat or crew, and then only for the duration of the emergency. No more than one Group 3 sailor is permitted on a crew each day.
- 6.3 [DP] Team crew lists for each day of racing, including WS Sailor Classification Code status, whether official or not, shall be submitted to the OA on or before 1600 hours on **June 4, 2025**.
- 6.4 Except in the case of injury or illness, and subject to the approval of the Race Committee before the competitors' meeting on the day the change is to take effect, the crewmembers on a given day shall not be changed.

7 SCHEDULE AND FORMAT

- 7.1 There will be a competitors' meeting on each race day at 0845 hours.
- 7.2 The starting area will be in the North Berkeley Circle/Southampton Shoal area or Keller Cove at the discretion of the Race Committee and will be announced at the competitor's meeting each day.
- 7.3 June 13 – Three races are scheduled for the Admiral's Cup. The first warning will be at 1045 hours and no race will be started after 1530 hours. There will be two buoy races and one distance race, the order to be determined at the discretion of the Race Committee. The helmsperson is required to be a female who shall have reached her 25th birthday before June 13, 2025.
- 7.4 June 14 – Seven buoy races are scheduled for the Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Trophy. The first warning will be at 1045 hours and no race will be started after 1600 hours. The helmsperson shall have reached their 25th birthday before June 14, 2025.
- 7.5 June 15 – Three races are scheduled for the Larry Knight Trophy. There will be two buoy races and one distance race, the order to be determined at the discretion of the Race Committee. The first warning will be at 1045 hours and no race will be started after 1530 hours. The helmsperson must have reached their 60th birthday before June 15, 2025.

8 COURSES

The buoy races will be windward/leeward courses. The courses for the two distance races will be described in the sailing instructions. All rounding marks will be inflatable buoys, except for the distance races, which may also utilize YRA fixed marks.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix V1 (Penalty at the Time of an Incident) shall apply on Friday and Sunday.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply. Each day will be scored as an individual series.
- 10.2 For Friday's racing a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 10.3 For Saturday's racing when fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 10.4 For Sunday's racing a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. One race is

required to be completed to constitute a series. This changes RRS A2.1.

- 10.5 Overall scores, which will determine the winner of the Lipton Pacific Coast Perpetual Trophy, will be calculated by combining the series scores with Saturday's score being doubled. In the event of a tie score between two or more boats, they will be ranked in the order of Saturday's results. This changes RRS A2.1, A4, and A7.

11 [DP] HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta without the prior written permission of the Regatta Chair. In the case of an emergency and/or the likelihood of further damage occurring, this permission may be given retroactively. Cleaning of a boat's hull below the waterline is prohibited once the boats have been launched for the regatta. Competitors may remove foreign debris that may have been caught around the keel, rudder, or other areas of the boat.

12 RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk and subject to the terms and conditions of the RYC liability waiver.

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.**

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 Perpetual trophy winners will be announced, and club keeper trophies will be awarded to the winning and second-place teams of each race day at the conclusion of racing.
- 13.2 The perpetual trophies for first and second place for each day (Friday: Admirals Cup, Valhalla Cup. Saturday: Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Trophy, Edward E. Peck Cup. Sunday: Larry Knight Trophy, Treasurers Cup.), and the Sir Thomas Lipton Pacific Coast Perpetual Trophy for the Overall Winner, will be awarded at the July 7th Delegates Meeting Dinner at the **Point** San Pablo Yacht Club.
- 13.3 Perpetual trophies must be returned to the PICYA at the host yacht club of the 2026 Lipton Cup event as directed by the PICYA.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

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