



BIG DADDY REGATTA

March 8-9, 2008

Richmond Yacht Club
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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES: The regatta will be governed by the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing, as modified by these Sailing Instructions. This invitational regatta is classified as a Category A Event.

2.0 SAFETY: All racers shall wear an appropriate PFD during racing.

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 and the race committee. Compliance with the 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 an alternate 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 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 did not impede the progress of the ship.

Race committee chase boats may patrol the racecourse from time to time and may hail boats to alter course to avoid impeding ship traffic. Failure of any boat to comply with the hail of the race committee shall result in an automatic protest by the race committee.

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 of violations of Rule 9 by the Coast Guard or other competent governmental authority.

3.0 ENTRIES: Eligible One Design or PHRF rated boats may be entered by completing registration with the organizing authority.

4.0 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS: Notices to competitors will be posted on the Regatta Bulletin Board in the Regatta Room at the Richmond Yacht Club and/or the website.

5.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 0900 hrs on the day it will take effect, and code flag L will be hoisted on the yardarm of the mast on the club house upper deck. Any changes in schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

6.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the mast on the clubhouse deck.

6.2 Code Flag "AP", Answering Pennant, with two (2) sound signals means the race is postponed, One (1) sound signal and lowering of the Answering Pennant will indicate end of postponement time and the warning signal will be made on the water not less than 60 minutes later.

7.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES: Races are scheduled as follows:

Race day #1 **Saturday March 8, 2008** Time of Warning Signal and shape

Race 1 **1130 hours** First Division(s) Warning
Race 2 ASAP after finish of the last boat in a Division in Race 1.
Race 3 ASAP after finish of the last boat in a Division in Race 2.
Please pay attention to Div. & race signals for 2nd and 3rd race starts. Races may be started while there are still boats on the course. **Next Div Warning maybe announced on Channel 78 (Deep Water Course), Channel 79 (Olympic Circle Course) and Channel 72 (Southampton Course) by RC.**

8.0 CLASS FLAGS & RACING FLEETS:

Deep Water Course Class Flag Fleet Info

Fleet 1	A	PHRF
Fleet 2	B	PHRF
Fleet 3	C	PHRF
Fleet 4	D	J 105

Olympic Circle Course Class Flag Fleet Info

Fleet 5	E	PHRF
Fleet 6	F	36.7
Fleet 7	G	Olson 30
Fleet 8	H	PHRF

Southampton Course Class Flag Fleet Info

Fleet 9	J	Wabbits
Fleet 10	K	Express 27
Fleet 11	L	PHRF
Fleet 12	M	J 24

9.0 RACING AREAS:

There are 3 Racing Areas:

Deep Water Course South of the Olympic Circle Area.
Start Line Boat Pelican
Finish Boat Fast Forward
Color of Marks Yellow
VHF 78

OC Course Olympic Circle area
Start Line Boat Traflo
Finish Boat Sugaree
Color of Marks Orange
VHF 79

SH Course Southampton Area
Start Line Boat Toro Grande
Finish Boat Dolphin
Color of Marks Yellow
VHF 72

10.0 COURSES and MARKS:

10.1 Saturday, Mar 8, 2008

All 3 racing areas will use the same starting and finishing procedure and courses. The starting line will be to leeward of the leeward mark. The finish line will be to leeward of the leeward mark and to starboard of the starting line looking downwind. The starting line will have a pin on the port end and an orange flag on the committee boat on the starboard end. The finish line will have a pin on the port end and an orange flag on a boat on the starboard end. The windward and leeward marks will be yellow or orange cylinders or tetrahedrons. There will be 3 possible course selections. See Attachment A, Course Diagram.

10.2 Courses will be signaled by displaying the course from the race committee by flag. Each RC starting boat may also announce next fleet with VHF radio.

11.0 START:

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.. Times will be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

<u>Division</u>	<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>FLAG(S)</u>	<u>SOUND</u>	<u>MIN. TO</u>		<u>FIRST WARNING</u>
				<u>START</u>	<u>COURSE</u>	
A, F or O	Warning	Class flag	gun	5	Show Course	flag 1130 hrs
	Prep	P, I, or Z	gun	4		
	Drop Prep	Drop P	horn	1		
	START	Drop Class flag	gun	0	Drop Course	

Warning Signal for succeeding class will be with or after the starting signal of the preceding class. The starting order for race 2 or 3 may be changed at the discretion of the race committee and fleet availability.

11.2 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

12.0 RECALLS:

12.1 Individual recalls signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2 for 29.1 or 30.1 boats. The RC may hail an over early boat on Chan 78 for area Deep Water Course, Chan 79 OC Course and Chan 72 for SH Course, but nothing relieves the boat from making a proper start.

12.2 When a general recall has been signaled, RRS 29.2: Code flag "First Substitute" will be lowered with one signal and one minute later the new WARNING signaled. A second recall or a second fleet recall will follow the same procedure in line. A fleet with a second Recall moves to end of sequence to start.

12.3 When a general recall has been signaled, the start(s) for succeeding classes will be postponed accordingly.

15.0 PROTESTS:

- 15.1** Protests shall be written on forms available at the Richmond YC race room and lodged there within the Protest Period, which will begin when the Finish Boat's return time is posted and end (1) one hour later.
- 15.2** Protest time limits and protest notices will be posted on the Regatta Bulletin Board to inform competitors where and when the hearing will be held. Competitors are responsible to check the Board for possible protests.
- 15.3** Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as posted on the board.

16.0 SCORING:

- 16.1** Saturday's races will be scored on a "Time on Time". A copy of the multiplication (handicap) configuration will be posted and available for each competitor.
- 16.2** The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A. of the racing rules will apply with three races scheduled, of which one shall be completed to constitute a series. A boat's score is the sum of all races.
- 16.3** RRS 63.1 is modified to indicate that a boat observed by Race Committee as not sailing the course, may be given a DNF without a hearing.

Sunday, March 9, 2008 BIG DADDY RACE

17.0 Courses: Courses for the race will be from the start around Angel Is & Alcatraz in either direction, and back to the finish line in the Richmond channel. Starting handicap (PHRF for all) time sequence for the "Big Daddy" race will be as shown on a time sheet and posted in the Yacht Club on Saturday, March 9.

18.0 The Race Committee will monitor and may make announcements on VHF channel 79.

18.1 Restricted areas. For the purpose of RRS 18, 19, 28, the following objects shall be left to shoreward: Bell buoy 7 off the west end of Alcatraz, and Point Blunt buoy off Angel Island. Above obstructions are not marks of the course.

19.0 STARTING LINE & STARTING SYSTEM

19.1 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and an orange inflatable mark approximately 1/2 nm northeast of Southampton Shoals.

19.2	Sun Mar 9, 2008	Yellow	Warning	1150 hours
		Blue	Preparatory	1155
		Red	First Start	1200

All starts subsequent to the first start will be called to attention by a horn only. Time monitoring signals may be made by firing a gun every five minutes beginning after the first starting signal unless it coincides with a start. Hour and minute will be announced by the race committee. After the initial start, times will be given as start + minutes and seconds. Unless otherwise noted, a vessel's preparatory signal is the start of the previous class.

20.0 OVER EARLY: The numbers of over early boats may be called on **Chan 79**. Boats not re rounding an end of the line to restart will automatically be penalized 10 places at their finish times.

21.0. FINISH LINE: The finish line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat (starboard) and an orange buoy near Red # 6 channel mark in the Richmond Channel.

22.0. TIME LIMIT: The time limit for the BIG DADDY race will be 1700 hours on Sunday. Boats finishing after that time will be scored as DNF.

23.0 PRIZES:

23.1 Prizes will be awarded to skippers of the boats placing first, second and third in each division on Saturday's racing for fleets of more than 5 boats. Prizes will be presented on Sunday.

23.2 Prizes will be awarded to the first ten finishers of the Big Daddy Race on Sunday. Prizes will be awarded on Sunday as soon as possible after completion of the event.

Attachment A