

Richmond Yacht Club Small Boat MIDWINTERS

0809 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RACING RULES OF SAILING: The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2005-2008 (RRS)

2.0 ENTRIES: All centerboard boats are invited. Registration **on line** at www.richmondyc.org.
You must register for the Series Scoring once and for each month you sail.

3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS: Notices to competitors will be posted on the RYC Regatta Bulletin Board located on the wall of the junior room on the first floor of Richmond Yacht Club.

4.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Race Committee notices or changes to the SI's shall be posted and signaled no later than 1/2 hour before the departure of the main Race Committee boat, except starting time which will be posted on line the day before the event.

5.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

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

5.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore the warning signal on the water will be made not less than 60 minutes after "AP" is lowered.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES:

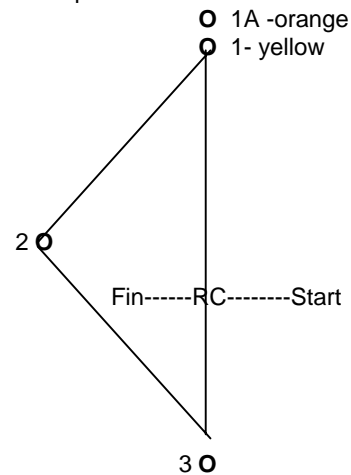
Races scheduled as follows:

Skippers Sign in	0900
Skippers' Meeting	1000
Race 1 First Warning	1100 for Inside and Breakwater Courses 1200 for Southampton Course
Subsequent races	shortly after completion of previous race

7.0 RACING AREA: Exact race area will be designated at the Skippers Meeting.

8.0 COURSES & MARKS: The diagram below shows the relative positions of marks and the start & finish lines.. Marks 1, 2, 3 are temporary yellow or orange marks. Start/finish marks are floating can buoys with red tops or red balls.

- Course 1: Start-1-3-Finish
- Course 2: Start-1-2-3-Finish
- Course 3: Start-1-3-1-3-Finish
- Course 4: Start-1-2-3-1-3-Finish
- Course 5: Start-1-2-3-1-2-3 -Finish
- Course 6: Start-1-3-1-2-3-1-3-Finish
- Course 7: Start-1-finish between RYC platform and #7 (Killer Green)
Marks to be rounded to Port



Optis & Lasers use mark 1
All other fleets use mark !A

9.0 STARTING ORDER & FLAGS	Inside Breakwater	El Toro Jr(J), El Toro Sr.(E), & Optis(O)
	Breakwater Entrance	1 Snipes (A) 2 Bytes (B) 3 Open Class =FJs, CFJs, DS, Banchees, Lidos, Sunfish, Megabyte, Buccaneer (O)
	Southampton	1 29ers, Wylie Wabbits (U) 2, FD, Lightnings, Thistles (F) 3 Lasers (H) 4 420s Open Class = Wetta, Finn, Int. 14., Vanguard 15, Contenders, J18s, , ICs. 505, Musto, Multihulls(O)

10.0 STARTING:

10.1 The Southampton and Inside Courses will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal given 3 minutes before the starting signal. The Breakwater course will use sound signals as defined in Appendix Q.

Signal	Flags	Sound	Mins to Start
Warning	Raise Fleet/course Flag	Horn	3
Preparatory	Raise P, I or Z Flag	Horn	2
	Drop P, I or Z Flag	Horn	1
START	Drop Fleet/course Flag	Horn	0

10.2 Boats shall not start more than 10 minutes after their class.

10.3 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and the starboard end starting mark (red can or red ball). RRS 28 is amended to indicate the start/finish lines are restricted to starting & finishing only.

10.4 For each fleet, the starting sequence for the next race will commence as soon as practical after the last boat of that fleet has finished. This may alter a previously announced starting order.

11.0 RECALLS:

11.1 Recalled boats may be hailed.

12.0 CHANGES OF COURSE AFTER THE START: When changing the course after the start, the race committee will relocate the affected Mark with an orange mark. The other marks will be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

13.0: FINISHING: The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and the Port end finishing mark (red can or red ball). RRS 28 is amended to indicate the start/finish lines are restricted to starting & finishing only.

14.0 TIME LIMIT: The first boat in each fleet must finish within 1.5 (one and a half) hours of their start. Boats finishing more than 20 (twenty) minutes after the first boat in their fleet finishes, will be scored as "Did Not Finish". This changes RRS 35.

15.0 SAFETY:

15.1 Prior to the first race of each day, boats are required to sail past the stern of the committee boat to hail her sail number for recognition

15.2 All competitors must wear a personal floatation device (PFD) at all times on the water. Code Flag Y will not be displayed. Wet suits or Dry suits are required of sailors under 18 years of age.

15.3 Competitors are reminded of Fundamental Rule 1.2: It shall also be the sole responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race as noted in RRS 4.

15.4 A boat which retires from a race is asked to notify the race committee either before leaving the course area, or if that is not possible, immediately after arriving ashore.

15.5 All boats must carry a 10 ft tow line, attached to bow at all times for towing.

15.6 Competitors are reminded that commercial vessels have the right of way at all times and violations are subject to protest.

16.0 SCORING: The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A4 will apply.

16.1 All boats receive order of finish (no Portsmouth)

16.2 Penalties are based on RRS A9 (DNC = one + registered, DNS, DNF, DSQ = one + starters)

16.3 Monthly scores will be posted on line at richmondyc.org.

16.4 There will be 1 throw out for every 7 races in the Series Scores. This changes A2.

17.0 SAIL NUMBERS

17.1 All Sail # changes to be made by Competitors on line (link given at registration)

17.2 Laser to use last 4 digits of sail #

18.0 PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded after the March 1st series.