



Sarcoma Cup Regatta

June 28 & 29, 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 and by the 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.

2.1 SPECIAL NOTICE: US YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS will be held on Southampton racing area all competitors of the RYC Sarcoma Cup Regatta will make every effort when crossing this area to stay clear of the small boat racing. Lasers, Laser Radials, 420's and 29er's will be using this area.

2.2 SPECIAL NOTE: All competitors are reminded to wear your sunscreen!

3.0 ENTRIES: Eligible PHRF or IRC 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.

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, except that any change 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 and Date	Time of Warning Signal and shape
Race 1	Sat June 28	1100 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 announced on **Chan 78 (on 1)**, by RC.

8.0 CLASS FLAGS & RACING FLEETS:

Area 1	Class Flag
	A
	C
	D
	E
	F
	G

9.0 RACING AREA: The racing areas will be the area known as “Upper” Olympic Circle area for course area “1” with race committee boat “PELICAN”. and “BUOYTOY”(37’ Nordic tug) as finishing line boat.

10.0 COURSES and MARKS:

10.1 Saturday, June 28th, 2008

All 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.

Start Line is restricted except for starting

10.2 Courses will be signaled by displaying the course from the race committee by flag. Each r/c starting boat will 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 START</u>	<u>COURSE</u>	<u>FIRST WARNING</u>
A or H	Warning	A, H, or class flag	gun	5	Show Course flag	1100 hrs
	Preparatory	P, I, or Z	gun	4		
	Drop Prep		horn	1	Drop Course	
	START	Drop	gun	0		

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. This means if you are lollygagging way off to one side and not paying attention to your fleet, or the r/c your division will start without you!

11.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and a buoy on the port end of the line.

11.3 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.

11.4 A boat shall not start later than 4 minutes after her starting signal.

12.0 RECALLS:

- 12.1 Individual recalls signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2 for 29.1 or 30.1. The RC will hail an over early boat on Chan 78 for area 1, but nothing relieves the boat from making a proper start.
- 12.2 When a general recall has been signaled, RRS 29.3: One minute after Recall ,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.
- 13.0 **FINISH:** Finish line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and the port end finishing mark.
- 14.0 **TIME LIMIT:** The time limit for each will be 1 1/2 hours, however RRS 35 is modified to state: Boats in a division, finishing more than 20 minutes after the first boat finishes in their division will be scored as “Did Not Finish”. This changes RRS 35.

15.0 PROTESTS:

- 15.1 Protests shall be written on forms available near the Regatta Bulletin Board 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” or IRC basis. 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, 29th June 2008 Pursuit race and Olson 25 buoy races

17.0 Courses: Courses for the pursuit race will be from the start around Alcatraz to Starboard , Angel Island to Starboard and back to the finish line in the Richmond channel. Starting handicap (PHRF for all) time sequence for the “Sarcoma Cup Regatta” race will be as shown on a time sheet and posted in the Yacht Club on Saturday 28th June 2008.

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 same area as Saturday’s start area. OCS boats may be hailed on Channel 78.
- 19.2 Sun 29th June 2008 Yellow Warning 1100 hours
 Blue Preparatory 1105
 Red First Start 1110

. 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: When possible, the numbers of over early boats will be called on Char 78. 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 Platform at RYC breakwater and the Green channel mark in the Richmond Channel.

22.0. TIME LIMIT: The time limit for the pursuit race will be 1530 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 maybe 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 five finishers of the Pursuit Race on Sunday. Prizes will be awarded on Sunday as soon as possible after completion of the event.