



RICHMOND YACHT CLUB

2015 Multihull Invitational

Featuring
Hobie Division 3 Points Regatta
F-18 Class Catamaran
MHRA Points Regatta
WETA Class

September 26-27, 2015

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority and Host: Richmond Yacht Club, Point Richmond, California

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), by the one-design class rules for each participating class of boat, and by this Notice of Regatta, except as any of these are modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The Sailing Instructions may change or modify the racing rules.
- 1.3 Competitors shall wear life jackets or other adequate personal flotation devices at all times while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. Note that Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.
- 1.4 To accommodate the conditions and water temperatures commonly encountered on San Francisco Bay, it is strongly recommended that competitors wear wet suits or dry suits while racing.
- 1.5 Only one set of sails per boat may be used except for changes approved by the Protest Committee in the event of obvious sail damage.
- 1.6 The US SAILING prescription in rule 67, Damages, will apply.
- 1.7 Competitors are reminded that, under the preamble of Part 2 of the RRS, boats racing must comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) when they meet other marine traffic not racing.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to multihull sailboats less than 22.5 ft. in length. Any one-design class with five or more entries will be provided with a one-design start. All other boats will be placed in one or more Portsmouth Division starts based on their Portsmouth Yardstick number listed by US SAILING in the "Table of North American Portsmouth Numbers" at:
<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/offshore-big-boats/portsmouth-yardstick>
- 2.2 Regarding boats sailing in the Portsmouth divisions, **any boat having modification(s) that require change(s) to the boat's Portsmouth Number must provide a list of all such**

modification(s) and the required Portsmouth correction(s) to the Race Committee in writing prior to the start of the competitor's briefing.

- 2.3 Each boat must have completed an entry, and paid all event fees, including any late fee if applicable, before 2000 Pacific Daylight time on September 25, 2015
EACH COMPETITOR, both skipper and crew, must have signed a Waiver and Release of Liability, included in the online registration process for the skipper, the crew release can be downloaded from the website or filled out at the check in table before 1000 Pacific Daylight time on September 26, 2015.
- 2.4 Eligible boats are to register online at <http://www.richmondyc.org> **ALL REGISTRATION WILL BE ON-LINE**
- 2.5 One competitor on each "Hobie" class boat must be a member of the Hobie Class Association of North America.

3 FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$90 for double handed boats and \$65 for single handed boats **if received prior to 2100 hours on Monday, September 21, 2015.**
- 3.2 The **Late entry fee (after 2100 hours on Monday, September 21, 2015)** is \$115 for double handed boats and \$90 for single handed boats.
- 3.3 The entry fee includes two Saturday night dinners for double handed boats and one dinner for single handed boats. Additional dinners may be purchased at a cost of \$20 ea. Youth under the age of 12 at a cost of \$10 ea.
- 3.4 **No entries will be accepted after 2100 Pacific Daylight Time on September 25, 2015. No registration the morning of the event.**
- 3.5 Entry fees are non-refundable.

4 REGATTA SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The location of the competitors' briefing will be upstairs in the general use area or in the temporary club facility depending on availability.
- 4.2 The Regatta schedule is as follows:

Saturday, September 26	1030	Welcome and Competitors' Briefing
	1200	Warning Signal for first race of the day
Sunday, September 27	1100	Warning Signal for first race of the day

- 4.3 There will be an attempt to run multiple races each day. No race will be started after 1500 hours on Sunday.
- 4.4 Results will be announced and a trophy presentation will be held on Sunday, as soon as practicable following the day's racing, with the intention to start this no later than 1700.

5 MEASUREMENT

- 5.1 Competitors are responsible for making sure their boat complies with the applicable Class Rules. Measuring of boats will occur only at the direction of the Organizing Authority or the Protest Committee.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Sailing instructions will be available at the event website at www.richmondyc.org as soon as

available.

7 RACING AREAS AND COURSES

- 7.1 The racing will be in the area of Southampton Shoal, Keller Cove, or the north portion of the Berkeley Circle.
- 7.2 The initial choice of venue shall be posted on the Regatta Notice Board by 0930 each race day.
- 7.3 The Race Committee may change the venue on the water by using the prescribed procedure for doing so. Any venue selected will be approximately a twenty-five (25) to forty-five (45) minute sail from the launch area.
- 7.4 For all racing, courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.5 The Race Committee will determine the course and will set course length as sailing conditions permit.

8 LAUNCH, MOORING & HAULOUT

- 8.1 The fleet will be launched and hauled each day at RYC. There are two 9' wide ramps for beach wheel launching and two hoists for launching with a lifting sling.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 10.2 Multiple races are scheduled of which two (2) must be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.3 When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her highest excludable score. This changes RRS Appendix A2.

11 COMMUNICATIONS

- 11.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

12 TRAILER STORAGE, PARKING, DOCKAGE

- 12.1 During this regatta, Richmond Yacht Club will be commencing a major renovation project. Club operations will be moving into temporary structures located in the parking areas, and vehicle and trailer parking will be significantly reduced in the main parking lot. Your cooperation in accommodating these constraints will be appreciated.
- 12.2 Trailers may be stored in the new RYC fenced in property just west of the club's entry gate, at the direction of the Harbormaster. RV's may also be parked in the new RYC fenced in property just West of the entry gate, at the direction of the Harbormaster. Please call 510-234-6959, or see the Harbormaster on arrival to arrange for trailer storage and/or RV parking.
- 12.3 Vehicles (other than RV) parking in the RYC lot will be restricted during the regatta to the area in front of the Clubhouse (i.e., the north end of the parking lot).
- 12.4 Participants are invited to use RYC guest dock and dry storage facilities for the duration of the regatta. If you wish to extend your stay to the day before and/or the day after you must notify the Harbormaster.

13 PRIZES, AWARDS, RECOGNITION

- 13.1 The number of prizes to be awarded will be based on the number of registered entries.
- 13.2 Other recognition and/or awards may be made at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

14 **SOCIAL EVENTS**

Day & Date	Time	Event
Friday, 9/25	1730 - 2000	Club Dinner – RYC has a regular dinner menu available with a selection of prepared items as well as “cook it yourself” options. It is very low cost and a casual atmosphere. Competitors are welcome to join in.
Saturday, 9/26	1730	Dinner included with the entry fee.
Sunday, 9/27	1730 – 2000	Club Dinner – This is the same as the Friday dinner described above. Have a bite before the drive home and share your tales from the weekend.

Sailing attire is welcome for all activities.

15 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authorities will not accept any liability for property damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with the event, whether prior to, during, or after the regatta, and whether on or off the water.

16 **INSURANCE**

16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance having minimum coverage of US\$100,000.00 per event or the equivalent.
16.2 Each boat shall have proof of insurance coverage and shall have it available at the event.

17 **FURTHER INFORMATION**

17.1 For further information please contact: Regatta Co-Chairs: George Pedrick, 510-220-7850, george@pedrick.org; or Gene Harris, 510-612-2036, gene@pedrick.org; **RICHMOND YACHT CLUB**, 510 237-2821, FAX 510 237-8100, website: www.richmondyc.org

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