



2017 2nd Half Opener

July 29 - 30, 2017

Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

- 1.1 This race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017-2020 including US Sailing Prescriptions (RRS) except as modified by the NOR, these SI's and any amendments thereto.
- 1.2 RRS 40 is changed as follows: All competitors are required to wear lifejackets that comply with the equipment requirements (33.7 lb or greater inflatable or USCG type 1). The "Y" flag will not be displayed.
- 1.3 RRS 52 is changed as follows: autopilots are permitted in the short-handed division (Single and Doublehanded).
- 1.4 Non Spinnaker Division yachts may fly only one headsail at a time from the headstay regardless of the point of sail. Non-Spinnaker Division yachts with head-foils or double forestays shall drop their in-use jib to the deck prior to raising a new one.

2 Notices To Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the 2nd Half Opener Regatta webpage and Jibaset. The 2nd Half Opener website is at:
http://www.encinal.org/pageResource/racing/2017_raceDocs/2ndHalfOpener.php

3 Changes To The Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on July 28th.

4 Division / Class Flags


- 4.1 See Attachment 1 for Division Assignments..
- 4.2 Class flags are NOT required to be flown for the 2nd Half Opener Regatta.

5 Recalls

- 5.1 The Race Committee may hail the sail number(s) of the boat(s) identified on the course side of the starting line after the starting signal. The failure of a hail, the failure of a boat hearing the hail or order of the hails shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 5.2 General Recall: If there is a second general recall, that division will start after the last scheduled division of starters.

5 Saturday Courses

5.1 The course to be sailed will be displayed by the Race Committee. Round marks as indicated:

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| 5.2 | Course 1 |  | 10 start | Point Bonita (P) | | | Finish | 22nm |
| | Course 2 |  | 10 start | 17 (S) | D (S) | TI (P) | Finish | 18.nm |

6 Saturday Marks

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| 6.1 | 17 | Temporary YC Buoy approx. 0.5nm WSW of the west end of the Berkeley Pier ruins |
| | D | FI G 4s 15ft 4M "3" on Olympic Circle |
| | PB | Point Bonita RG FI (2+1) R 6s BELL (ocn) |
| | TI | Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island |

7 Start Line

7.1 SATURDAY- The start line will be between an orange temporary YC buoy, and an Orange Flag on the Committee boat. The start line will be located approx .5 nm west of the Berkeley Pier. The first warning is at 1055 hrs. Saturday fleet divisions and start times will be listed in Attachment 1.

7.2 SUNDAY - The start line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat, which will be stationed at the end of the Encinal Guest Dock, and Mark X, an orange temporary YC buoy northeast of the committee boat.. Sunday fleet divisions and start times will be listed in Attachment 2

7.3 Attachments will be posted on the Encinal website and on Jibeset.net on Friday, July 28th.

8 Finish

8.1 SATURDAY - The finish line will be between an orange temporary YC buoy and an Orange Flag on the end of the Encinal YC dock, or an orange flag on the race committee boat moored at the end of the Encinal YC dock. If the race committee elects to shorten course, the EYC stake boat will take station in the vicinity of the red day marker at the entrance to the Oakland/Alameda Estuary. The shortened course finish line will be between an orange temporary YC buoy and an orange Flag on the Committee boat at the mouth of the estuary. This modifies RRS 32.2.

8.2 SUNDAY - The finish line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat, which will be stationed at the end of the Encinal Guest Dock, and Mark X, an orange temporary YC buoy northeast of the committee boat.

9 Saturday Time Limit

9.1 All yachts not finishing by 2000 hours shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35. Boats that retire from the race shall inform the Race Committee via VHF Channel 66 or telephone 510-867-8064 that they are retiring.

10 Sunday Courses

10.1 The course to be sailed will be displayed by the Race Committee. See Attachment 3 for Course Diagram.

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| 10.2 | Course 1 |  | Xs | 1s | Xs | 5s | Xs | 1s | Xs | 5s | Xs | | |
| | Course 2 |  | Xs | 2s | Xs | 5s | Xs | 2s | Xs | 5s | Xs | | |
| | Course 3 |  | Xs | 1s | Xs | 3s | 4p | 5s | Xs | 2s | Xs | 5s | Xs |

11 Sunday Marks

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| | Start /Finish | The start/finish line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat, which will be stationed at the end of the Encinal Guest Dock, and Mark X, an orange temporary YC buoy northeast of the committee boat. |
| | X | X is the pin end of the starting line and also a mark of the course. X is to rounded to starboard when heading from the leeward mark to the weather mark. |
| 11.1 | 1 | An orange inflatable temporary buoy. |
| | 2 | An orange inflatable temporary buoy. |
| | 3 | An orange inflatable temporary buoy. |
| | 4 | Day mark G-1, west of Coast Guard Island. |
| | 5 | An orange inflatable temporary buoy. |

12 Sunday Time Limit

12.1 Boats finishing after 1400 hours on Sunday July 30th, 2017 will be scored DNF. This changes RSS35.

13 Restricted Areas, Hazards, Etc

- 13.1 STARTING LINE: Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of any boat whose preparatory signal has been made. Boats observed by the race committee to be in violation of this instruction will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 13.2 The area between day mark R8 (FI R 2.5s 15ft 4M "8" on the south side of the estuary entrance) and the Alameda shore is restricted.
- 13.3 Any physical contact with the Committee Boat SHALL NOT be exonerated. This changes RRS 31.

14 Commercial Traffic, Safety

- 14.1 Rule 9 of the Inland Rules of the Road applies. Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway (see US Dept. of Commerce chart 18649 for designated shipping channels and fairways) A violation of Rule 9 is subject to protest by any competitor or the RC, and is not exonerated by an alternate penalty. RRS 60.3 is changed to add: "(d) call a hearing for an alleged breach of Rule 9 if notified by government, commercial or individual vessel of possible infraction. It shall also extend the time limit under RRS 61.3 to accept the information." A DSQ for violation of Rule 9 shall be considered a DNE.
- 14.2 A race committee boat may signal a boat to alter course to avoid impeding the passage of commercial vessels by making a sound signal (horn or whistle) and pointing Code Flag V (White flag with a red X) at the boat. The signaled boat shall promptly comply with the signal unless compliance would create an unsafe condition. If a boat fails to comply with such a signal, the race committee shall protest the boat, in which case the protest committee shall assume that the course alteration would not have created an unsafe condition, and the protested boat shall have the burden of proving otherwise.

15 Communications

- 15.1 The Race Committee will attempt to hail boats for OCS and other pertinent information on VHF Channel 66. The inability of a competitor to hear a hail for OCS or any other information shall not relieve her of her responsibility, nor shall it be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 25 and 63.1.
- 15.2 Check in is NOT required.

16 Safety Regulations

- 16.1 Boats retiring from the race or not finishing within the time limit must notify the race committee by VHF on the race channel (or VHF 16 if no response on the race channel) to notify them of their withdrawal. If not able to report while underway, telephone contact must be made immediately after coming ashore.
- 16.2 Boats are also encouraged to monitor VHF Channel 14 for updates on large vessel traffic.

17 Scoring

- 17.1 PHRF Time-on-Time calculations will be used for handicapping.
- 17.2 The Race Committee reminds participants it is their responsibility to note their finish times, other boats finishing near them, and the order of finish, to assist in the event of omission or error in recording. Boats penalized 'without a hearing' may petition for redress if the penalty is believed applied in error.

18 Protests And Requests For Redress

- 18.1 Protests and requests for redress under RRS 61.1 shall be submitted in writing in accordance with RRS 61.2 and emailed or faxed to the YRA of San Francisco Bay, no later than midnight July 31st, 2017. Once a protest is received by the YRA, the YRA shall contact the sponsoring Yacht Club and a protest committee shall be formed. Copies of the protest, as well as notification of the time & date of the protest will be sent to the involved parties.
- 18.2 Verbal notification of the intent to protest must be given within 1 hour of the protesting boat's finish.

19 Release of Liability

- 19.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizer (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.