



Commodore's Cup

Sunday Sept 10, 2017

Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

- 1.1 This race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.

2 Safety Regulations

- 2.1 Equipment: All boats must comply with the United States Coast Guard (USCG) equipment requirements for recreational vessels.
- 2.2 Rule 40 is changed as follows: Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except when below deck or briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 2.3 Boats shall not interfere with commercial vessels. If a commercial vessel warns any boat, or if the Race Committee (RC) is notified by Vessel Traffic Service of an infringement, that boat may receive, without a hearing, a DSQ. This changes Rule 63.1.
- 2.4 Non-competing boats are not governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing; the Unified Inland Rules govern all such meetings. Racing boats not observing this will be subject to disqualification by the RC (this changes Rule 63.1) and/or protest by other competitors.

3 Notice to Competitors

- 3.1 Notices will be posted on the Encinal Yacht Club website www.encinal.org and on the official notice board located near the Encinal Yacht Club bar.

4 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day of the race.

5 Signals made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Golden Gate race deck.
- 5.2 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).

6 Schedule of Race

- 6.1 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1255.

7 Class Flags

- 7.1 All boats will start in Class A Numeral Pennant "A"

8 Course

- 8.1 Start - Golden Gate start line
- 8.2 YRA Mark A - (pin end of St. Francis start line) round to starboard
- 8.3 Finish - EYC Member's Dock

9 Marks

- 9.1 Start Line - Golden Gate YC start line
- 9.2 YRA A - the pin end of the St. Francis start line - round to starboard
- 9.3 Finish Line - Encinal YC

10 The Start

- 10.1 First warning signal will be at 12:55 am.
- 10.2 Races will be started using Rule 26.
- 10.3 The starting line shall be between buoy "X" or temp buoy and the orange placard on Golden Gate Yacht Club's race deck.
- 10.5 A boat shall not start later than 15 minutes after her starting signal.
- 10.6 The RC may attempt to hail OCS yachts via VHF radio. The inability of the RC to hail or the inability of a yacht to hear a hail shall not relieve her of her responsibility to start, or be grounds for redress.

11 The Finish

- 11.1 The finish line will be a temporary mark off the EYC Member's Dock. Competitors will finish between the mark and an orange placard or flag on The Carol Louise at the EYC Member's Dock.

12 Restricted Areas

- 12.1 The area between day mark R8 (Fl R 2.5s 15ft 4M "8" on the south side of the estuary entrance) and the Alameda shore is restricted.

13 Time Limit

- 13.1 The time limit for finishing will be 1600. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF. This changes rule 35.

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.

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.
- 15.3 Any boat withdrawing from the race must notify the RC. This may be done either by hail, by VHF radio, or by telephone to 510-219-1887, at the earliest opportunity.

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.

18 Protests

- 18.1 Protest shall be written on forms available at the EYC office. The protest shall be delivered to the RC within 30 minutes of the last boat's finish. Protests will be heard one hour after the last boat to finish. Protests are discouraged, as it is hoped that all competitors will exercise the good sportsmanship during the race.

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.

20 Trophies

- 20.1 The best corrected time will win the overall trophy. The race results will be announced at the Trophy ceremony, following the race, in the EYC lounge. A copy will be posted on the EYC web page; www.encinal.org.