



2017 Ron Byrne Memorial Estuary Cup Sunday April 9, 2017

Encinal Yacht Club, Alameda, CA

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 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.
- 2.3 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 Communications

- 3.1 The Race Committee communications channel is VHF 66.
- 3.2 All boats must check in with the RC boat before the warning for the first class, by sailing by the transom of the RC boat and leaving it to port. Boats failing to check in may be scored DNS.
- 3.3 Any boat withdrawing from the race must notify the RC. This may be done either by hail, by VHF radio, or by telephone to 510-205-2451, at the earliest opportunity.

4 Entries

- 4.1 It is requested that all entered boats fly the club burgee. See the NOR for restrictions placed on the owner, driver, and crew of each entered boat.

5 Notice to Competitors

- 5.1 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.

6 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

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

7 Signals made Ashore

- 7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Encinal Yacht Club yardarm.
- 7.2 Postponement: When flown from shore, hoisting the AP flag with two sound signals indicates the race is postponed; thereafter, the warning signal from the RC boat will be made not less than 60 minutes after the AP flag is lowered, with one sound.
- 7.3 Abandonment: If the RC abandons the race before the first warning, for any reason, they will attempt to broadcast on VHF radio each half-hour, from approximately 2 hours prior to the first scheduled warning. Rule 27.3 is amended to add: "When notice of abandonment has been given for a period of two hours prior to the first scheduled warning, no RC boat need appear in the starting area to signal the abandonment." If the weather is questionable, call the Commodore at 510-205-2451 for race status beginning at 0800 on the day of the race.

8 Schedule of Races

- 8.1 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1130. Depending on the number of entries, classes 1 and 2 may be combined to start at the same time.

9 Class Flags

- 9.1 Class 1, Spinnaker Class Numeral Pennant "1"
Class 2, Non-Spinnaker Class Numeral Pennant "2"
Class 3, Cruising Class Numeral Pennant "3"

10 Restrictions

- 10.1 Sail handling restrictions: Only one headsail may be flown at a time. Headsail changes must be done with one halyard ("bald headed" changes). Whisker pole may be of any length. A boat shall not use any headsail larger than what is recorded on her NCPHRF Certificate. "Cruising spinnakers" and "bloopers" are to be considered spinnakers.
- 10.2 Boat restrictions: Certain boats may be rated as if they carried a spinnaker even though they do not. They should therefore be racing in spinnaker class starts. Examples of such boats are: Cat boats in general, including Nonsuch class boats, Wyliecat class boats, Star class boats, and Knarr class boats. There are other boats that should be treated similarly.

11 Course

Start - YRA 10
Alcatraz Island - round to port or starboard
YRA 8 - starboard
Treasure Island - round to port or starboard
Finish - EYC Member's Dock

12 Marks

YRA 10 - app. ½ nm west of end of Berkeley Pier
Alcatraz Island
YRA 8 - 1nm east of Pt. Blunt (R4 FI R 2.5s)
Treasure Island

13 The Start

- 13.1 First warning signal will be at 11:30 am.
- 13.2 Races will be started using Rule 26.
- 13.3 The starting line will be a line between an orange flag on the RC boat and an inflatable mark.
- 13.4 Boats whose starting signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 13.5 A boat shall not start later than 15 minutes after her starting signal.
- 13.6 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.
- 13.7 General Recalls: In the event of a general recall, all recalled boats will restart at the next starting sequence, and any start for which a warning signal has been made shall be postponed.

14 The Finish

- 14.1 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.

15 Time Limit

- 15.1 The time limit for finishing will be 1700. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat finishes in their class or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored DNF. This changes rule 35.

16 Protests

- 16.1 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 that Ron Byrne embodied.

17 Trophies

- 17.1 The best corrected time will win the overall trophy; winners of each class will receive trophies. 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.