



2017 Twilight Races

Encinal Yacht Club, Alameda, CA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Spring and Summer Twilight series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, and the rules of one-design classes, except as they are changed by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

2 SAFETY

- 2.1 Equipment: All boats must comply with U.S. Coast Guard equipment requirements for recreational vessels, including proper navigation lights.
- 2.2 Responsibility: It shall be the sole responsibility of the skipper of each boat to decide to start or continue any race.
- 2.3 Commercial vessels: Boats shall not interfere with commercial vessels. If a commercial vessel warns any boat, or if the Race Committee is notified by Vessel Traffic Service of an infringement by a competing boat, that boat may receive, without a hearing, a DND (disqualification not discardable). This changes Rule 63.1.
- 2.4 Non-competing boats: 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 Race Committee (this changes Rule 63.1) and/or protest by other competitors.
- 2.5 Communications: Race Committee communications channel is VHF 66. Any boat withdrawing from the race must notify the Race Committee as soon as practical by VHF, hail, or phone at 510-522-3272. Boats failing to do so are subject to disqualification; this changes Rule A5.

3 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notice to Competitors: Notices will be posted on the official notice board located near the Encinal Yacht Club bar; they will also be posted on the Encinal Yacht Club website.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1700 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 When flown from shore, hoisting the AP flag with two sound signals indicates the race is postponed; thereafter, the warning signal from the race committee boat will be made not less than 15 minutes after the AP flag is lowered, with one sound.

6 SCHEDULE

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| 6.1 | SPRING SERIES | SUMMER SERIES |
| | April 07 | July 07 |
| | April 21 | July 21 |
| | May 05 | August 04 |
| | May 19 | August 18 |
| | June 09 | September 08 |
| 6.2 | First warning signal is at 6:25pm | |

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Classes will be shown in Addendum 2.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The race area will be the in Alameda/Oakland Estuary between Jack London Square and Coast Guard Island.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The diagram in Addendum 1 shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 and 5 are temporary buoys. Mark 4 is the day mark G-1, west of Coast Guard Island.
- 10.2 The start/finish mark (X) will be a temporary buoy, which marks the end of the line opposite the committee boat. The committee boat will be stationed at the end of the Encinal Guest Dock.

11 CHECK IN

- 11.1 All yachts must check in with the Race Committee before the warning for the first class, by either VHF radio on channel 66, or by sailing within sight of the Race Committee. Yachts failing to check in may be scored DNS.

12 THE START

- 12.1 The first warning gun is at 6:25pm.
- 12.2 Races will be started using rule 26.
- 12.3 The starting line will be between an orange panel (or flag) on RC boat and the Starting Mark (X).
- 12.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
- 12.5 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS, without a hearing. This changes Rules A4 and A5.
- 12.6 The Race Committee MAY attempt to hail OCS yachts via VHF radio. The inability of the R/C 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.
- 12.7 Class starts may be combined at the Race Committee's discretion. Pay attention to Class Flags at warning(s). This changes Rule 26.
- 12.8 Course Signal: The race committee will signal the course to be sailed with the warning signal for that class. International code numeral pennants hoisted on the RC boat will designate courses. The Race Committee may broadcast the course for each class on VHF radio.

13 RECALLS

- 13.1 Individual Recalls: The R/C may attempt to hail 'over early' boats on VHF channel 66. The failure of the R/C to hail a boat or the boat's inability to hear a hail shall not relieve her of her responsibility, and shall not be grounds for redress.
- 13.2 General Recalls: Change rule 29.2 to read: when recalled, all boats of the recalled fleet will restart at the next starting sequence using the same course as previously signaled. The First Substitute will be dropped one minute before a new Warning Signal is made for the restart. All following fleets will start thereafter in their normal order. If there is a second General Recall for a fleet, that fleet will start after the last scheduled fleet of starters.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The Finish Line will be between the orange flag located on the Committee Boat and Mark (X).

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 The scoring penalty, rule 44.3 will apply. The penalty will be one place.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The finish time limit will be 2100 hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes in her class or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

17 PROTEST

- 17.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Encinal Yacht Club Office. The protest shall be delivered to the Race Committee or to the Encinal Office by 2230 hrs the day of the race. Protests will be heard the first Sunday following the race, at Encinal Yacht Club. The Race Committee may move the date and time of the protest hearing. Parties involved in the protest will be notified.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 The low point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply. Five races are scheduled, of which 4 races shall be completed to constitute a series. Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 18.2 PHRF Scoring: Time on Time handicapping system will be used.
- 18.3 Preliminary results of each race will be posted on the official notice board located near the Encinal Yacht Club bar following each race. Daily trophies will be awarded following each race. You must be present to win.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.

20 LEAVING THE RACE COURSE

- 20.1 A boat which leaves the racing area before finishing shall inform the Race Committee at the first opportunity, via VHF 66 or calling 510-522-3272. Boats failing to do so may be disqualified from the series. This changes RRS A5.