



2019 Commodores Cup

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Commodores Cup 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 the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

2 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 2.1 **Equipment:** All boats must comply with the United States Coast Guard (USCG) equipment requirements for recreational vessels.
- 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.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 **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 **925-405-6306**. Boats failing to do so are subject to disqualification; this changes Rule A5.

4 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 **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.

5 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 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.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 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 hailing shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

7 SCHEDULE OF RACE

7.1 First warning at 12:55 on Sunday September 8th, 2019.

8 CLASS FLAGS

8.1 All participants will sail in class A.

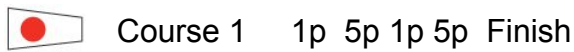
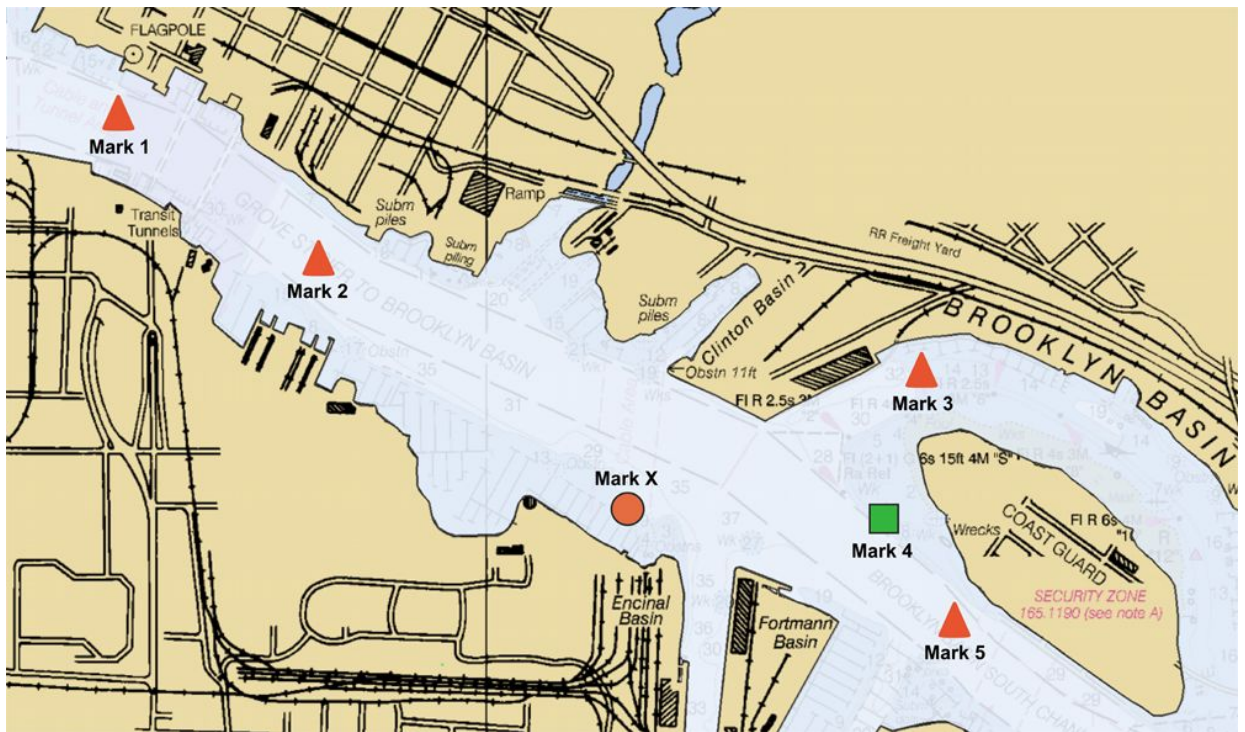
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10 RACING AREA

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

11 COURSE



NOTES

- 1 Start / Finish Line is between an orange panel on the RC boat and Mark X.
- 2 Mark placement may vary from race to race due to weather and tide conditions.

11.1 The diagram above shows the course, the order and side each mark is to be rounded.

12 MARKS

- 12.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 and 5 are temporary buoys. Mark 4 is the day mark G-1, west of Coast Guard Island.
- 12.2 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.

13 CHECK IN

- 13.1 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.

14 THE START

- 14.1 The first warning gun is at 12:55 hours.
- 14.2 Races will be started using rule 26.
- 14.3 The starting line will be between an orange panel (or flag) on RC boat and the Starting Mark (X).
- 14.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
- 14.5 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS, without a hearing. This changes Rules A4 and A5.
- 14.6 Class starts may be combined at the Race Committee's discretion. Pay attention to Class Flags at warning(s). This changes Rule 26.
- 14.7 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.

15 RECALLS

- 15.1 Individual Recalls: The R/C may attempt to hail 'OCS' 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.
- 15.2 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.

16 THE FINISH

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

17 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

18 TIME LIMITS

- 18.1 The finish time limit will be 1600 hours. Boats failing to finish within 60 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.

19 PROTEST

- 19.1 The protest shall be delivered to the Race Committee or to the Encinal Office by 2230 hrs the day of the race. Protest forms are available from the EYC R/C and on the EYC website. 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.

20 SCORING & TROPHIES

- 20.1 The low point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply.
- 20.2 PHRF Scoring: Time on Time handicapping system will be used.
- 20.3** Boats will compete for the Commodore's Cup Perpetual Trophy, which is displayed in the case next to the EYC bar throughout the year. EYC invites all competitors back to the club for the trophy presentation in the Lounge following the race.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 21.1 Competitors participate in the Commodores Cup 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. during the race.

22 LEAVING THE RACE COURSE

- 22.1 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.

23 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- 23.1 The Organizing Authority for the Commodores Cup is the Encinal Yacht Club.