

Commodore's Cup September 21, 2008

Hosted by Encinal Yacht Club
Alameda, CA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Responsibility: It will be the sole responsibility of the skipper of each yacht to decide whether or not to start or continue any race.
- 2 Interference with Non-Competing Vessels: Yachts will not interfere with commercial vessels. Race Committee may penalize without a hearing (this changes rule 63.1) if a commercial vessel warns any yacht or if Race Committee is so notified by Vessel Traffic Service of an infringement by a competing yacht. The penalty will be DND (disqualification not discardable). Competitors are also advised that non-competing yachts are not governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and that the Unified Inland Rules govern all such meetings. Yachts not observing this will be subject to disqualification and/or protest by other competitors and the Race Committee.
- 3 Rules: Racing will be governed by the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of one-design classes, except as may be changed herein, the Notice of Race and by these Sailing Instructions. The series is designated Category A.
- 4 Entries: Eligible boats may be entered by delivering the completed Entry Form to the Encinal Yacht Club office.
- 5 Notice to Competitors: Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Encinal Yacht Club lounge and on the EYC web page (www.encinal.org).
- 6 Changes in Sailing Instructions: Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 8:00 a.m. on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 8:00 a.m. on the day before it will take effect.
- 7 Signals made Ashore: Signals made ashore will be displayed at Encinal Yacht Club Yardarm.
- 8 Schedule of Race: The race is scheduled on September 21st 2008. Warning Signal 12:55 a.m.
- 9 Start Area: Between the mouth of the Oakland Estuary and Yerba Buena Island.
- 10 Course: Start, either way around Treasure Island and down the Alameda/ Oakland Estuary to the Finish Line at the end of the "L" dock located in front of the Encinal Yacht Club.
- 11 Marks:
 - Windward Mark: Treasure Island
 - The start mark (S): will be a temporary (YC) Buoy (2 foot diameter orange sphere), which marks the end of the Start Line opposite to the Race Committee Boat.
 - The finish mark (F): will be a temporary (YC) Buoy (2 foot diameter orange), which marks the end of the Finish Line.

12 Check-in: All yachts must check in with the Race Committee Boat, before the warning, by sailing by the transom of the Committee Boat (passing it to starboard). Yachts failing to check in may be scored DNS.

13 The Start:

13.1 Races will be started using rule 26.

13.2 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

13.3 A boat shall not start later than 15 minutes after her starting signal.

13.4 Individual Recall: RRS 29.2 The Yachts sail number will be hailed over the loudhailer and VHF channel 72.

13.5 General Recall: RRS 29.3 will be announced over the loudhailer and VHF channel 72.

14 Personal Buoyancy: RRS 40.

15 The Finish: Will be a temporary (YC) Buoy (2 foot diameter orange sphere), which marks the end of the Finish Line opposite to the end of the "L" dock located in front of the Encinal Yacht Club. The finish line will be between the race committee staff on the "L" dock in front of the Encinal Yacht Club and Mark (F). A shortened course maybe employed in the Estuary. The "S" flag will be flown from the race committee boat indicating a shortened course.

16 Time Limit: The time limit will be 1700 hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes in their division or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rule 35. Withdrawals: Any yacht withdrawing from the race must notify the Race Committee. This may be done either by hail, by VHF channel 72, or by telephone to 5105223272, leaving a message if necessary.

17 Protest: Protest shall be written on forms available at Encinal Yacht Club race station. The protest shall be delivered to the race committee station located at Encinal Yacht Club within 24 hours of the last boats finish. Protests will be heard the second Thursday @ 7:30pm following the race. Parties involved in the protest will be notified.

18 Scoring: The low point scoring system, rule A2, will apply.

All boats must have a current PHRF certificate issued by the Northern California PHRF Committee on file at the YRA of San Francisco Bay office. Standard production boats which do not have a current PHRF Certificate will be assigned a PHRF rating by the Race Committee which in the committee's sole judgment reflects the speed potential for the yacht. There will be no appeal of a rating so assigned except by providing the committee with a copy of the current Northern California PHRF Certificate prior to the Warning Signal.

Yachts that choose not to use a spinnaker must so notify that race committee before the start of the race. A nine (9) second advantage will be added to that yachts PHRF rating.

Yachts considered Sport Boats are Antrim 27, Wylie Wabbit, Mumm 30, Melges 24, J-80, Azzura 310, Pyramid 660 or custom boats of similar weight and design to be designated solely at the Race Committees' discretion. These boats will have a 3 second per mile penalty applied to their PHRF rating.

Multi-Hull yachts will have a 3 second per mile penalty applied to their PHRF rating. Boats without a foresail, i.e. cat rigged boats, will have a 3 second per mile penalty applied to their PHRF rating.

Race Results: Preliminary results of each race will be posted in the upstairs lounge of the

Encinal Yacht Club following the Committee Boat's return to EYC. A copy will be posted on the EYC web page (www.encinal.org).

19 Radio Communication: The Race Committee will broadcast on VHF channel 72.

20 STARTING TIMES: We will be starting the Commodores cup after the first start of the Columbia 5.5 Nationals. Please stay clear of the starting line prior to your warning.

12:00 Warning	Columbia 5.5 Nationals
12:05 Start	Columbia 5.5 Nationals
12:15 Warning	Commodores Cup
12:20 Start	Spinnaker Class and non-spinnaker class