

Commodore's Cup September 20, 2009

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 Rules:** Racing will be governed by the 2009-2012 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.
- 3 Entries:** Entries shall be limited to monohull sailboats. Entry forms shall be delivered to the Encinal Yacht Club office by September 19th at 17:00 hours.
- 4 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).
- 5 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.
- 6 Signals made Ashore:** Signals made ashore will be displayed at Encinal Yacht Club Yardarm.
- 7 Schedule of Race:** The race is scheduled on September 21st 2008. First Warning Signal will be at 12:15 a.m.
- 8 Start Area:** Between the mouth of the Oakland Estuary and Yerba Buena Island.
- 9 Course:** The start will be between the mouth of the Alameda/Oakland Estuary and mark NAS2. The race will proceed to round Alcatraz and "GR" to port or starboard, then down the estuary to finish at the Encinal Yacht Club docks.
- 10 Marks:**
Windward Mark: Alcatraz and "GR"
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.
- 11 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.
- 12 The Start:**
12.1 Races will be started using rule 26.

12.2 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.

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

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

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

13 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.

14 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.

15 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.

16 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 20 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).

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