

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Express 27 Nationals September 10, 11 and 12, 2010

1.0 Rules

This Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2009-2012(RRS), the Express 27 One design class rules, and by these Sailing Instructions. In the event of any conflicts within these rules, these sailing instructions, and any amendments or attachments to these sailing instructions, shall override the other documents.

2.0 Notice to Competitors

Notice to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Encinal Yacht Club Bar.

3.0 Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4.0 Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yard arm at the Encinal Yacht Club.

5.0 Schedule of Race

5.1 Thursday, September 9th

5.1.1 1600-2000 Late Registration and Crew Weigh-in

5.2 Friday, September 10th

5.2.1 0800-0900 Hours - Late Registration and Crew Weigh-in

5.2.2 1125 Hours – Race 1 First Warning Signal

5.2.3 Races Two and Three to Follow

5.2.4 After racing party and hors d' oeuvres at the EYC pool

5.3 Saturday, September 11th

5.3.1 1125 Hours - First Warning Signal for Long-Distance Race

5.3.2 1700 Hours - National Fleet Meeting

5.3.3 After racing party and buffet

5.4 Sunday, September 12th

5.4.1 1055 Hours – First Warning Signal for first race of the day

5.4.2 Remaining Races to Follow

5.4.3 After racing Trophy Presentation and hors d oeuvres

6.0 Communications

The race committee will use VHF channel 66 for all communications to competitors for this event.

7.0 The Start

- 7.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 7.2 On Friday and Saturday, the committee boat will be located approximately 0.5 nautical miles W – SW of the end of the Berkeley Pier.
- 7.3 On Sunday the committee boat will be located between Alameda and the Bay Bridge. The Race Committee reserves the right to move the race area to approximately 0.5 nautical miles W – SW of the end of the Berkeley Pier.
- 7.4 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and an orange inflatable mark or orange ball adjacent to the committee boat.
- 7.5 The start/finish line is **not restricted** for this event.

8.0 Saturday Finish

Between an Orange temporary YC buoy and an Orange Flag on the Committee boat. The committee boat will be on station at the end of the Encinal YC dock. If the race committee elects to shorten course, the EYC stake boat will take station in the vicinity of the red day marker at the entrance to the Oakland/Alameda Estuary. The boat on station will display International Code flag "S" to indicate the course is shortened. An EYC race committee boat will be on station approximately .1 NM Northwest of the Alameda Ferry terminal. The shortened course finish line will be between an orange temporary YC buoy and an orange Flag on the Committee boat. This modifies RRS 33.2.

9.0 Marks

Marks are described below:

W	Windward Mark:	A temporary orange inflatable mark to windward of the committee boat.
O	Offset	A temporary orange ball adjacent to W
L	Leeward Mark	A temporary orange inflatable mark to leeward of the .
S/F	Start/Finish	Between an orange flag on the race committee boat and an orange inflatable mark or an orange ball adjacent to the committee boat.
PB	Point Bonita Buoy	Situated at approximately 37 48.70' N – 122 32.40' W
16	Blackaller	YRA Buoy 16 - approximately 0.2 nm East of Ft Point

10.0 Courses

COURSE	START	MARK	MARK	MARK	MARK	MARK	MARK	MARK	MARK	MARK	FINISH
1	S/F	W	O	L							S/F
2	S/F	W	O	L	W	O	L				S/F
3	S/F	W	O	L	W	O	L	W	O	L	S/F
4	S	PB									F
5	S	16									F

Note: Leave all marks to port with the exception of 16 with shall left to starboard.

11.0 Restricted Areas

11.1 Boats shall not pass through the areas bound by the following objects and the closest point ashore:

11.1.1 The “H” Beam (located approximately 200 yards west of the StFYC)

11.1.2 The Bell Buoy of the west end of Alcatraz Island and the Point Blunt Buoy.

11.1.3 All breakwaters in the vicinity of Fisherman’s Wharf and Aquatic Park.

11.1.4 Anita Rock and its buoy.

11.2 The above restricted areas are defined as obstructions.

11.3 A boat that breaks this rule may not correct her error and shall retire. This changes RRS 28.1

12.0 Protests

Valid protests meeting RRS 61 will be heard at the Encinal Yacht Club on the same day as the race was held. Protests meeting RRS 61 must be filed with an Encinal Race Officer or at the Encinal Yacht Club office no later than one hour after the race committee boat returns to the Encinal Docks.

13.0 Scoring

The low-Point Scoring System, RRS A4 will apply as modified: Seven races are scheduled of which one race shall be completed to constitute a series. Each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. For scoring, a boat (OCS or ONF) = series entered +1; (DNS or DNC) = series entered + 2; (DSQ or DNE) = series entered + 3. Scoring will be based on Boat on Boat finishes.

Boats signed up just for Saturday's long-distance race will be excluded when scoring that race for the National event. Their finish position will be included in scoring for the fleet's annual Long Distance Series.

14.0 Haul Out

All boats shall remain in the water from 1200 hours on Friday, September 10th and shall remain in the water through completion of their final race. No boat shall be hauled out during the regatta except with written permission of the Race Committee.

15.0 Awards

An awards ceremony will take place at Encinal Yacht Club, in the Bar, at or around 1600 hours on Sunday September 12th.