

RYC Big Dinghy

NOTICE OF REGATTA **MARCH 28 & 29, 2009**

INVITATION: The Richmond Yacht Club invites all center board boats to the 2009 Big Dinghy to be held in the challenging breezes and waves of San Francisco Bay. In order to receive a separate start a fleet must have 5 eligible boats, otherwise they will sail in the Open Class with a Portsmouth handicap. *No beginner El Toro Jr's or Opties please.*

SITE: The regatta will be hosted by and from the Richmond Yacht Club (RYC), 351 Brickyard Cove Road, Point Richmond, California. Racing will take place on San Francisco Bay at one of the venues conveniently located a short sail from the Club.

ELIGIBILITY: All competitors must have registered ONLINE at www.richmondyc.org and have paid all event fees before beginning official competition. There is a separate registration for Saturdays racing and the Sunday Pursuit Race.

RULES: The Regatta will be governed by the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Class Rules and this Notice of Race, except as any of these are modified by the Sailing Instructions. This is a Category "A" event.

COURSES:

March 28 Saturday: Two mark rounding courses to be announced at the Skippers Meeting (probably Southampton and Keller Cove)

March 29 Sunday: Pursuit Racing

Short Course - Fleets to start at designated times (available at the Sunday 10:30 Skippers Meeting & posted) between the RYC Platform and a yellow mark, sail out the Channel and proceed counterclockwise around Brooks Island, keeping all RYC yellow marks to port, finishing between the RYC Platform and a yellow mark.

Long Course - Fleets to start at designated times (available at the Sunday 10:30 Skippers Meeting & posted) between the RYC Platform and yellow mark, sail around Red Rock, Southampton Shoals, and Brooks Island counterclockwise, keeping all RYC yellow marks to port, finishing between the RYC Platform and a yellow mark

OR (Chicken course)

Fleets to start at designated times (available at the Sunday 10:30 Skippers Meeting & posted) between the RYC Platform and yellow mark, sail counterclockwise around Red Rock, Southampton Shoals, and #1 yellow mark at the Eastern end of Brooks Island, keeping all RYC yellow marks to port, sail West on the South side of Brooks Island back to the channel entrance, finishing between the RYC Platform and a yellow mark. Race Committee may change the courses at the Skippers Meeting.

Saturday March 28: Three or more consecutive races around marks on two courses.

Check in 9AM (only necessary for sail # changes or payment)

Skippers Meeting 10:30 AM

First Warning 12 noon

Races 2,3,4 immediately after finish of Race 1.

Sunday March 29: All Courses: Skippers Meeting 10:30 AM, Starts and times designated at Skippers Meeting

SCORING The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A will apply. 2 races on Saturday will constitute a series.

ENTRY and FEES: The entry fee for Saturday will be \$25 US for single handed boats, \$35 for crewed boats. The entry fee for Sunday, the Pursuit Race, will be \$20. You must register separately for each day. The entry fees will include all racing, and regatta awards. Registration On Line ONLY (credit cards accepted) www.richmondyc.org.

TROPHIES: First, Second and Third Place for fleets of 10 or more, First and Second for Fleets of 7, First for fleets of 5. First 5 places of Pursuit Race awarded on Sunday.

DINNER, AWARDS, ENTERTAINMENT AND MOVIE/RAFFLE SAT. NIGHT:

A great dinner by RYC's own talented Chef Mike, followed by awards for the days racing and a movie or raffle, depending on the mood of the moment.

FACILITIES: Participants are invited to use RYC facilities for the duration of the regatta. If you wish to extend your stay to the day before and/or the day after you must notify the harbor master.

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