



**Richmond Yacht Club**  
**Notice of Race**  
**Big Dinghy Regatta 2017**

**Organizing Authority: Richmond Yacht Club**

**Rules:**

1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
2. Rule 40 is changed as follows: "Competitors shall wear a PFD while racing except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment".
3. Wet suits or dry suits are strongly encouraged and required for sailors under 18 years of age.

**Eligibility/Entry/Fees:**

1. Eligible boats are single hulled centerboard dinghies. Those with less than 5 boats in a fleet will sail in Portsmouth handicap division.
2. Eligible boats will be entered by completing online registration found at [www.richmondyc.org](http://www.richmondyc.org). Credit cards will be accepted using online registration procedures.
3. The single day ( Saturday OR Sunday) entry fee is \$30.00 per single handed boat and \$40.00 per double handed boat. Sailing both Saturday and the Sunday Pursuit race will cost an additional \$25.
4. There will be a late fee of \$10 for registration after 5pm on Friday April 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Schedule of Races:**

<b>RACE</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME OF FIRST WARNING SIGNAL</b>
1	Saturday	1200 hours
2	Saturday	Immediately following Race #1
3	Saturday	Immediately following Race #2
4	Saturday	Immediately following Race #3
5	Sunday	1125 --short course 1155 -- long course

### **Sailing Instructions/Competitors Meeting:**

1. Sailing instructions will be available at the Richmond Yacht Club at or before the competitors meeting and on our web page, [www.richmondyc.org](http://www.richmondyc.org).
2. Competitors Meeting will be held at 10 am both Saturday and Sunday on the lower deck.

### **Racing Area an Courses:**

1. Saturday race area will on two courses; course #1 will in the Southampton area, and course #2 will be Protrero Reach course. Course locations, fleets and open classes will be assigned and posted at the Competitors meeting.
2. The Sunday Pursuit Race has two planned courses; the traditional short course rounding Brooks Island, and the traditional long course rounding Red Rock, South Hampton and Brooks Island. Reverse handicap starts will be posted at or before the competitors meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Scoring:**

- Four races are scheduled on Saturday with no throw-outs using the low point system. This changes Rule A2.
- One pursuit race is scheduled on Sunday with a reverse handicap system developed by RYC for this event.
- One race will constitute a series.

### **Dockage:**

- Participants are invited to use RYC guest dock 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 coordinate with the RYC Harbor Master (510-234-6569).

**Prizes:**

- Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers in each class with more than 5 boats. Prizes will be awarded to the first 5 finishers in the pursuit race. The trophy presentation will be held on the RYC upper deck after the racing on Sunday. Refreshments will be served.

**Parking:**

- Parking in the RYC lot is restricted due to construction. Alternate parking will be available in the lot to the west of RYC with pedestrian access to the main parking lot.

**Social:**

- There will be a free drink ticket for each participant and a hot appetizer bar between 1500-1700 hours on the upper deck. Dinner will be served both Friday and Sunday night.

**Disclaimer of Liability**

- Competitors shall participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see Rule 4: DECISION TO RACE). The Organizing Authority does not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

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