



Dominic Marchal Nifty Sixty Birthday Regatta

Saturday, August 22nd, 2026

Organizing Authority: Dominic Marchal Birthday Committee

Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

The series will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing*, the prescriptions of US Sailing, and the rules of one-design classes, except as they are changed by the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

2 Safety

- 2.1** All boats must comply with U.S. Coast Guard equipment requirements for recreational vessels.
- 2.2** It shall be the sole responsibility of the skipper of each boat to decide to start or continue any race.
- 2.3** Boats shall not interfere with commercial vessels. If a commercial vessel warns any boat, or if the Race Committee is notified by Vessel Traffic Service of an infringement by a competing boat, that boat may receive, without a hearing, a DND (disqualification not discardable). This changes Rule 63.1.
- 2.4** Non-competing boats are not governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing; the Unified Inland Rules govern all such meetings. Racing boats not observing this will be subject to disqualification by the Race Committee (this changes Rule 63.1) and/or protest by other competitors.
- 2.5** Any boat withdrawing from the race must notify the Race Committee as soon as practical by VHF on channel 78A/1078 or verbal hail in proximity to the race deck.

3 Notice to Competitors

Notices will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/cdrdsinxG0>.

4 Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1200 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

5 Schedule of Races

First Warning is scheduled for 13:55. The starting signal for Class A will serve as the warning signal for class B.

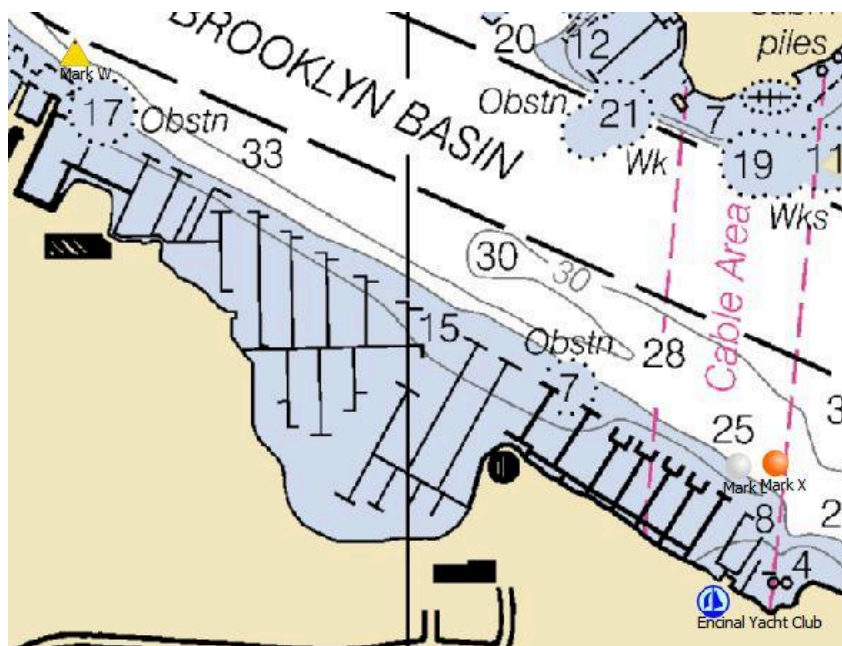
Second Warning is scheduled for 14:00

6 Class Flags

Class	Flag
Columbia 5.5	A
PHRF All Ratings	B

7 Racing Area

Race courses will be within the Alameda/Oakland Estuary, in the vicinity of Marina Village Yacht Harbor to the Encinal Yacht Club Docks. The Race Committee will conduct racing off the Encinal Yacht Club Race Deck dock.



8 Courses

Course	Marks - lowercase letter indicates rounding side
1	Start - Wp - Finish
2	Start - Wp - Lp - Wp - Finish
3	Start - Wp - Lp - Wp - Lp - Finish

9 Marks

- 9.1 Mark W is a yellow inflatable tetrahedron approximately 0.5 nm NW of the Race Deck.
- 9.2 Mark L is a white No Wake marker off the Oakland Yacht Club Gate 1 finger at approximately 37°47' N 122° 15' W.
- 9.3 The Start/Finish Mark X is a round orange buoy set adjacent to the Race Deck.

10 The Start

- 10.1 Races will be started using rule 26.
- 10.2 Check-in is not required.
- 10.3 The starting line will be between an orange panel or flag on the Race Deck and the Start/Finish Mark X.
- 10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
- 10.5 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS, without a hearing. This changes Rules A4 and A5.
- 10.6 The Race Committee MAY attempt to hail OCS yachts via VHF radio channel 78A/1078. The inability of the RC to hail or the inability of a yacht to hear a hail shall not relieve her of her responsibility to start, or be grounds for redress.
- 10.7 Numeral pennants hoisted on the Race Deck will designate courses. The Race Committee may broadcast the course for each class on VHF radio channel 78A/1078.

11 The Finish

- 11.1 The Finish Line will be between the orange panel (or flag) located on the Club Deck and Start/Finish Mark (X).
- 11.2 If the Race Committee signals a shortened course by displaying an S flag from the Race Deck, the Finish Line shall be the line between the orange panel (or flag) located on the Club Deck and Mark L. This changes RRS 32.2.

12 Penalty System

The scoring penalty, rule 44.3 will apply. The penalty will be one place.

13 Time Limits

Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes in her class, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14 Protests

Protests are strongly discouraged. Protests must be entered on ClubSpot at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/cdrdsinxGO> by 30 minutes after the last boat finishes the race in dispute. Protests will be heard by zoom at a later time to be determined by the protest committee. Parties involved in the protest will be notified as soon as practical.

15 Scoring

15.1 The low point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply. One race is scheduled, Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores

15.2 The PHRF Time on Time handicap scoring system will be used.

15.3 Preliminary results of each race will be posted on the official notice board located near the Encinal Yacht Club bar following each race. A party for Dom follows the race at the bar and by the pool of Encinal Yacht Club, so please come celebrate.