Notice of Race
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The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

'[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2. RRS 40.1 shall apply while competitors are on the water. Wetsuits or drysuits are mandatory for all competitors 17 years or younger when sailing on dinghies on courses outside the Richmond Breakwater.

1.3. US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS [63.1 and 63.2] (regarding redress hearings for entry eligibility) are deleted.

1.4 For the ILCA fleets, the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) Rules shall apply

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available after **1900** on **Thursday**, **April 22, 2027**.

2.2. Changes to the rules will be posted on the official notice board by **0930** on the day they take effect. Changes to the schedule of races will be posted by **1900** on the day before they will take effect.

2.3. Fleet Assignments, Initial Order of Starts and Class Flags will be posted on the RYC website after **1500** on Friday, **April 23, 2027** in Attachment A to the SIs.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

3.1. The official notice board is located outside the downstairs Race Office. Additionally race documents will be available online, at a URL that can be located on the event's information page on the RYC club calendar.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. The event is open to all non-foiling monohull centerboard dinghy boats, including the ILCA 4, ILCA 6, and ILCA 7 classes competing in the ILCA-NA Open Pacific Coast Championship (PCC).

4.2. ILCA 4, ILCA 6, and ILCA 7 Open Pacific Coast Championship (PCC) only: All entrants shall be current members of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) / ILCA North America (ILCA-NA). Entries may join or renew membership at the ILCA-NA website (https://ilcanorthamerica.org).

4.3 The minimum number of entries for each class is 6 boats. Any class with less than **6** boats registered by entry date will be placed in a handicap division located on the **Inside Course** (there will not be an Open class on the Outside Course in 2027) and scored using Time on Time according to their US Sailing Portsmouth handicap provided during registration. The Race Committee may adjust the handicap if incomplete or inconsistent.

4.4 The Organizing Authority may cancel/refund or combine a class if the minimum number of entries has not been reached by 1900 on April 22nd.

4.5. Eligible boats may enter by completing registration, including payment of fees, online by 1900 PST on Thursday, April 22, 2027. The link to register will be posted on the event's information page on the RYC club calendar.

4.6 Refunds may be requested until Thursday, April 22, 2027, less a small processing fee charged by Regatta Network.

5. ENTRY FEE

5.1. Entries received after April 13, 2027 will be subject to a Late Entry Fee: **$12.00**

5.2 Standard Registration fees are structured as follows:

Inside Course (Saturday racing only):	$**45.00**
Outside Course:	
ILCA Open PCC (ILCA 4, 6, & 7 - current ILCA members only):	**$100.00**
Singlehanded entries:	$**100.00**
Doublehanded entries:	$**125.00**
Triplehanded entries:	$**150.00**

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Competitors will be required to check in on shore on Saturday between **0830-1000** in the downstairs race room. A competitor's briefing, if held, will be announced in the SIs.

6.2. Up to **seven (7)** races will be held. No more than **four (4)** races will be held on Saturday.

6.3. No races will be started after **1500** on Sunday.

6.4 Registered competitors are welcome to arrive at Richmond Yacht Club on Friday, April 23, during business hours between 8:00am to 4:00pm. ILCA Competitors are welcome as of Thursday, April 22 (See ILCA Open PCC – Additional Information document).

6.5 Monday April 26, 2027 is the latest departure date.

7. VENUE

7.1. Attachment A to the SIs will list the Fleet Assignments (Inside Course or Outside Course).

7.2. The committee intends to have two race areas, but may add a third race area (Keller Cove) based on weather and registration:

'*Outside Course'*: Southampton (outside and southeast of the Breakwater, and may be as far east as Brooks Island)

'*Inside Course'*: East of the Yacht Club entrance within the Potrero Reach channel, also known as Parent's Cove

'*Keller Cove Course*': Northwest of the Yacht Club entrance, in the cove between the Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline and Chevron Long Wharf.

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8. THE COURSES

8.1. The course(s) to be sailed will be shown using numeral pennant flags (Outside Course) or sign board (inside Course) and will be described further in the SIs.

8.2. The courses will be around temporary marks.

9. SCORING

9.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

9.2. When fewer than **4** races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When **4** or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10. SUPPORT BOATS

10.1 Support/coach/spectator boats shall register with the Race Office during the regatta check in period.

10.2 Support, coach and spectator boats shall monitor Race Committee on VHF at all times while on the water and provide safety assistance if requested. [NP] [DP]

10.3 Coaches are support boats and are required to monitor the RC channel on their VHF radios and be available to assist with safety when requested. Coaches are expected to attend the competitor's briefing.

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

11.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.** The organizing authority, the Richmond Yacht Club and ILCA-NA, its staff and volunteers and sponsors will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior, to, during or after the 2027 Big Dinghy & ILCA-NA Open PCCs.

11.2. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water without compensation, and to use their email address and cell phone number for race administration and regatta communications.

11.3 Authorization for First Aid and Medical Treatment: By participating in this event, competitors automatically authorize the Organizing Authority and its representatives to provide emergency first aid and to arrange for medical assistance and transport to a medical facility in the event of a medical event or emergency, and that the competitor is solely responsible for any and all associated related costs and expenses.

12. INSURANCE AND SAFETY

121. Competitors are required to have an adequate line for purposes of towing.

13. PRIZES

13.1. Prizes will be given as follows: 1st, 2nd and 3rd for classes with 7+ boats. 1st and 2nd for classes with 6 boats. 1st for classes with 5 or less boats. **ILCA 4, ILCA 6, and ILCA 7 PCC only: For each fleet top female & top sailor under 18 will be awarded.**

13.2. Awards will be given as soon as possible after racing on the downstairs deck. **Prizes not claimed at the prize-giving ceremony will remain with the organizing authority** and will be donated to the volunteers at year-end**.**

For additional details, please reach out to:

Big Dinghy Regatta Chair:	Robin van Vliet (racechair@richmondyc.org)
ILCA Open PCC Regatta Co-Chairs:	Jenny Maybee (jmaybee@gmail.com) & Colin Brochard (colinbrochard@gmail.com)
ILCA-NA District 24 District Secretary:	Al Sargent (asargent@stanfordalumni.org)

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FURTHER INFORMATION – Not included in the NOR

Charters: Contact VELA-LA directly regarding charter boats for ILCA and Melges 15 classes.

Hospitality. Competitors and their guests are invited to use club facilities on all race days. Restrooms and showers will be available. Each competitor will receive a drink ticket for one fountain soda, wine, or beer at Saturday's shoreside check-in.

Friday	Bar and Galley Open. Standard Fare – No host
Saturday	Bar open
Sunday	Opening Day on the Bay Reception (heavy appetizers, sparkling wine and our amazing view of SF Bay) All competitors are welcome. Additional guest tickets are available for $23 if purchased in advance during registration

ILCA Open PCCs: See the Additional Information document regarding logistics, lodging, social and practice opportunities.