



2026 Estuary Extravaganza
Sunday July 26, 2026
Sailing Instructions
Revision 2 / 2026-07-22

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as they are changed by these SI's.
- 1.2 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed to "(2) if it is from a boat that alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, but she was not involved in it and did not see the incident, or".
- 1.3 Appendix V1 and V2 apply.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any written change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0900 hours 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.
- 2.2 Written Sailing Instructions may be changed on the water by displaying a L flag () from the RC dock and broadcasting the change over VHF radio, before the warning of the race(s) for which it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/oACeY20DJv/#notice-board>.
- 3.2 All boats must have working VHF radios.

- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 1078 (displayed as 78A on some radios).
- 3.4 All boats are encouraged to check in with the Race Committee before the first warning of the first class, by either VHF radio, or by sailing close to the starting line ~~to the stern of the Race Committee on starboard tack~~.
- 3.5 Boats with any sails whose numbers differ from the number on the entry must report those discrepancies to RC before the first warning signal of the day.
- 3.6 Boats withdrawing from a race shall notify the RC by hailing on VHF.

4 CLASSES AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 Boats will be assigned to classes no later than 2100 on the day before the race. Racers shall check the “fleet assignments” on the official notice board the morning of the race to find their class.
- 4.2 Up to two races will be held.
- 4.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1200 (noon).
- 4.4 No races will be started after 1530 hrs (3:30 pm).
- ~~4.5 If less than 5 non-spin boats enter, their fleet may be combined and a 6 second credit shall be applied to those boats rated with a spinnaker that sail without one for the entire regatta.~~
- 4.6 The starts for classes may be combined, moving up subsequent starts.

5 RACING AREA

- 5.1 The race area is the Oakland Estuary from the Jack London Ferry dock to the Park Street bridge.

6 COURSES / OBSTRUCTIONS / RESTRICTED AREAS

- 6.1 Race courses will be described in a separate “Courses and Marks” attachment posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 2100 the Friday before the race.
- 6.2 The area northwest of Coast Guard Island, bounded by a line from day marker G “S” to R “2” to R “4” and from each end of that line to the nearest point on Coast Guard Island, is an obstruction.
- 6.3 The penalty for boats crossing into an area, or crossing a line, that is an obstruction listed in SI 6 is to retire.

7 MARKS

- 7.1 Marks will be described in a separate “Courses and Marks” attachment posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 2100 the Friday before the race.

8 THE START

8.1 Starting signals will be made using sound signals and VHF radio hails only. Times shall be taken from the sound signal; no visual flags will be displayed. Failure to make a VHF radio hail, or the failure of a boat to hear a hail, shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 26 and 61.4(b)(1).

8.2 The starting sequence will proceed as follows (times are relative to the start):

Minutes before the start	Event	Signal
5	Warning	One short sound & VHF hail
4	Preparatory	One short sound & VHF hail
1	-	One long sound & VHF hail
0	Start	One short sound & VHF hail

8.3 The starts will be off a "RC Dock" at Alameda Marina dock 200. Dock 200 is opposite the east end of Coast Guard Island.

8.4 The start line will be between an orange panel or flag on the dock and the starting mark X.

8.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

8.6 Courses will be communicated via radio. This changes RRS 27.

8.7 The race committee intends to use a "rolling start" for the first race.

8.8 Individual and general recalls will be signaled by radio; visual signals may not be displayed. A boat's failure to hear a hail shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 29 and 61.4(b)(1)

8.9 The race committee intends to start each classes' second race shortly after boats in the class return to the starting area, and may start classes with a different order than the first race.

9 THE FINISH

9.1 The finish line will be between an orange panel (or flag) on the Oakland YC race deck and the finishing mark Y.

10 SIGNALS FROM THE RACE COMMITTEE

10.1 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee may attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 61.4.

- 10.2 If there is a General Recall for a class during a rolling start, the rolling start will continue for the next fleet and the recalled fleet will start after the last class in the rolling start. This changes RRS 29.2.

11 SCORING/TIME LIMITS

- 11.1 Boats that do not start within five minutes of their start signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 61.4, A5.1, and A5.2.
- 11.2 The target time for each race is the race committee's intended elapsed time for the first boat in each class to finish. Failure to achieve the target time shall not be grounds for protests or requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.4, 60.1 and 61.1.
- 11.3 The race's target time is 60 minutes.
- 11.4 The cut off time is the elapsed time, after the start, for boats to finish. Boats not finishing within the cutoff time which a boat will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 61.4, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 11.5 The cut off time is 90 minutes. This changes NOR 9.4.
- ~~11.6 The finishing window is the additional elapsed time, after the first boat in each class finishes, for other boats to finish. Boats not finishing within the finishing window will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.~~
- ~~11.7 The finishing window is 20 minutes.~~

12 HEARING REQUESTS

- 12.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race.
- 12.2 The time limit for requests for redress is the same as the protest time limit. This changes RRS 61.2(b)(1)(a)(2).
- 12.3 Hearing request forms are available outside the Encinal Yacht Club office. Editable Hearing Request forms are available online at the US Sailing website.
- 12.4 Protests and requests for redress must be submitted within the time limit and by either
- (a) emailing them to both the EYC Rear Commodore, rearcommodore@encinal.org, and the PRO at rareitmeyer@gmail.com ; or
 - ~~(b) handing them to the PRO or EYC rear commodore, who both intends to be at Encinal YC after the signal boat docks until the end of the protest time limit.~~
- 12.5 Notices will be posted no later than 60 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 12.6 Hearings will be held scheduled at the discretion of the Protest Committee, and may be held over Zoom at a later date.