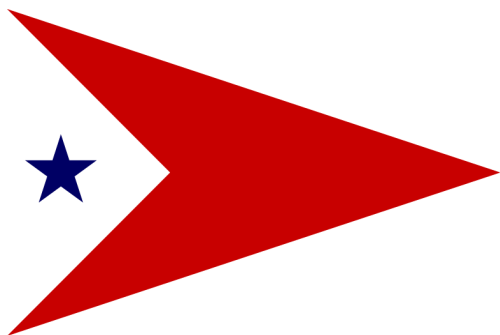




2026 Commodores Challenge

Organizing Authority: Encinal Yacht Club

September 12, 2026

Sailing Instructions (SIs)

(NoR attached at end of SIs)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the SIs or NoR means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule nor request redress based on that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 and 61.1.

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

1 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.
- 1.2 Changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water. If a change is made the race committee will display the L flag and may also announce the change on the designated VHF channel.

2 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 1066 (66A).
- 2.2 The race committee may hail on VHF the sail number or other identifying feature of any boat that was on the course side of the starting line at the start signal. The failure of a hail, the failure of a boat to hear a hail, or the order of the hail(s) shall not be grounds for redress. The changes RRS 61.1(a).

3 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm/flagpole on the EYC lawn.
- 4.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag AP is lowered. This changes race signal "AP".

5 COURSE

See Addendum A.

6 MARKS

- 6.1 Mark W will be an inflatable buoy.
- 6.2 The starboard end of the start/finish line will be a race committee vessel.
- 6.3 The port end of the start/finish line (P) will be an inflatable buoy.

7 START

- 7.1 The start/finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel, and the course side of the starting and finishing mark.
- 7.2 Races will be started using Appendix U - Audible-Signal Racing System.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8 US Sailing Prescription APPENDIX V1 is in effect.

9 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE:

RRS 33 changed to add: The race committee may change a leg of the course by up to ten (10) degrees in bearing without a signal, provided that no boats are on the leg of the course that ends at that mark.

10 FINISH

The finish line is the same as the start line.

11 TIME LIMITS

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 30 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rules RRS 35, A5.1, and A5.2.

12 SCORING

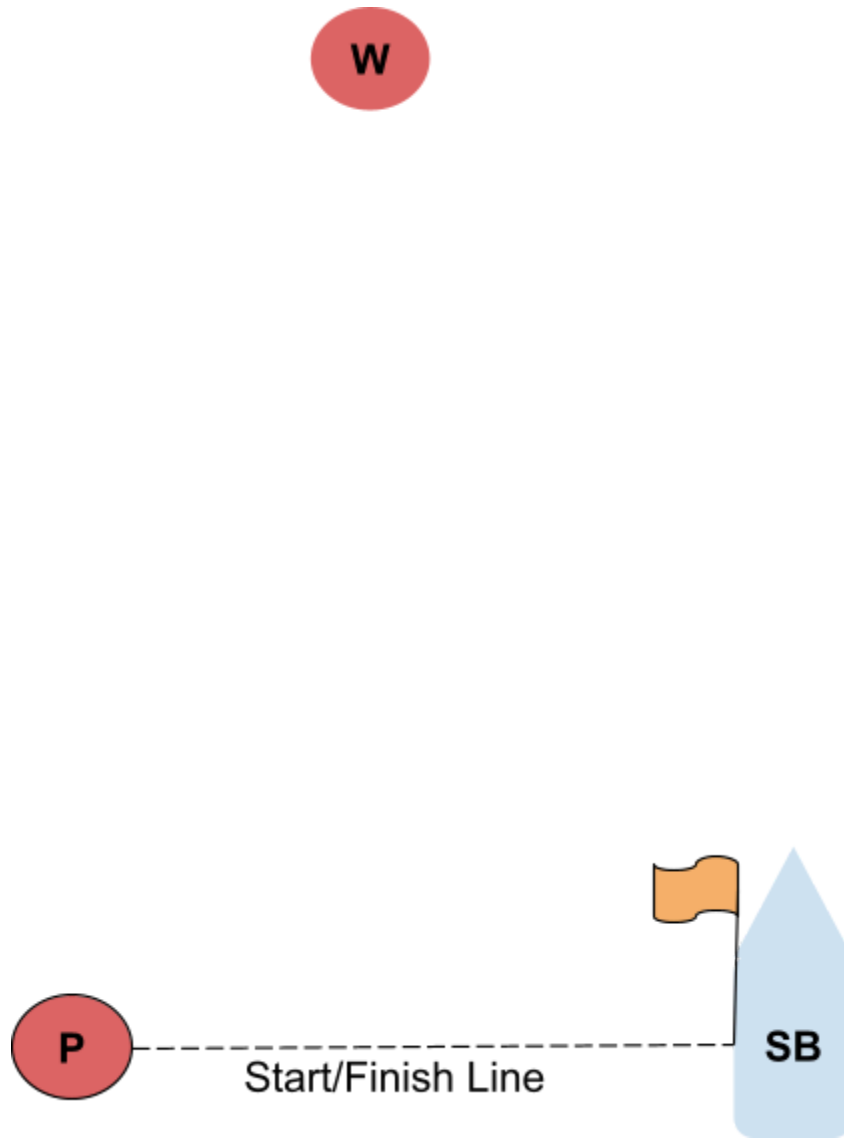
- 12.1 Multiple round robins, with up to 4 boats racing, are scheduled. If time does not allow for the completion of a round robin all remaining unsailed races of that round will be automatically assigned redress and scored their average points for completed races. Unstarted round robins will not be scored.
- 12.2 All race scores will count towards a boat's series score.

13 [NP/DP] EQUIPMENT

- 13.1 Addendum C – "Handling Boats" will replace the class rules and will apply while racing.
- 13.2 Addendum D – "Permitted and Prohibited Actions" will apply.

SI Addendum A - Course:

Configuration (not to scale)



Courses

Course Number	Course
1	Start / W(p) / Finish
2	Start / W(p) / P(p) / W(p) / Finish

SI Addendum B - Permitted and Prohibited Actions:

The following items and actions are PERMITTED:

It is permitted to take on board the following equipment:

1. Basic hand tools
2. Adhesive tape or Velcro tape but not duct tape
3. Line (elastic or otherwise, of 4 mm diameter or less)
4. Pencils and non-permanent marking pens
5. Tell-tale material
6. Watch, timers, hand held compass
7. Handheld VHF
8. Soft-shackles, cotter pins/ring dings and clevis pins
9. Self-adhesive sail repair tape/material
10. Cooler, snacks, hydration

And to use these items in the following ways:

1. Attach tell tales
2. Prevent fouling of lines, sails and sheets, or securing the spinnaker halyard
3. Prevent sails being damaged or falling overboard
4. Mark control settings
5. Make minor repairs and permitted adjustments

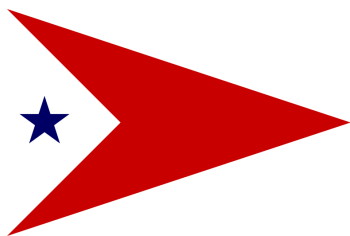
Except in an emergency or in order to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by a Race Official or other Authority such as USCG, otherwise, the following are PROHIBITED:

1. Rigging and Hardware:
 - a. Use of duct tape anywhere on the Boat.
 - b. Marking directly on the hull or deck with permanent ink. Use of pencil is permitted. All marks are to be removed by the Charterer prior to Check-in.
 - c. Marking of halyards, sheets or other running rigging with ink or any other permanent mark. Tape or thread may be used.
 - d. Adjusting the tune of the rig.
 - e. Adjusting the mast shroud (Vs or Ds) turnbuckles.
 - f. Using a mechanical advantage to adjust the tension of the vang, Cunningham or outhaul.
 - g. Omitting any headsail hank or mainsheet block.
 - h. Changing out of the supplied loose hardware (blocks, shackles, hiking stick etc.) for items brought onboard by the Charterer.
 - i. Use of metal shackles other than those supplied (and those only for their intended purpose). Use of soft shackles is permitted.
 - j. Removing or adjusting the length of the tiller extension.
 - k. Increasing or decreasing the number of purchases on any of the running rigging assemblies (except jib sheet, from which a purchase may be removed)
 - l. Use of the shrouds (including any inner shrouds) to facilitate tacking or gybing, or to aid the projection of a Crew member outboard.
 - m. The use of electronic wind instruments.

2. Boat and Equipment:

- a. Any additions, omissions or alterations to the Boat or Supplied Equipment (except as expressly noted as being allowed in this document).
- b. The use of any part of the Boat or Supplied Equipment for a purpose other than that intended or as specifically permitted in the J22 Class Rules.
- c. Replacement of a part of the Boat or Supplied Equipment without the prior sanction of the RC. All replacement parts or equipment are to be supplied by EYC and installed by the Fleet Manager.
- d. Repairs to any part of the Boat or Supplied Equipment. All repairs are to be carried out, or arranged by, the Fleet Manager.
- e. Moving Supplied Equipment from its Normal Stowage Position except when being used.
- f. Leaving any Supplied Equipment off the Boat for racing – e.g. standard equipment

----- END OF SAILING INSTRUCTIONS -----



2026 Commodores Challenge Regatta

Organizing Authority: Encinal Yacht Club
September 12th
Notice of Race (NoR)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in and did not see the incident, or"

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available online at the online official notice board as defined in 3.1.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/1NeGesNx4T>
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.3 Participating boats must notify the Race Committee if they are dropping out of the race or will be unable to finish the race within the stated time limit found in the sailing instructions.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Entry to the regatta is by invitation only from the Organizing Authority to a Yacht Club.
- 4.2 Entry: Acceptance of the invitation shall be made by submitting the online entry form and entry fee payment no later than Wednesday, September 10, 2026.
- 4.3 Team Composition: A yacht club that has accepted an invitation (a "team") shall consist of up to four crew members, including the skipper, all of whom shall sail the entire regatta and comply with the requirements of NOR 4.4 (Yacht Club Membership), NOR 4.5 (Sailor Categorization), and NOR 4.6 (Helmsperson Requirements) at all times unless specifically waived by the OA.
- 4.4 Yacht Club Membership: All crew members shall have been year-round members in good standing of the invited yacht club as of September 12, 2025.
- 4.5 Sailor Categorization: All crew members shall have a Group 1 sailor categorization.
- 4.6 Helmsperson Requirements: The helmsperson for the team shall be the current Commodore of the invited Yacht Club.

5 FEES

The registration fee is \$150.00 per team, and includes: charter, racing on Saturday, and post-race social Saturday after racing.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Racing will be held on September 12th, 2026
- 6.2 Up to four races are scheduled for the day.
- 6.3 First Warning Signal is scheduled for 1255 Hours.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the regatta website.

8 VENUE

The racing area is the Alameda/Oakland Estuary.

9 COURSES

Courses will be defined in the sailing instructions. Race courses will include windward-leeward configurations.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

US Sailing Prescription V1 is in effect.

11 PRIZES

The Commodores Challenge perpetual trophy will be awarded to the winning team.

12 RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, EYC and any official sponsors will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. Attention is also drawn to RRS 46 and USSER 1.2, Responsibility.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 13.1 For further information, please contact the Event Chair and EYC Commodore, Brendan McNally at commodore@encinal.org.