



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.