

YRA of San Francisco Bay

THE 2008 GREAT VALLEJO RACE

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: The YRA of San Francisco Bay

1. RULES

1.1. Races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2005-2008 (RRS)

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1. All yachts that meet PHRF minimum requirements and/or class requirements are invited to compete in the YRA Season Opener- The Great Vallejo Race.

2.2. All competitors must:

2.2.1. Hold a 2008 PHRF Certificate from the NCPHRF Committee, unless racing in a One-Design fleet.

2.2.2. Be members of YRA

2.2.3. Be members of a Yacht Club (YC) belonging to the YRA:

3. REGISTRATION

3.1. Eligible boats may enter electronically on the YRA website or request that entry forms be sent from the YRA office. Entry Forms are also available for download on the YRA web site and are printed in the Latitude 38 Master Racing schedule for San Francisco. YRA may be contacted at: YRA of San Francisco Bay, Quarters 35S Fort Mason, San Francisco, California 94123, <http://www.yra.org>, e-mail: info@yra.org, Voice: (415) 771-9500, Fax (415) 276-2378.

4. FEES

4.1. Entry fees and deadlines are outlined on the YRA entry form described in Paragraph 3.1.

5. MANAGEMENT

5.1. The race shall be under the management of a race committee of the sponsoring yacht club. The Race Committee Chairman for each race is listed in the Sailing Instructions for that race.

5.2. The YRA Board of Directors contact information is listed on the YRA web site (<http://www.yra.org>).

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Dates, venues, and sponsoring yacht club are as follows:

| Date | Racing Area | Yacht Club |
|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Saturday 5/3 | The Great Vallejo Race I | Vallejo YC |
| Sunday 5/4 | The Great Vallejo Race II | Vallejo YC |

7. ENTERTAINMENT

- 7.1. There will be a party, hosted by the Vallejo Yacht Club, on Saturday evening, May 3rd. Food and Drink tickets will need to be purchased for each participant and will be available at the event.
- 7.2. All participants are encouraged to overnight at the Vallejo Yach Club. Docking, anchoring and/or rafting space will be available. Please contact the Vallejo Yacht Club for additional information on overnighting with your boat.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. Sailing Instructions will be posted on the YRA web site 1 week before the race.
- 8.2. Notices to competitors and changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the YRA web site.
- 8.3. Entrants may request that sailing instructions be sent by US Mail. This request may accompany their entry or thereafter, but must be in writing and include name, boat name, sail number, and address.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. Courses will be defined in the sailing instructions for each race day. Depending on the venue, courses will use either temporary or permanent marks.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. The Low Point Scoring System RRS A4.1 will be used to score finishing boats. RRS 4.2 is modified to state, penalty points will be added to the number of boats that came to the starting area plus one for OCS, DNF, DNS or RAF (prior to protest hearing), plus two for DNC, and plus three for DSQ. A DSQ for Safety violation is considered as a (DNE) in addition to RRS 89.3(b). Ties will be broken in accordance with RRS A7 or A8 as appropriate. RRS A9 is deleted.
- 10.2. This series uses the Time-on-Time (TOT) system of scoring

11. COMMUNICATIONS

- 11.1. RRS 25 is changed to allow for on-the-water radio communication between the Race Committee and racing boats on the VHF channel specified in the Sailing Instructions for that day. The RC may hail OCS and may advise the fleet starting order by loud hailer and/or VHF radio.

12. MINIMUM EQUIPMENT LIST

- 12.1. Comply with the United States Coast Guard's equipment requirements for recreational vessels
- 12.2. USCG approved life jackets for each member of the crew
- 12.3. One horseshoe life ring or USCG approved ring buoy
- 12.4. A USCG approved fire extinguisher, readily accessible
- 12.5. A manually operated bilge pump
- 12.6. Suitable anchor and cable
- 12.7. Fog horn
- 12.8. Marine compass
- 12.9. Suitable charts for piloting

13. RELEASE OF LIABILITY

- 13.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizer (organizing authority, race committee, protest

committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.