

The Delta Ditch Run

June 2, 2018

Sailing Instructions



Stockton Sailing Club
4980 Buckley Cove Way
Stockton, Ca. 95219



Richmond Yacht Club
351 Brickyard Cove Rd
Point Richmond, Ca. 94801

RULES:

This event will be governed by the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except as modified by the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

2.0 SPECIAL RULES FOR THIS EVENT:

2.1 Downwind start:

Boats may not have a spinnaker or gennaker hoisted prior to their starting signal and crossing the starting line.

2.2 Cruising Division:

Entrants may motor for four hours at a speed not greater than 6 knots through the water. Once an engine is engaged, it must remain in use for a minimum of 15 minutes.

Yachts that would normally use a spinnaker that choose to race without one (gennakers are considered spinnakers), will be accorded the following rating adjustment: No spinnaker +15 seconds/mile. All yachts will be assumed to use a spinnaker unless the race chair is notified in writing by 9:00 AM, on Thursday that they will not.

Cruising Division (Class Flag "M") will start between the flag on the RYC Race Platform to Red #8 in the channel. The Warning Signal will be at 0825. The cruising division shall use code flag "M".

2.3 After Sunset:

Between sunset and sunrise, the Inland Rules of the Road apply. At sunset, all boats that have not finished shall call the Race Committee at Stockton Sailing Club at **209-951-5600** or **209-406-9679** or on **Chan 72** to report their position.

2.4 Safety:

It is recommended that all competitors wear Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices.

Interfering with commercial traffic by any boat (as identified by sail number.) will be a basis for a protest by the race committee and possible disqualification. IRPCS or Government Rules apply as noted by Preamble to Part 2 (which applies) between all racing and non-racing boats.

All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio and shall use it to check in on Chan 72 (per section 5.0) and to monitor Chan 72 during the race for safety. A committee boat will be on the water and monitoring Chan 72 to observe the racers for safety.

3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 1900 on the night before the race. Notices will be posted on the Regatta Network web site for the electronic entry application (www.stocktonsc.org).

4.0 ENTRIES:

Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the organizing authority. Entry is by invitation as extended in the Notice of Race. To qualify as an entry, the skipper of each boat must accept the Stockton Sailing Club/Richmond Yacht Club "Assumption of All Risks Waiver & Release" form found in the application for the event.

5.0 RANKING AS A STARTER:

Between 0800 & 1020 hours, each entrant shall check in with the Race Committee on Chan 72 and be acknowledged. When reporting in, give your sail number and division. See Class Flags for division starting times. **A late check in will be penalized 20 minutes when finishing. Failure to check in is an automatic DNS without a hearing.**

6.0 STARTING LINE:

The start will be located in the vicinity of the Brothers Islands and the Richmond/San Rafael bridge. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the RYC Committee Boat to starboard and a line boat and/or an inflatable mark to port.

7.0 STARTING TIMES/ORDER OF START:

(5, 4, 1, 0) Races will be started using RRS 26.

DIVISION FLAG	SIGNAL	FLAG	TIME	SOUND	MIN TO START
M	Warning - Division-M	M	08:25	Horn/Gun	5
	Preparatory	I	08:26	Horn/Gun	4
		Drop Prep	08:29	Horn/Gun	1
M	Start - Division-M	Drop M	08:30	Horn/Gun	0
A	Warning -- Division-A	A	1025	Horn/Gun	5
	Preparatory	I	1026	Horn/Gun	4
		Drop Prep	1029	Horn/Gun	1
A	Start -- Division-A	Drop A	1030	Horn/Gun	0
B	Warning -- Division-B	B	**	Horn/Gun	5
C	Warning -- Division-C	C	**	Horn/Gun	5
D	Warning -- Division-D	D	**	Horn/Gun	5
E	Warning -- Division-E	E	**	Horn/Gun	5
F	Warning -- Division-F	F	**	Horn/Gun	5
G	Warning -- Division-G	G	**	Horn/Gun	5
H	Warning -- Division-H	H	**	Horn/Gun	5
I	Warning -- Division-I	I	**	Horn/Gun	5
J	Warning -- Division-J	J	**	Horn/Gun	5

**Warning signals for subsequent divisions will be made with or after the preceding start.

***Additional Divisions may be added and will follow in sequence.

8.0 COURSE/DISTANCE:

By any course from the starting line to the finish line, however, **after the Antioch Bridge, leaving Mark #19 to port.** For sailing purposes, the calculated distance is 67 miles.

The Race Committee reminds participants it is their responsibility to note their finish times, other boats finishing near them and the order of finish to assist in the event of omission or error in recording.

9.0 RECALLS:

9.1 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS will be signaled per RRS 29.1. The Race Committee will attempt to hail over-early boats on **Chan 72**, but nothing shall relieve a boat from making a proper start. **If a boat is over early and does not return to start properly, she will have 3 hours added to her finish time.** This changes RRS 29.1.

9.2 GENERAL RECALLS will be signaled per RRS 29.2. In the event of a general recall, the recalled fleet will start at the end of the sequence. Any boat which does not return to make a proper start after a general recall will be scored DNS without a hearing.

10.0 RESTRICTED AREAS:

The Point Pinole Channel and any buoys or day markers marking same shall be left to the **North**. Boats may not enter areas that are restricted by government regulations, such as the area adjacent to Port Chicago. **Boats may not enter False River for a distance more than 100 feet.** A boat identified as being in violation will automatically be protested by the race committee and risk a DSQ.

11.0 FINISHING:

11.1 The finish line is between a white flag pole on the lawn in front of the Stockton Sailing Club and a white pole on the South side of the channel.

11.2 In the event that a large vessel would obscure the finish line, boats must finish between the vessel and the Stockton Sailing Club.

11.3 If needed after finishing, please contact the Harbor Staff on **Chan 68** for directions to your mooring.

12.0 TIME LIMIT:

Any boat finishing after 0100 (1 AM) on Sunday will be scored as Did Not Finish (DNF).

13.0 DROPPING OUT OF THE RACE:

Any boat that withdraws from the Race shall notify the Stockton Sailing Club at **(209) 406-9679** or 209-951-5600 or via VHF radio on **Chan 72** within one hour of dropping out. Failure to notify the Race Committee may result in disqualification from participation in future Delta Ditch Run events.

14.0 SCORING:

14.1 **The race will be scored on a “Time-On-Time”** basis using standard San Francisco and/or Stockton Sailing Club buoy ratings. A copy of the handicap configuration, fleet assignments, and starting divisions will be available for each competitor on Friday before the race on the Stockton Sailing Club website www.stocktonsc.org, on the Regatta Network web site for the electronic entry application. They may also be posted at the Stockton Sailing Club/Richmond Yacht Club clubhouse.

14.2 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A4 of the Racing Rules, will apply.

15.0 PROTESTS:

Protests must be written on US Sailing Protest forms and filed within one hour of a boat’s finish time. Protests shall be heard as soon as possible. Protest times will be posted ASAP on the SSC official notice board.

16.0 TROPHIES:

16.1 Trophies will be presented at the Stockton Sailing Club on Sunday at 0900 hours.

16.2 Awards will be presented to the top three finishers of each division. First-to-finish, both for mono and multi hull divisions. The top five monohull boats corrected overall will also receive awards. Only monohull boats which do not have an engine allowance are eligible for the overall awards. Short handed and other special divisions are not eligible for the overall awards. The winner of the Cruising Division will also be added to the Frank Dukat Perpetual Trophy.

16.3 Skippers are responsible for picking up their trophies. All trophies not presented at the Awards Ceremony must be picked up at the Stockton Sailing Club Harbor Master’s Office within thirty days.