



Notice of Race

2019 Mercury Class National Championship

September 12-15 2019 Richmond YC

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the current rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Mercury Class Yacht Racing Association rules.
- 1.2. RRS 44.1 is replaced with appendix V1.
- 1.3. RRS 40 is deleted and replaced with "Competitors shall wear Coast Guard approved PFDs while racing." Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 1.4. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third- party liability insurance

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. The Regatta is open to all Mercury Class sailboats, and whose owner or skipper is a member of the Class Association. All Boats **must** have been weighed by a Certified Class Measurer in 2019 and meet class rules. Any boat not able to weigh before the Nationals, **must** advise the Chief Measurer or Certified Measurer 2 weeks in advance of the event their need to weigh at or before the event.
- 2.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing an entry and release waiver available on the Richmond Yacht Club (RYC) web site <http://www.richmondyc.org/>
- 2.3. Regatta Fees
 - 2.3.1. The entry fee is \$135.00 per boat.
 - 2.3.2. All entries must be received by 5pm Sept. 6th
 - 2.3.3. An entry is not valid until fees have been paid.
 - 2.3.4. Any entry received after Sept 6 will subject to a \$50 late fee.

3. Schedule

3.1. Thursday Sept 12th

- 3.1.1. Sail Measurement /Safety Inspection 9:30
- 3.1.2. Practice Race Skippers meeting 10:30
- 3.1.3. Practice Race First Warning 12:00

3.2. Friday Sept 13th

- 3.2.1. Competitors' Meeting 9:30
- 3.2.2. Race 1 First Warning 11:00
- 3.2.3. Race 2 completion race 1
- 3.2.4. Race 3 completion race 2

3.3. Saturday Sept. 14th

- 3.3.1. Race 4 First Warning 11:00
- 3.3.2. Race 5 Completion race 4

Sunday Sept 15th Reserve Day / Makeup

4. Measurement

- 4.1. Entrants are responsible for having completed weighing and safety inspection prior to the Competitors' Meeting for the Regatta.
- 4.2. Unmeasured sails shall be measured before they can be used in the Regatta. It is highly encouraged to measure sails before coming to the event. Anyone needing to measure sails at the event, **should** notify Dave West, Class Measurer, before Sept 6th.
- 4.3. Skippers will expected to show compliance with all safety gear as required by US Coast Guard and Mercury Class rules.

5. Sailing Instructions

- 5.1. Sailing instructions will be available at RYC and on the Regatta web page on Sept 6th.
- 5.2. **Courses, starting times and number of races to be sailed, are subject to change at the discretion of the PRO and fleet representative, taking into account course conditions, safety and number of races completed to constitute a regatta.*

6. RACE AREA AND COURSES

- 6.1. The intended race area is San Francisco Bay to the East of Southampton Shoals.
- 6.2. **Scoring**
- 6.3. A maximum of five (5) races are scheduled. Three (3) races must

be completed to constitute a regatta. All races will count toward the final score, no throwouts. This changes A2 of the sailing rules. Reserve day is for completing minimum 3 races or the 5 scheduled races.

7. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS, TRAILER STORAGE, AND DOCKAGE

- 7.1. All boats shall remain in the water after the warning of the first race until the conclusion of the event, unless the PRO/Jury has approved a written request for haul out.
- 7.2. Trailers may be stored in the West RYC parking lot, at the direction of the Harbormaster.
- 7.3. One week boat storage is available if needed to coincide with the Joe Logan Regatta* the following weekend Sept 21st. Check with Harbor Master
- 7.4. Participants are invited to use the RYC guest dock and dry storage facilities for the duration of the Regatta. If you wish to extend your stay to the day before and/or the day after you must notify the Harbormaster or Regatta Chair.

8. Radio Communications

- 8.1. The Race Committee may use VHF radio to communicate information about time to start and OCS. Channel will be announced in sailing instructions.

9. Trophies

- 9.1. Trophies for skipper and crew will be awarded to the top five (5) finishers in the Gold Fleet and the top three (3) finishers in the Silver Fleet as well as Class perpetuals for daily firsts and overall champion.
- 9.2. A youth trophy for the best score for skipper or crew under 18 will be awarded.
- 9.3. A participation gift will be given to every skipper and crew.

10. Social Schedule

- 10.1. *Thursday*, Sept. 12 - Measuring, practice sailing, Bar open 5-8 pm afternoon - lunches and dinners available in Pt Richmond.
- 10.2. *Friday* Sept 13 - Racing - Bar open, RYC Galley open, (not included in entry)
- 10.3. *Saturday* Regatta dinner and trophy presentations (2 dinners per boat included in regatta entry fee)

- 11. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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. Participating skippers must sign the liability waiver on the entry form.

12. Regatta Contacts

- 12.1. PRO: Fred Paxton f.paxton@comcast.net
- 12.2. Judge Vickie Gilmour vickiesail@aol.com
- 12.3. Mercury Fleet Measurer dhw429@gmail.com
- 12.4. Harbor Master Tim Petrick
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- 12.5. Regatta Chair: Lyn Hines 415 342 3402 lynhines@lynhines.net