

STOCKTON SAILING CLUB/RICHMOND YACHT CLUB

Delta Ditch Run – 2007

Sailing Instructions

Saturday, June 2, 2007

1.0 RULES: This event will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (RRS), except as modified by these sailing instructions. This invitational regatta is classified as a Category A regatta.

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.

2.2 Cruising Division: Entrants may motor for one hour at a speed not greater than 6 knots through the water. Once an engine is engaged, it must remain in gear for a minimum of 15 minutes.

2.3 After sunset: Between sunset and sunrise, the Inland Rules of the Road apply. At sunset, all boats that have not finished will call the Race Committee at Stockton Sailing Club on **Chan 72** to report their position.

2.4 Safety: Interfering with commercial traffic by any boat (as identified by sail no.) will be a basis for 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), to monitor Chan 72 during the race for safety, and to check out on Chan 72 at the finish.** Committee boats will be on the water and on 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. They will be posted on the Richmond Yacht Club Bulletin Board at the top of the main entrance stairs.

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. The skipper of each boat must sign 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 & 1055 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.

6.0 STARTING LINE: The starting line will be between an orange flag on the RYC Committee Boat to starboard and an inflatable mark to port. The start is approximately ½ mile west of the Ferry Pt. terminal off the Richmond Channel.

7.0 STARTING TIMES/ORDER OF START: (5, 4, 1, 0)

Races will be started using RRS 26. Absence of a sound signal will be disregarded.

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DIVISION FLAG	SIGNAL	FLAG	TIME	SOUND	MIN TO START
A	Warning – Division-A	A	1055	Gun	5
	Preparatory	I	1056	Gun	4
		Drop Prep	1059	Horn	1
A	Start – Division-A	Drop A	1100	Gun	0
B	Warning – Division-B	B	**	Gun	5
C	Warning – Division-C	C	**	Gun	5
D	Warning – Division-D	D	**	Gun	5
E	Warning – Division-E	E	**	Gun	5
F***	Warning – Division-F	F	**	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.**
If a later warning is required, it will be on an even minute

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 0855.**

8.0 COURSE: By any course from the starting line to the finish except leave an inflatable mark set approximately 300 yards off the Richmond Fueling Dock to starboard and, after the Antioch Bridge, leave Mark #19 to port. For sailing purposes, the length is approximately 67.5 miles.

9.0 RECALLS:

9.1 **INDIVIDUAL RECALL:** under RRS 29.1 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 starts over early and does not clear the starting line for a proper start, it will have 40 minutes added to its time at its finish.

9.2 **GENERAL RECALL:** 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 will have 20 minutes added to its corrected time, in addition to the time between the recall and the actual start.

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 off of Port Chicago. Boats may not enter False River for a distance more than 100 feet. A boat identified as being in violation will be automatically protested and risk DSQ.

11.0 FINISHING:

11.1 The finish line is an imaginary line extending across the channel from a small white flag pole on the lawn in front of the Stockton Sailing Club.

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 0900 on Sunday, June 3, 2007, will be scored as Did Not Finish (DNF).

13.0 DROPPING OUT OF THE RACE: Any boat that withdraws from the Race must notify the Stockton Sailing Club at (209) 473-4450 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. A copy of the handicap configuration, fleet assignments, and starting divisions will be posted and available for each competitor on Friday, June 1, 2007, at the Richmond Yacht Club and on the Stockton Sailing Club web site (<http://www.stocktonsc.org>).

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

15.0 PROTESTS: Written protests must be filed within one hour of a boat's finish time. Protests which might impact trophies will be heard as soon as possible, but no later than 1000 hours on Sunday, June 3, 2007. Any other protest will be heard after the trophy presentations.

16.0 TROPHIES: If conditions permit, we will attempt to award trophies during a break in the entertainment, at 2230 hours, on Saturday night. If this is not possible, trophies will be presented at the Stockton Sailing Club on Sunday, June 3, 2007, at 1100 hours. Awards will be presented to the winners of each division, plus a minimum of the top three finishers, depending on the size of each division (one-design fleets can have up to five trophies). First-to-finish, both for mono and multi hull divisions, and the top five boats corrected overall will also receive awards. The winner of the Cruising Division will receive the Frank Dukat Perpetual Trophy. 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.