

BYC BENICIA WATERFRONT FESTIVAL REGATTA 2025

Sunday July 27, 2025

Organizing Authority:

Benicia Yacht Club

400 East Second Street

Benicia, CA 94510-3305

PRO: Mark Campbell

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

- 1.0 **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices will be posted on the Benicia Yacht Club Racing Website(s) https://beniciayachtclub.org/racing_and on the Racing Board located in the BYC Norton Lounge
- 2.0 **RULES:**
2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028.
- 3.0 **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any change in Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Benicia Yacht Club Racing website(s) <https://beniciayachtclub.org/racing> and on the Racing Board located in the BYC Norton Lounge prior to application of the change. In addition, at least one email will be sent the registered competitors to alert them of the change.
- 4.0 **CLASS FLAGS:**
4.1 **Y Flag-** will not be required however all racing participants shall wear a coast guard approved PFD from time of check in prior to the race until returning to their space in the dock.
4.2 **CLASS FLAGS** are not required to be flown by competitors.
- 5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS:**
5.1 **ON-THE WATER COMMUNICATIONS:** Each boat intending to race must check in with the Race Committee before starting. Check in may be by hail or on VHF Channel 71.
5.2 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or communication that is not available to all boats.
5.3 **RETIRING:** A boat retiring from a race must notify the Race Committee on VHF channel 71, or by phone – Mark Campbell 510-453-4136
- 6.0 **COURSES AND MARK DESCRIPTIONS:** The Course Sheet is part of the Sailing Instructions and included as SI Addendum. The course sheet includes all marks with their descriptions.
- 7.0 **AREAS OF OBSTRUCTIONS OR RESTRICTED:**
7.1 **RESTRICTED:** Daymark "23" (near Benicia's 1st Street Pier) must be left to the north. Boats may not pass between the islands or visible rocks and the North shore of the Carquinez strait.
7.2 **INTERFERENCE WITH COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC:** Boats must not interfere with commercial vessels, naval vessels, tugs, or fishing boats. Boats so doing and thereby endangering their own safety and that of others will be subject to disqualification and/or protest by other competitors.
- 8.0 **THE START/FINISH:**
8.1 **START SEQUENCE:** Races will be started with a warning signal made 5 minutes before the fleet start. The Start procedure will comply as described in RRS 2025-2028 Rule 26. Starting Sequence by fleet is as follows: There will be only a single fleet "Alpha" that will include all boats registered for the Sunday race.

Time (PST)	Visual Signal	Means	Visual Signal	Means
13:00:00	Alpha Fleet	Warning	Flags	Gun/Horn
13:05:00	Alpha Fleet	Start	Flags	Gun/Horn

- 8.2 Starting time for the fleet are shown above in the sailing instructions. Course will be signaled by international code number pennants as prescribed in RRS 2025-2028 and via VHF Channel 71.
- 8.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line prior to the starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number or boat name on VHF channel 71. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 2025-2028 62.1(a).
- 8.4 **Start Line:** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the Race Committee boat located to the South of First Street near the center of the Strait and a Temporary Orange Buoy "X" set off of First Street and to the North of the Committee boat. This will take the place of the start line used by Thursday Night Beer Can Racing just outside the Marina, and Mark X for the purpose of this race will be an Orange Temporary Buoy off of First Street.
- 8.5 **LIMITING BOUY:** The race committee may place a limiting buoy near the committee boat. Boats will be disqualified for passing between the committee boat and the limiting buoy. Boats touching the limiting buoy during their starting sequence must complete a 360 degree turn before rounding the first mark of the course.
- 8.6 **INDIVIDUAL RECALLS:** Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 2025-2028 rule 29.1. The Race Committee may hail an over early boat by sail number or name, but hailing is not required. Failure of any boat to be aware of the Race Committee signal shall not relieve the boat of her obligation to start correctly. Returning boats must yield to all properly starting boats.
- 8.7 **GENERAL RECALLS:** When at the starting signal, one or more unidentified boats are on the course side of the starting line, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the Race Committee may signal a General Recall.
- 8.7.1 Recall of an entire starting fleet will be signaled by radio. All boats will immediately return for restart immediately after the following fleet has started. All following fleets will start in their assigned sequence.
- 8.8 **ABANDONMENT OF RACE:** The race committee may determine to abandon a started race. An announcement over VHF radio Channel 71 will be made immediately.
- 8.9 **THE FINISH:** The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the Race Committee boat and an Orange Temporary Buoy "X" off of First Street
- 8.10 **Boats shall not cross the finish line in either direction to fetch a mark if not starting or finishing.**
- 8.11 **TIME LIMIT:** All boats must finish before the time limit which is 16:00:00 hours. Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF).

9.0 **TIME LIMIT:** 16:00:00 Sunday, July 27, 2025.

10.0 **PENALTY SYSTEM:**

- 10.1 **ALTERNATIVE PENALTY:** The two-turn penalty as written in paragraph 44.1 of the RRS 2025-2025 Racing Rules of Sailing with U.S. prescriptions will be in effect. If fouled by another boat, immediately hail your intent to protest so that the other boat can elect to perform the alternate penalty. To absolve the protest, the protested boat must get clear and perform two turns in the same direction, staying clear of all boats until on the proper course for the next mark. Fouling a mark is now a one turn penalty.

- 11.0 **PROTESTS AND REDRESS:** Protests must be filed with the Race Chair no later than Sunday, July 27, 2025, at 20:00 hours. Protests must conform to RRS rules.
- 11.1 Protest mediation will be conducted per the "Protest Mediation" document posted on the racing bulletin board at BYC Norton Lounge. A boat that accepts fault at a mediation hearing shall receive a DNF score. The scores for the other boats will be adjusted accordingly.
- 11.2 If necessary, the protest will be held at an agreed time by both skippers and the Protest Chairman.
- 12.0 **SAFETY REGULATIONS:**
- 12.1 **MINIMUM EQUIPMENT:** All boats must comply with the U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment requirements for recreational vessels. All boats must display the proper running lights.
- 13.0 **DISPOSAL OF WASTE OR TRASH:** Boats observed willfully discharging trash overboard shall be disqualified from all races sailed on the day that the infraction is observed. The onus is on the protesting boat.
- 14.0 **RISK STATEMENT:**
- 14.1 22.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
- 15.0 **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** For more information, contact the Race Chair, Steve Corwin, 415 238 3977, race@beniciayachtclub.org

BYC Racing 2025 Beer Can Race
Altered for Waterfront Festival Race
COURSE SHEET

STARTING TIMES AND SIGNALS:

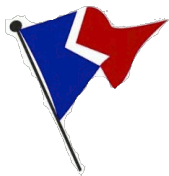
1800	"C" flag and gun	Warning for C Fleet
1801	"P" flag and short horn blast	Prep signal for "C"
1804	"P" flag down and long horn blast	
1805	"C" flag down and gun	Start C Fleet
1805	"A" flag and gun	Warning for "A"
1806	"P" flag up and short horn blast	Prep signal for "A"
1809	"P" flag down and long horn blast	
1810	"A" flag down and gun	Start A Fleet
1810	"H" flag and gun	Warning Aloha Fleet
1811	"P" flag up and short horn blast	Prep signal for "Aloha"
1814	"P" flag down and long horn blast	
1815	"H" flag down and gun	Start Aloha Fleet

Marks:

CB	Committee Boat-note altered location for waterfront race
X	Mark at the Start/Finish line note altered location for waterfront race
B	Bales mark between Sander's Tug & Valero Dock 38°02.3' W122°08.8
21A	Buoy 21A (green) off Ninth Street (N38 03.394' W122 10.897')
BP	Red/Green buoy 50 yds west of Carquinez Bridge
3	Buoy 3 (green) west of Benicia Bridge (N38 02.304' W122 09.750')
25	Buoy 25 (green) in shipping channel (N38 01.989' W122 07.345')
7	Green buoy east of Benicia Bridge (N38 02.900' W122 05.952')
JM	Joe Marra (JM) near Glen Cove Marina (N38 03.884' W122 12.514')

Courses:

1	CB-Xs, 21Ap, Xp-CB (Finish)	3
2	CB-Xs, 25p, 3p, Xs-CB (Finish)	3.1
3	CB-Xs, 21Ap, 25p, Bp, Xs-CB (Finish)	4.35
4	CB-Xs, 21Ap, Bs, Xs-CB (finish)	3.9
5	CB-Xs, 25p, Bp, 25s, Bp, Xs-CB Finish	3.24
6	CB-Xs, 21Ap, 3p, Xs-CB (Finish)	6.12
7	CB-Xs, 21Ap, 25p, 21As, Xp-CB (Finish)	6.21
8	CB-Xs, 21Ap, 25p, 3p, Xs-CB (Finish)	6.71
9	CB-Xs, 21Ap, 25p, 21Ap, 25p, Bp, Xs-CB (Finish)	7.65
12	CB-Xs, 21Ap, Xp, 21Ap, Xp-CB (Finish)	6
14	CB-Xs, BPp, Xp-CB (Finish)	7
15	CB-Xs, 21Ap, Bs, 25p, Bp, Xs-CB (Finish)	5.4
16	CB-Xs, 21Ap, 7p, Xs-CB (Finish)	8.15
17	CB-Xs, BPp, Bs, Xs-CB (Finish)	8.06
19	CB-Xs, BPp, 3p, Xs-CB (Finish)	10.3
21	CB-Xp, 3s, 25s, Bp, Xs-CB	4.5
23	CB-Xs, 25s, 21As, Xp-CB	3.75
24	CB-Xp, 3s, 21As, Xp-CB	6.12
25	CB-Xp, 3s, 25s, 21As, Xp-CB	6.71
26	CB-Xs, 25s, BPp, Xp-CB	7.8
27	CB-Xs, 25p, 3p, Xp, 25p, 3p, CB-Xs	6.2
31	CB-Bs, Xp, 3P, CB-Bs	3.1
32	CB-Bs; Xp, 25s, Xs, 25s, Xs, CB-Bb	3
34	CB-Bs, Xp, 25s, 21As, CB-Bb (Finish)	5.03
35	CB-Bs, Xp, 25s, 21As, 25p, CB-Bp	5.6
36	CB-Bs, Xp, 25s, 21As, 25p, Xs, CB-Bp)	5.84
41	CB-Xs, JMp, Xp-CB	5.69
42	CB-Xs, JMp, Bs, Xs-CB	6.41
43	CB-Xs, JMp, 25p, Bp, Xs-CB	6.84
45	CB-Xs, JMp, 25p, 21As, Xp-CB	8.84
46	CB-Xs, 25s, JMs, Xp-CB	6.26



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