



# RS Aero North American Championship

Sept. 6 - 8, 2024

## Notice of Race (NoR)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 RRS 40.1 Personal Flotation Devices shall apply, with the additional requirement [DP] that each competitor shall wear a life jacket that is US Coast Guard approved and is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.
- 1.3 US Sailing Prescriptions shall apply. Competitors are encouraged to take note of the prescription to RRS 67 (Damages).

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 August 31, 2024 at the Richmond Yacht Club and on the official notice board.

### 3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors prior to Sept 4<sup>th</sup> will only be made online. During the regatta all additional notices will be made on the online regatta notice board at Richmond Yacht Club. The online official notice board is located at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27952>
- 3.2 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This regatta is the 2024 North American RS Aero Championship. There will be divisions in the RS Aero championship for rig sizes 5,6,7 and 9. This regatta also serves as the 2024 US Sailing Singlehanded Championship.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27952>
- 4.3 Entry deadline is September 4, 2024.

- 4.4 A competitor cannot change fleets once their registration is complete.
- 4.5 RS Aero class membership is required. US Sailing membership is required for the Men's (RS Aero 7) and Women's (RS Aero 5) championship. <https://www.rsasailing.org/index.asp?p=membership>
- 4.6 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.7 Entry fee includes one ticket for the Saturday Fleet Dinner and a goodie bag from our sponsors.

### 5 FEES

- 5.1 There will be a \$25 discount for competitors traveling over 750 miles, including Seattle.

5.2 The entry fees are as follows:

Early Entry Fee, end date May 31	\$250
Entry Fee, June 1 – July 31	\$275
Late Entry Fee, August 1 – Sept 4	\$300

### 6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Competitor advertising shall be restricted to World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.
- 6.2 Boats may be required to display advertising and/or bow numbers chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

### 7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Nine races are scheduled with no more than four races per day.

Date	Activity
Sept 4 - 5	Spot Measurement and Registration
Sept 6	Race Day Warning 1055
Sept 7	Race Day and Fleet Dinner Warning 1055
Sept 8	Race Day Warning 1055

- 7.2 The OA reserves the right to modify the schedule due to weather conditions or other causes.

## 8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 All boats shall comply with the current RS Aero Class Rules. Spot checks by the measurement committee may be performed on any boat at any time during the event.
- 8.2 A 5/16 inch tow line that is at least 12 feet long must be attached to the mast.

## 9 COURSES

- 9.1 The racing areas include Southampton and Olympic Circle. The race area assignments will be determined based on registration levels and weather forecast. A map indicating the course areas is included in the Notice to Competitors.
- 9.2 Course specifics will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

## 10 SCORING

- 10.1 Nine races are scheduled. One race must be completed to constitute a Championship.
- 10.2 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply, except that "Each boat's series score shall, subject to rule 90.3, be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score" is changed to "Each boat's series score shall, subject to rule 90.3, be as follows: If fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. If 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score."
- 10.3 Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each rig size.
- 10.4 For the US Sailing Singlehanded Championships: George D. O'Day Trophy to the overall highest placing eligible male entered in RS Aero 7 championship. Helen Willis Hanley Trophy to the overall highest placing eligible female entered in the RS Aero 5 championship. US Sailing Medals will be awarded to the competitors finishing in first through third places that meet the eligibility requirements for the US Singlehanded Championship. Only eligible participants that are 100% US citizens or resident aliens throughout the Championship Finals may be declared a men's or women's U.S. National Champion. A "US citizen" is a person who has, or is eligible to have, a US passport. A "resident alien" is a person who does not have a US passport but who has a Permanent Resident Card ("Green Card").

## 11 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 11.1 [DP] [NP] A support person agrees while on the water to monitor the race committee on the assigned VHF channel, to assist the race committee if requested, and will remain outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall, abandonment, or requests assistance. The support person also accepts the provisions of RRS 4.1(b), Acceptance of the Rules.

- 11.2 [DP] Support persons and Support Vessels shall register with the race office during registration times. They shall declare which boat or boats to which they are attached. Vessels shall comply with state and local laws and regulations regarding their operation.

## 12 PRIZES

- 12.1 Daily trophies will be awarded for the top three finishers in each fleet. Overall trophies will also be awarded for all fleets.
- 12.2 Awards will be held as soon as possible after racing. If pending protest hearings would not change the top 3 results, awards will be announced before hearings are completed.

## 13 RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1 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.

## 14 INSURANCE & SAFETY

- 14.1 Competitors are required to have an adequate line for purposes of towing as defined in 8.2.
- 14.2 Valid third-party liability insurance is required for any boat with an inboard or outboard motor.
- 14.3 All competitors under age 18 as of September 8<sup>th</sup> must have a completed RYC Waiver on file or may upload a signed waiver to Regatta Network.

## 15 CONTACT INFO

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## Notice to Competitors

### Below are more details regarding the regatta:

- Signal boat and mark-set boats
- Opening ceremony and Welcome BBQ
- Fleet dinner Saturday night
- Social media coverage leading up to and during the event
- Professional photographer/videographer on site throughout the event
- Race Committee led by US Sailing certified International PRO with small boat experience
- Daily and regatta awards

### Boat Setup, Storage, Parking and Facilities

Within the RYC gate there is room to set up, rig, and store all the Aeros for this event. In addition, there is car parking and space for trailers. The Club grounds are surrounded by a fence with a gate that is closed and locked at night. The Richmond Police Department routinely patrols the area.

Our clubhouse contains ADA compliant bathrooms, and two deck areas with tables and chairs. Electrical outlets are available, as well as a race management office, and a private room for race committee meetings or protest hearings. There is a comfortable bar and lounge area with a fireplace, and a kitchen with a chef and staff serving dinner Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights.

Our Club has full bathrooms with hot-water showers. There is a work area on site where boats can be repaired during the event. There is an outdoor area for spot measuring boats and an indoor area for sail measurement.

Our large upstairs dining room can be opened to an outdoor deck with a view of San Francisco. With a public address system, it's the perfect location for opening and awards ceremonies.

### Boat Launch Area

RYC has two wide ramps to the floating dock plus two hoists. Coach and spectator boats can be launched from the hoists or by using a ramp at the nearby Richmond Marina Bay, 10 minutes from RYC. Arrangements can be made through the RYC Harbor Master for coach's and spectator boats to remain in the water, tied up to the dock or in a guest slip overnight.

### Sailing Area

The Club is in a sheltered harbor within a breakwater, so sailing to the race course involves sailing west around a breakwater then southeast to the main part of the San Francisco Bay. Sailing time to the racecourse depends on the wind, which is generally light in the morning.



RYC has a range of race course options. Racecourse options include:

- “Southampton Shoal,” where Angel Island can provide some protection, on particularly windy days, from the westerly wind that typically comes directly from the Golden Gate. Note that there is a very busy shipping lane just southwest of Southampton Shoal.
- “Olympic Circle,” which is located farther south in the “slot,” a windier part of the bay.

The following chart shows the approximate location for those race areas.





## Airports and Transit

San Francisco International Airport is 31 miles from RYC.

Oakland International Airport is 24 miles from RYC.

Both airports are serviced by Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), with a station 10 minutes from RYC by car.

## Accommodations

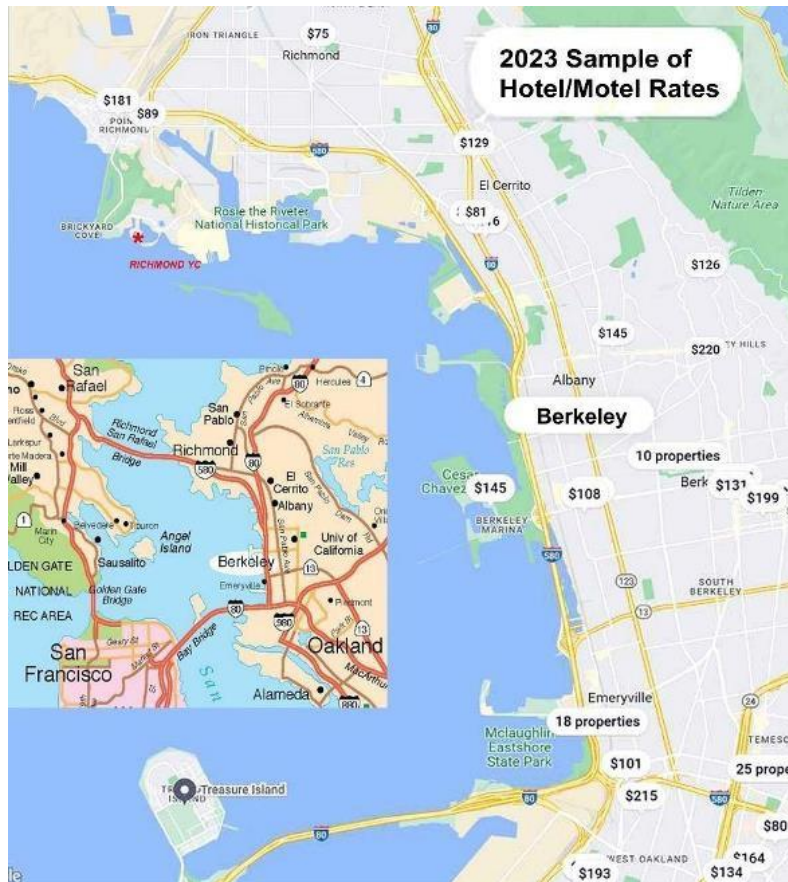
The San Francisco Bay Area has no shortage of accommodations. Short-term rentals can be found on Airbnb and VRBO websites. Hotels right by RYC are limited, but there are many within a 15-minute drive. This map shows hotel and motel rates in the area during 2023.

There will be limited free housing with local club members in homes, condos, or boats in the harbor. And the Club has limited space for RVs throughout the event. These spaces will be assigned on a first-come first-served basis and space is not guaranteed.

## Charter Boats

We plan to have a limited number of charter boats available.

## Map of the Bay Area



## Contacts

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