

# Visitor Information for the 2024 RS Aero North American Championship



*Behind the breakwater in Potrero Reach on the way to the racing area*

## General Information

This document provides supplemental but *unofficial* information for competitors and visitors for the 2024 Aero North American Championship at Richmond Yacht Club.

*Please note that the official **Notice of Race** is a separate document that will be available on the RYC Web site.*

This regatta is the **2024 North American Aero Championship**. There will be divisions in the Aero championship for all rig sizes and for youth, female, master, and grand master sailors.

The regatta also serves as the **2024 US Sailing Singlehanded Championship**. Male contestants will compete for the **O'Day Trophy** in the RS Aero 7, and female contestants will compete for the **Helen Hanley Trophy** in the RS Aero 5.

The O'Day Trophy dates back to 1962, when friends of George D. O'Day dedicated a USYRU (now US Sailing) trophy in his name for a national singlehanded championship. Initially sailed as a mixed event, a separate division was added in 2011 and the winner of the women's division is now awarded a trophy in honor of Helen Wills Hanley.

**Race Dates:** September 6-8, 2024. Nine races are scheduled.

**Host Country:** United States of America

**Venue:** Richmond Yacht Club (RYC)

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Website: <https://www.richmondyc.org>

Updated regatta information will be available on the RYC Website:

<https://www.richmondyc.org/default.aspx?p=.NETEventView&ID=201713>

Located on San Francisco Bay, RYC is approximately 20 miles from downtown San Francisco.

The management and regatta offices are located on the property and will be open and staffed throughout the event.

**Charter Boats:** We plan to have a limited number of charter boats available.

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## About Us

San Francisco Bay is recognized as one of the most beautiful and challenging sailing venues in California and has been host to a multitude of world-class sailing events. Richmond Yacht Club has an ideal location on the Bay and will be an excellent host for the Aero North American Championships for many reasons, including:

-  Record of hosting many successful national & international regattas
-  Easy and safe access to San Francisco Bay offering sailors diverse conditions
-  Two ramps to floating docks and two hoists
-  Water hoses for boat wash down
-  Dock and slip space for support boats
-  Comfortable facility with showers and a large dining room that opens to an outdoor deck with view of San Francisco Bay
-  Well organized and experienced Regatta Management team
-  Large group of volunteers ready to provide support services on and off the water
-  On site Wi-Fi and multimedia capabilities
-  World class shops, restaurants, art galleries, and museums in the greater Bay Area













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## Average Weather in Pt. Richmond in September

-  Daytime air temperature in September: 70° F (21° C) on land, cooler on the water
-  Nighttime air temperature: 56° F (13° C)
-  Water temperature: 57° F (14° C), appropriate sailing gear (wetsuit or drysuit) is required
-  Rainfall: negligible
-  Wind: 8–22 knots expected; venue can be adjusted

## Regatta Details

What we are offering:

-  1 1/2 days for spot measurements and registration on Wednesday and Thursday, prior to the regatta. Boats are subject to random inspection throughout the regatta
-  Coaches and coach boats must register with and be approved by the Race Committee
-  Practice day Thursday prior to the official races
-  3 full days of racing Friday through Sunday
-  On-site receiving and storage of containers
-  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 PRO with small boat experience
-  Daily and regatta awards

## Registration

Register online at Regatta Network:








[https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27952#\\_home](https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27952#_home)

[https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_registration\\_form.php?regatta\\_id=27952](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=27952)

To compete for the US Sailing Championship, you must also complete the US Sailing Waiver:

<https://www.jotform.com/form/211036206221134>

## Entry Fees

-  \$250.00 USD – Early Entry, end date May 31, 2024
-  \$275.00 USD – Entry, June 1, 2024 – July 31, 2024
-  \$300.00 USD – Late Entry, August 1, 2024 – September 4, 2024
-  10% discount for competitors traveling over 750 miles (yes, including Seattle)
-  US Sailing Membership is required in order to be eligible for the US Sailing Championship for the O'Day and Helen Hanley trophies
-  Membership in the RS Aero Class Association is required. You can sign up here:  
<https://www.rsaerosailing.org/index.asp?p=membership>
-  Entry fee includes racing, boat and vehicle parking (campers are OK), daily and regatta awards, and one ticket for the Saturday Fleet Dinner

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## 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, container storage, 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.
- "Berkeley 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.

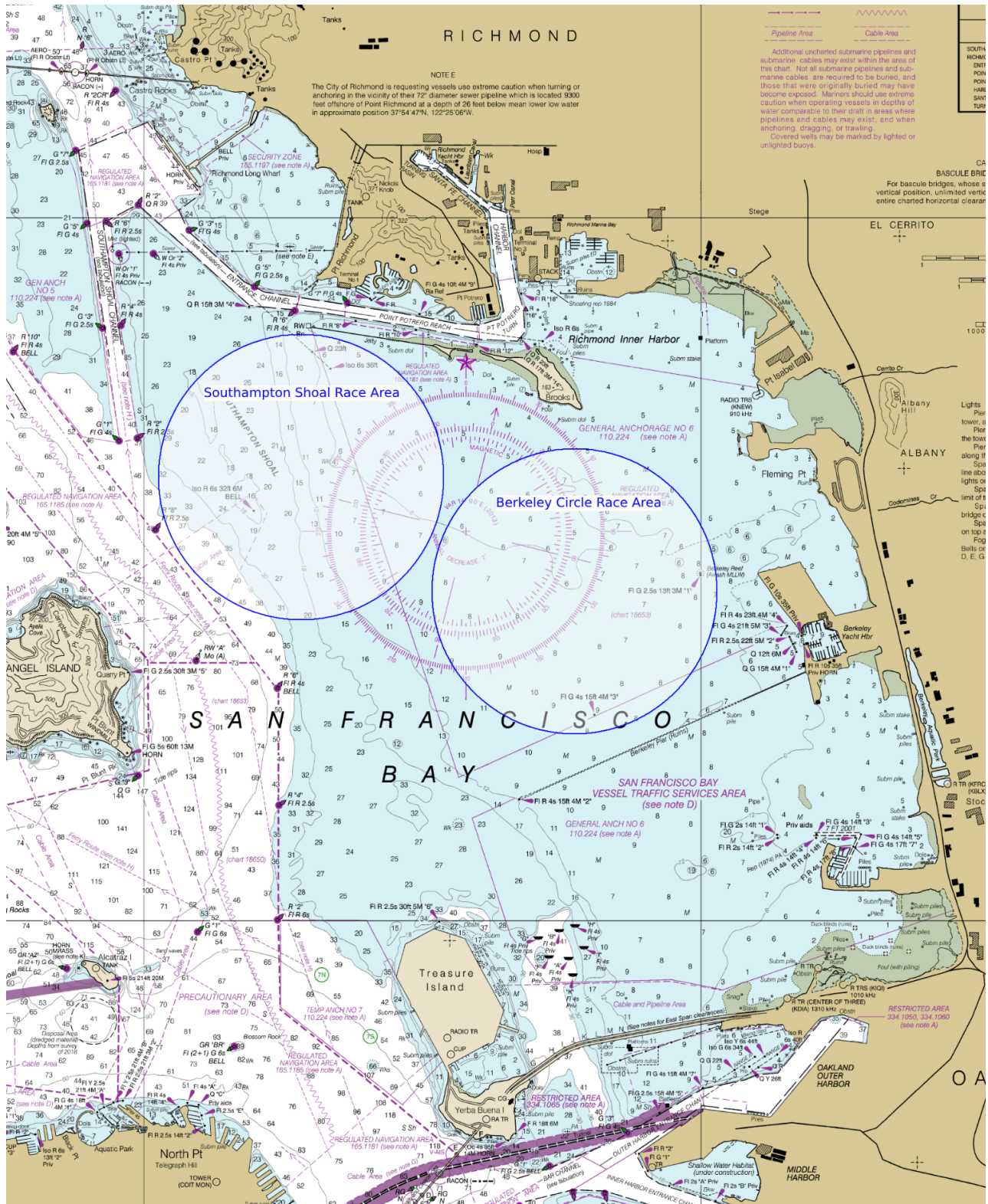


Chart of central San Francisco Bay and race course areas

## Airports and Transit

San Francisco International Airport is 31 miles from RYC.

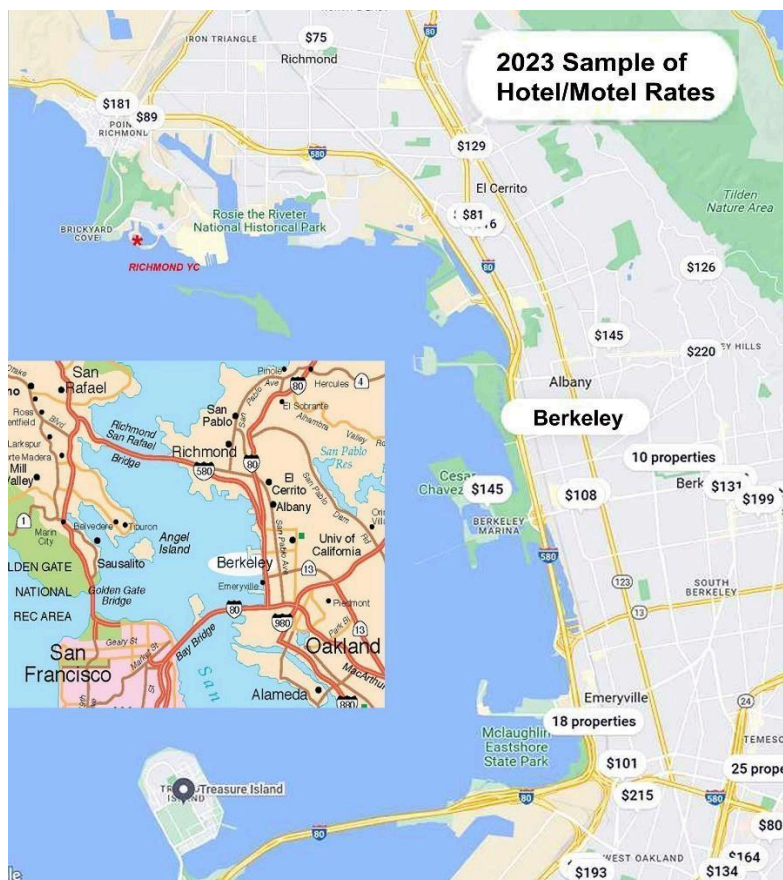
Oakland International Airport is 24 miles from RYC.

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.



Map of the Bay Area



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## A Sample of National and International Regattas Hosted by RYC

Finn US Olympic Trials, 2000

Etchells World Championship, 2004

International 14 US Nationals, 2008

US Junior Women's Single-Handed Championship (Leiter Cup), 2011

ILCA (Laser) Masters North American Championship, 2012

International Canoe World Championship XIX, 2014

29er US National Championship, 2015

ILCA Masters North American Championship, 2016

International 14 North American Championship, 2017

International 14 World Championship, 2018

49er and 49er FX North American Championship, 2018

US Junior Women's Single-Handed Championship (Leiter Cup), 2019

Moore 24 National Championship, 2020

ILCA Pacific Coast Championship, 2021

Express 27 National Championship, 2022

US Open Sailing Series, 29er & ILCA, 2023

Multihull Invitational, 2023 and annually since 2012

## Annual RYC Regattas

RYC's annual schedule includes a 4-day midwinter dinghy series held on 3 race courses, as well as 2 major regattas each for dinghies and keelboats.

The Big Dinghy Regatta in April and the Totally Dinghy Regatta in September usually draw 60 or more boats with racing on 3 race courses. Smaller boats like RS Teras and El Toros race behind the breakwater, while RS Aeros, ILCA Dinghies, International 14s, Snipes, Thistles, Wylie Wabbits, etc. race out in the Bay on or near Southampton Shoal.

The Big Daddy Regatta every March draws over 70 boats in multiple keelboat classes for 2 days of racing. The Great Pumpkin Regatta ends our summer season and typically draws over 100 keelboats for 2 days of racing on Southampton Shoal and the Berkeley Olympic Circle. In addition to a themed Halloween party Saturday night, Sunday's racing includes a contest for the best crew costumes.

*Through the years, activities at RYC echo our motto:  
THIS CLUB WAS BUILT FOR FUN  
Enjoy yourself, it's later than you think!*

## Welcome to Richmond Yacht Club

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wOALtfWimLk>

## Community Outreach

Richmond Yacht Club is well known as a club that promotes sailing in the San Francisco area. Twice per year, we offer "Sail A Small Boat Day," a free event when we invite the public to the club to sail a variety of boats.

## We Hope to See You in September

We appreciate your interest in entering the RS Aero North American Championships in September 2024. We are confident that we can provide you with a world-class event.



*The morning calm on Southampton Shoal*

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