



Organizing Authority:

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2026 YRA Beginner's Race March 14, 2026

Notice of Race (NoR)

The notation '[DP]' in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of the *rule* may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a *rule* means that a boat may not protest another boat for a breach of that *rule*. This changes *RRS Rule 60.1(a)*.

1 RULES

- 1.1 This event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Each Crewmember shall have a life jacket that is USCG or ISO approved or meets the ocean requirement of 33.7 lbs of buoyancy. Belt packs are not allowed.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The series is open to boat owners who have registered for the YRA Intro to Sailboat Racing seminars organized by the YRA.
- 2.2 Classes are defined as follows:

Class	Description
Non-Spinnaker Multihull	Multihulls sailing without a spinnaker
Non-Spinnaker Monohull	Monohulls sailing without a spinnaker

- 2.3 Boats shall enter online at <https://luma.com/8fsxd14/>
- 2.3.1 No entries will be accepted after 1000 Friday, March 13, 2026.

3 FEES

- 3.1 Entry fees are as follows:

YRA Beginner's Race	\$0.00
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4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1

Date	Race Area	1st Warning	Approx Distance
3/14/26	In shallow waters between Richmond and the Berkeley Pier, East of Angel Island (<i>See Sailing Instructions for specific race area description</i>)	1200 hrs	2 to 4 nm

- 4.2 There will be 1 or 2 practice starts, and 1 scheduled race.
- 4.3 A skippers meeting will be held on Thursday March 12th at 1900 hrs via zoom. For those that cannot make it in person a link to the zoom call will be emailed to competitors.

5 EQUIPMENT

- 5.1 All boats shall meet the *YRA of San Francisco Bay In the Bay Equipment Requirements* found at: <https://yra.org/equipmentrequirements-2/>.

6 COURSES

- 6.1 The course to be sailed, the specific starting and finishing location, and the mark descriptions for all courses will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 1700 hrs on Thursday, March 12th, 2026, on the YRA Website at <https://yra.org/into-to-racing-series/>.

8 COMMUNICATION

- 8.1 The Official Notice Board is located at: <https://yra.org/into-to-racing-series/>.
- 8.2 The VHF channels used by the Race Committee for broadcasts will be stated in the SI.
- 8.3 [NP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on the channel stated in the SI.
- 8.4 A coach boat will make and receive transmissions related to the race, which will be available to all competitors via VHF radio.

9 SCORING

- 9.2 Time allowances will be calculated using the Time on Time (TOT) method for all classes.
- 9.2.1 $650/(550 + \text{PHRF})$ will be used as the Time Correction Factor (TCF) when scoring the race using regular NCPHRF Ratings.
- 9.5 The YRA will assign a boat's PHRF Rating using the Published NC PHRF Base Ratings list.

10 PRIZES

- 10.1 Prizes will be given based on the following:
- 10.1.1 First prize for one or more starters in a fleet.
- 10.1.2 Second prize if four or more starters in a fleet.
- 10.1.3 Third prize if seven or more starters in a fleet.
- 10.2. All prizes will be distributed at the year-end YRA Trophy Party, held in the fall.

11 RISK STATEMENT

- 11.1 *RRS Rule 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.**

12 INSURANCE

- 12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 13.1 For further information please contact The Yacht Racing Association at info@yra.org or 415-771-9500.