

ROYAL SAVAGE YACHT CLUB  
and  
POINT BAY MARINA

DIAMOND ISLAND REGATTA  
Saturday August 19, 2017

• NOTICE OF RACE •

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Welcome to the Royal Savage Yacht Club's 2017 racing season! Racing in the Diamond Island Regatta is open to members and non-members of RSYC.

The Royal Savage Yacht Club is located at Point Bay Marina, Charlotte, VT 05445, overlooking Town Farm Bay.

If you have questions about the RSYC racing program or Point Bay Marina facilities, contact one of the following:

- RSYC – [rsyc.org](http://rsyc.org)
- RSYC Commodore – Gary Russell [rsyccommodore@gmail.com](mailto:rsyccommodore@gmail.com)
- RSYC Regatta Chair & Regatta Registration – Steve Koch [kochboats@gmail.com](mailto:kochboats@gmail.com)
- Point Bay Marina – Todd Smith at [skipper@gmavt.net](mailto:skipper@gmavt.net) or 802-425-2431.

**2.0 RULES**

**2.1** This regatta is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). For all RRS relevant to this Regatta, US Sailing prescriptions will apply.

**2.2** After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with repetitive sounds at least four (4) minutes before the "AP" is lowered. This changes RRS Race Signals

**2.3** Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS Rules 29.1, except for the following: The Race Committee may attempt to notify premature starters by hailing and/or by calling on channel 8. However, failure to hail or call any or all boats(s), or failure of any boat(s) to hear or receive such hail or call will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

**2.4** General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2 and 30, except for the following: If a General Recall is made, classes that have not been recalled and not started shall start as though the recall(s) had not been made. Immediately after the last scheduled class has started, the recalled classes will start in the order that they were recalled. This changes RRS 29.2 and 30.

**3.0 RACING AREA**

The racing area will include southern Lake Champlain and Town Farm Bay.

#### **4.0 SAFETY**

**4.1** All boats shall carry equipment required by the US Coast Guard. The ultimate responsibility for the safety of the vessel and her crew rests with her captain and individual participants who shall call the Coast Guard for emergencies. By entry in a Royal Savage Yacht Club event, each participant accepts all risks of that event and agrees that Royal Savage Yacht Club will not be held responsible for any injury to personnel or loss to vessels or gear.

**4.2** Decision to Race. “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or not to continue *racing* is hers alone” (from *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020*, Part 1.4).

**4.3** When the wind is sustained at 25 knots or over and/or severe weather is predicted for race time, the Race Committee will consult with the Regatta Chair or his/her substitute before starting that race.

#### **5.0 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

**5.1** In order to race and be scored, all participants in the Diamond Island Regatta must complete and submit to RSYC a race registration form and shall have a valid PHRF rating assigned by the Lake Champlain PHRF Committee. A PHRF rating form may be found on the RSYC website at <http://rsyc.org/fast-sail-program/>.

**5.2** Racing is free for RSYC members and members of LCYC, MBBC, & VSC. Guest racers who are not members of any of those clubs may race for free as well.

**5.3** Register for the Regatta online at <http://rsyc.org/diamond-island-regatta/>. Check in will be at the RSYC tent at Point Bay Marina from 8:30 to 9:30 AM the morning of the race. To aid in planning please register as soon as possible. That way your boat can be entered in the scoring program and registration materials can be ready for you on race morning.

**5.4** Decisions about which class a boat will sail in will be made when the boat registers based on the information provided.

#### **6.0 ELIGIBILITY**

Decisions of the RSYC Regatta Committee regarding eligibility to race shall be final.

#### **7.0 CLASSES AND SCORING**

**7.1** *PHRF breaks for spinnaker boats are:*

Class A – below 81

Class B – 81-126 & displacement <7500 lbs (& Etchells or Sportboats)

Class C – 81-126 & displacement 7500 or greater

Class D – greater than 126.

*PHRF breaks for JaM boats are:*

Class A – 138 and below

Class B greater than 138.

7.2 Races shall be scored using the low-point scoring system as specified in Appendix A of current RRS. All races shall be scored using wind-indexed time-on-time.

**8.0 COURSES AND RACE MARKS**

The course will be displayed from the Race Committee boat in accordance with the current RSYC Sailing Instructions. Courses and locations of race marks are described in COURSES AND RACE MARKS, published in a separate document.

**9.0 STARTS**

<u>DIVISION &amp; CLASS</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>FLAG &amp; SOUND SIGNAL</u>	
Spinnaker B & D .....	1100.....	Purple up / 1 sound	Warning
	1101.....	"P" up / 1 sound	Preparatory
	1104.....	"P" down / 1 long sound	One-minute
	1105.....	Purple down / 1 sound	Start
Spinnaker A & C.....	1105.....	Light Blue up / 1 sound	Warning
	1106.....	"P" up / 1 sound	Preparatory
	1109.....	"P" down / 1 long sound	One-minute
	1110.....	Light Blue / 1 sound	Start
Jib & Main A & B.....	1110.....	Yellow up / 1 sound	Warning
	1111.....	"P" up / 1 sound	Preparatory
	1114.....	"P" down / 1 long sound	One-minute
	1115.....	Yellow down / 1 sound	Start

**10.0 SKIPPERS' MEETING:** 0930 hrs the day of the race, at the RSYC tent.

**11.0 OTHER:** Mooring or slip arrangements may be made in advance by contacting Todd Smith at Point Bay Marina or at [skipper@gmavt.net](mailto:skipper@gmavt.net) or 802-425-2431.

**12.0 AWARDS**

Trophies will be presented to the winner of each class at an awards ceremony at the club tent following the race, just prior to the annual Lobster Fest dinner.

**13.0 LOBSTER FEST REGISTRATION**

Racers are invited to the dinner and may purchase tickets at RSYC member prices of \$25. Please sign up for dinner early as this event sells out. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://rsyc.org/lobster-fest/> on or before Tuesday August 15th.

**14.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board prior to the race and will be available at the skippers' meeting. Any changes will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.