



Towing Plan

Competitors that have not made their own arrangements for towing will have some towing assistance available. There are two commercial areas to navigate. The first is just east of the channel to The San Francisco Yacht Club. In this commercial area, there are ferries that run between Tiburon and San Francisco, and Tiburon and Angel Island. The second area is the shipping channel east of Angel Island. This shipping channel has many oil tankers and barges. The wind can get light behind Angel Island when crossing the shipping channel, particularly in the morning. The morning crossing of the shipping channel is where we will have a tow available to those that have not made their own private arrangements.

Competitors that would like a tow need to get themselves past the first commercial area and heading towards the northeast corner of Angel island. This is the place where the wind typically goes light in the morning.

There will be at least two motor yachts offering tows;

Ion Eastbay 43 that is dark blue with a white house and fly bridge
Doghouse Bayliner 3988 that is all white

Each motor yacht will have two tow lines. Each tow line will have eight attachment loops spaced at 50 feet. The water is typically flat with little surge.

Competitors that would like a tow should plan to arrive at the northeast corner of Angel Island by **10:15 AM**. The tows will assemble, cross the shipping channel, then continue until there is enough wind to sail, or to the starting area, whichever comes first. It is our intent that the competitors receiving a tow will arrive at the starting area 11:00-11:15 AM

The tow will be provided on race days 9/26-9/30, but not for the practice race on 9/25.