



Welcome CONTENDER Sailors!

Last April the Santa Cruz Yacht Club was asked to host the 2016 Contender National and World Championship regattas. The Santa Cruz Yacht Club has hosted many major regattas: several 505 Worlds, Melges 24 Worlds, Tornado US Olympic Trials, Laser Worlds, Flying Dutchman Worlds, A Cat North Americans, Clipper Round the World Regatta, Moore 24 Nationals, Santa Cruz 27 Nationals, Santana 22 Nationals, Olson 30 Nationals, as well as a host of other events. You will find our city with its housing opportunities, the proximity to airports and numerous recreational venues a perfect fit for the 2016 Contender World Championship.



Santa Cruz, situated at the northern end of Monterey Bay, is known worldwide for its terrific weather, fantastic breezes and world-class sailing conditions. Monterey Bay is home to some of the most beautiful views in the world and is blessed with a myriad of wildlife. Our sailing venue is one of the cleanest on earth and is protected as the Gateway to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. It is well known for the surrounding mountains and gigantic old growth redwood forests. Only a short drive away are major attractions like San Francisco, Big Sur, Carmel, numerous state parks, world-renowned vineyards, micro-breweries, and art galleries to name a few.

On-the-water activities promise to be outstanding. There are few places on earth with better sailing conditions! We are certain all Contender sailors and their families will enjoy our splendid and exciting venue. There is a photo of the race area at the end of this welcome letter.

SCYC runs world-class events nearly every year and is proud to have a large pool of well-qualified race management, operations, and infrastructure volunteer personnel.

Spring is a busy time at the Santa Cruz Harbor.

- There will be lots of traffic in the harbour. Sport salmon season will be in full swing.
- **Tow-outs** will be required on race days.
- When out for a practice sail please stay on the right side of the channel.



On-the-water activities will be outstanding. Few places in the world enjoy better sailing conditions! However, the on-shore activities are going to require a little patience and creativity from competitors and regatta staff alike. Space around the harbour is quite limited, all types of space, but we're confident that by working together we will handle the challenge.

- Boats on dollies will be placed in our boat park. They will be parked bow-in between the trailer tongues of keelboats.
- Trailers will be stored in a designated Port District area about one mile from the boat park.
- Car parking within the harbor grounds is very limited, especially on weekends. Parking permits are available for **\$12.50** per day.

We all know that the social activities are one of the best parts of an event like this. Club based social activities include:



The yacht club bar will be open after every race.

Wednesday evening informal keelboat races: Head down the docks and catch a ride on a big boat; it's a great way to unwind after a day of Contender racing.

Wednesday Night BBQ: Purchase food from our galley and join our members at the outside grill to cook your own burgers, etc.

Join SCYC members on Fridays for a sit-down dinner, no reservations needed.

Nationals Opening Ceremony Dinner Thursday, April 21.

Worlds Opening Ceremony Dinner Monday, April 25

Worlds Competitors Dinner – Thursday April 28

Purchase extra dinner tickets either when you register on Regatta Network or when picking up your registration materials. They run out quickly!

- Nationals Opening Ceremony Dinner \$22
- Worlds Opening Ceremony Dinner \$18
- Worlds Competitors Dinner \$22



There is much to discover about Santa Cruz and Monterey Bay. A good place to start is online at:

- Visitor's Center <http://www.scccvc.org/>
- The Santa Cruz Harbor web site at: <http://www.santacruzharbor.org>

It is very important that you secure housing as soon as possible. We have a special arrangement with Kendall and Potter Property Management. They have a large inventory of houses and condos near the Santa Cruz Yacht Harbor.

Their inventory includes both fully furnished homes and condos from 2 bedrooms to 4 bedrooms. All are on or near the beach at affordable prices.

Identify yourself as a Contender competitor and contact them for a **free night** when reserving your house by visiting their web site www.montereycoast.com

Kendall & Potter Property Management, Inc.

522 Capitola Ave

Capitola, CA 95010

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In addition, there are numerous accommodations of every type in Santa Cruz and nearby locales, including hotels, townhouses, apartments, bed and breakfasts, camping facilities (**No camping is available at the Santa Cruz Harbor**), all available in town and in the surrounding mountains and state parks.

Some key sources for current lodging information can be found at:

<http://www.santacruzca.org/lodg-dine/campgrounds-rv-parks.php>

<http://www.scccvc.org/lodg-dine/santa-cruz-vacation-rentals.php>

<http://www.vrbo.com/>

<http://www.homeaway.com/>

<http://www.baileyproperties.com/>

Pictured on the right is the SCYC committee boat decked out for rechristening. Last fall it was renamed *The Ernie Rideout* in honor of one of the club's most cherished members.

It is an outstanding platform from which to run races.

SCYC hosted the Contender Worlds in 1986. The PRO was Dave Wahle, and Mark Starratt (USA) won the Worlds that year. It is an honor to have the class back in Santa Cruz 30 year later!



We look forward to seeing you in Santa Cruz!

SCYC Commodore



Chuck Murray

Event Manager



Charlie Roskosz

Principal Race Officer



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Additional Information Follows

The racing area



Wi-Fi is available near the regatta shed; select “Santa Cruz YC Guest Network”. No password is needed.

The SCYC restrooms and showers on the lower deck below the clubhouse are always open. The combination is **9000***.

A volunteer will meet those of you arriving with your boat and dolly on a trailer when you enter the parking lots on the SCYC (west) side of the harbor. The volunteer:

- Will assign a space in the boat park for your dolly and boat.
- Direct you to a storage area about a mile from the Boat Park for your trailer. You need to drive your trailer to that area as soon as you unload your dolly and boat.

On race days we will be using two launch ramps:

- The North Ramp is near the bridge adjacent to the University of California at Santa Cruz (UCSC) docks.
 - The UCSC docks are on the left side of the ramp. Do not use their docks.
 - *Velocity* is a large fishing and sightseeing vessel berthed to the right of the ramp. **Do not impede access to or park your boat in or near its slip.**
 - Pacific Yachting and Sailing provides keelboat lessons and charters. Students often helm their boats. Give them a wide berth.
- The South Ramp is near Aldo’s Restaurant. Take care not to come in contact boats in their berths when exiting and returning to the ramp.
- Volunteers will direct you to and from the ramps to make sure traffic around the harbor flows smoothly. You will sail away from the ramps immediately after launching. Volunteers will take your dolly and have it ready for you when you return.

Stand up paddleboards are frequently used in the harbor. Many are novices with little knowledge or experience regarding boat traffic. Give them lots of room.

Services in and around the harbor.

West Side of the Harbor (SCYC side of the harbor)

- Aldo's restaurant is at the entrance to the lighthouse and beach path and serves both breakfast and lunch. Their lunches feature seafood and Italian food.

East Side of the Harbor: (10 minute walk from SCYC, use stairs near the bridge)

- Johnny's seafood restaurant is located upstairs adjacent to the boat yard.
- The Crows Nest, Java Junction, and El Palomar restaurants are on the beach.
 - The Crows Nest has fine dining downstairs plus informal dining and bar upstairs. They also have a gift shop and deli in a building nearby.
 - Java Junction serves coffee, pastries, and sandwiches.
 - El Palomar serves a wide selection of Mexican food.

Murray Street and Seabright Avenue Intersection (10 – 15 minute walk from the Boat Park)

- West side Seabright Avenue:
 - Seabright Laundry
 - Betty Burgers
 - Seabright Brewery a microbrewery and also serves a wide variety of pub food.
 - Java Junction Coffee House has pastries and sandwiches in addition to coffee.
 - Engfer Pizza Works
- East side Seabright Avenue:
 - Day's Market – convenience store, wine & liquor, sandwiches, ice.
 - La Posta - fine dining, Italian food.
 - Seabreeze Café - breakfast and lunch.
 - Tramonti – family dining, Italian food.

Sailing Services

- Santa Cruz Sails at 104 Bronson Street #20, near the Seabright Avenue and Murray Street intersection, (831) 454-0868 will make every effort to provide overnight sail repairs.
- West Marine is located three miles from the harbor at 2450 17th Avenue, (831) 476-1800.