

CORTEZ RACING ASSOCIATION

A CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT CORPORATION



NOTICE OF RACE

MARCH MADNESS REGATTA

A PHRF-SD Championship Series Event

Saturday, March 14, 2020

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, except US Sailing Prescriptions to Rules 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.2 *Appendix T: Arbitration and Appendix V: Alternative Penalties*, will apply. See NoR 8.
- 1.3 The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR or SIs means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This modifies RRS 64.1.
- 1.4 The following rules will be modified in the Sailing Instructions:
 - RRS 35 *Time Limit and Scores*: There is a time limit of 5:00 pm for all racing.
 - RRS 44.1 *Taking a Penalty*: Change is shown in NoR 8.
 - RRS 55 *Trash Disposal*: Discarding biodegradable bands when setting a sail is permitted.
 - RRS 61.1(a) *Protest Requirements*: Protestor required to inform the RC at the finishing line.
 - RRS 62.1(a) *Redress*: Removes grounds for redress due to failure of hails for OCS boats or due to the PRO's decision regarding the rating assigned to a race.
 - RRS A2 *Scoring*: As described in NoR 9.2.
 - RRS 60.2, 63.1, and A5 are modified in the SIs to allow the race committee to disqualify a boat without a hearing for:
 - Infringing USCG Navigational Rule 9
 - Not having clearly visible sail numbers
 - Sailing through an obstruction.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all members of organizations affiliated with US Sailing.
- 2.2 All eligible boats must enter on-line at www.cortezracing.com, no later than 6:00 PM on Friday, March 13, 2020.
- 2.3 Late entries will only be accepted from CRA members. Late entrants may not check in by radio, but must provide to the R/C, in writing, the owner's name, DOB and zip code, boat name and type, sail number, class, and RLC and Buoy ratings.

3 FEES

\$40 Registration fee for non-CRA members, with a \$5 discount for USSA membership. No charge for CRA members.

4 CLASSES AND CLASS PENNANTS

- 4.1 The class numeral pennant must be flown from the backstay of all yachts when checking in, while racing, and when finishing.

4.2 CRA 2020 class breaks are as follows:

Class		Pennant
Class 1	PHRF Spinnaker RLC of -999 to -1	#1
Class 2	PHRF Spinnaker RLC of 0 to +75, where PF \geq 4.0	#2
Class 3	PHRF Spinnaker RLC of 0 to +75, where PF < 4.0, RLC of +76 to +86, RLC of +87 to +140 with LOA \geq 42' and PF < 4.0	#3
Class 4	PHRF Spinnaker RLC of +87 to +140 with LOA < 42'	#4
Class 5	PHRF Spinnaker RLC of +141 to +999	#5
Class 6	Non-Spin All Ratings	#6
Class 8	Multi-hulls All Ratings	#8
One-Design Classes	Separate one-design classes of 5 or more entries	

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Two races are scheduled.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 11:55 AM. The warning signal for the second race will be as soon as possible after the completion of the previous race.
- 5.3 No warning signal for a race will be made after 3:30 PM.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND COURSES

The sailing instructions and course chart will be available by 5:00 PM on Friday, March 13, at www.cortezracing.com.

7 VENUE

- 7.1 The starting area is in the vicinity of the ½ mile marker mid-Harbor Island.
- 7.2 The racing area covers the general locale known as San Diego Bay. For navigation, refer to NOAA Chart #18773, San Diego Bay.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1 PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT
For all classes, the first two sentences of *Rule 44.1* are changed to: *'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing or rule 31. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'*
- 8.2 PENALTY TAKEN AFTER A RACE
After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the race office that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply, and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 9.2 Each boat's score shall be the total of her race scores. No score will be excluded.
- 9.3 PHRF "RLC" ratings will be used as the default for scoring all races and to determine class breaks. However, the PRO may elect, on a race-by-race basis for

each class, to use the “Buoy” ratings, should conditions permit. PHRF non-spinnaker offsets will not be used for scoring.

- 9.4 The PRO’s decision regarding the rating assigned will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1 (a).

10 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. [DP]

11 PRIZES

- 11.1 Race results will be announced at the after race party at **Fiddler’s Green Restaurant** and published on the CRA web site.
- 11.2 Regatta prizes will be awarded using the listed procedure: one prize in each class of 2 - 4 boats, two for 5 - 7 boats, three for 8 or more, based on the number of starters in the class.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. The race organizers (CRA, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or an other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors release all claims they may have against CRA and its officers, directors, members, committees and employees for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. Competitors shall be responsible for damage or injury caused by their breach of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* or applicable governmental rules for the avoidance of collision.

13 POST RACE ACTIVITIES

Meet ASAP after the race for refreshments, results, and re-hashing of the day at **Fiddler’s Green Restaurant, 2760 Shelter Island Dr, (619) 222-2216.**

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

Questions may be addressed to the R/C Chair at sailorcookie@cox.net or (619)852-5010.