

# NEWPORT TO ENSENADA INTERNATIONAL YACHT RACE April 15-17, 2011



# Newport Ocean Sailing Association Newport Beach, CA

# **NOTICE OF RACE**

The organizing authority for the Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race is the Newport Ocean Sailing Association (NOSA), PO Box 7485, Newport Beach, CA 92658.

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 This race will be governed by the rules as defined in the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012.
- 1.2 The following prescriptions of the United States national authority, US SAILING, that will apply are stated in full below:
  - 1.2.1 <u>Rule 68 Damages</u>. US SAILING prescribes that:
    - (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not by that action alone admit liability for damages.
    - (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US SAILING Appeals authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
    - (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of "assumption of risk" for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.
  - 1.2.2 <u>Rule 76.1 Exclusion of Boats or Competitors</u> US SAILING prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason, or for the reason of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.
  - 1.2.3 <u>Rule 76.3 Exclusion of Boats or Competitors</u> US SAILING prescribes that a boat whose entry is rejected or cancelled or a competitor who is excluded from a race or series shall, upon written request, be entitled to a hearing conducted by the protest committee under rules 63.2, 63.3, 63.4 and 63.6.
  - 1.2.4 <u>Appendix F, Procedure for Appeals and Requests</u> See US SAILING RRS Appendix F for full text http://www.ussailing.org/rules/documents/2009-2012%20Prescriptions%20FINAL CLN.pdf
- 1.3 For boats with movable ballast, rule 51 is waived, but only with respect to the shifting of their declared and measured ballast, and rule 52 is also waived, but only with respect to the shifting of that ballast. All ballast systems shall also be capable of manual operation.
- 1.4 National letters of country identification are not required. This changes rule 77 and rule G.1. (b).
- 1.5 The notification requirements of rule 61.1 are satisfied for all filed protests other than Part 2 RRS protests by posting protests pending on either the Official Race Results Board or the Official Notice Board adjacent to the Official Results Board, or both. This changes rule 61.1.
- 1.6 The Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Southern California (PHRF) Marine Industry Racer (MIR) rule shall not apply to boats racing in the MAXI class. For all other boats racing in the PHRF fleet, the MIR rule shall apply.
- 1.7 Cruising classes are subject to additional rules as set forth in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.8 In addition to complying with their class and equipment rules:
  - 1.8.1 All boats shall carry a GPS.
  - 1.8.2 All monohulls shall comply with the PHRF Race Category 1 Standard Equipment List.
  - 1.8.3 All multihulls shall be Ocean Racing Catamaran Association (ORCA) members in good standing and shall comply with the ORCA equipment list as detailed in the current ORCA bylaws.

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1.8.4 NOSA recommends that all competitors comply with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Race Category 3 Monohulls with Life Rafts or Race Category 3 Multihulls with Life Rafts. A link to the ISAF Special Regulations, and the ORCA and PHRF Equipment Lists can be found on the NOSA website.

### 2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Competitor advertising will be restricted as follows: no advertising other than that allowed under ISAF Regulation 20.9 will be allowed.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the Organizing Authority in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4.

### 3. FLEETS AND CLASSES RACING

The following fleets are invited to participate in this race:

- 3.1 Ocean Racing Catamaran Association (ORCA), which may be comprised of ORCA classes, as well as classes within classes, such as XS.
  - 3.1.1 XS boats will race in their assigned ORCA class. Additionally, they will be scored against each other.
- 3.2 Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Southern California (PHRF) which may be comprised of MAXI classes, SPRIT classes, SPORT classes, ANCIENT MARINER classes, PHRF classes, and CRUISING classes, as well as classes within classes, such as IRC, Double-Handed, All Female Crew, and ORR as determined by NOSA.
  - 3.2.1 MAXI class boats have a PHRF Base Offwind Course (OWC) Rating of -45 or lower.
  - 3.2.2 SPRIT class boats have a retractable bow sprit, which may articulate, and are not designated as a SPORT class boat.
  - 3.2.3 SPORT class boats are monohulls capable of planing (see NOSA website for SPORT boat list).
  - 3.2.4 ANCIENT MARINER boats are traditionally-constructed wooden-hull boats.
  - 3.2.5 CRUISING class boats have a PHRF Base OWC Rating of 40 or higher and a Performance Factor less than 1.8. Cruising class boats are subject to additional rules as set forth in the Sailing Instructions. Cruising classes may be comprised of:
    - 3.2.5.1 SPINNAKER classes boats that carry one or more spinnakers as defined in rule 50.4.
    - 3.2.5.2 GENNAKER classes boats that carry one or more gennakers. A gennaker is a cross between a genoa and a spinnaker. It is asymmetric like a genoa, but is not attached to the forestay over the full length of its luff. The gennaker is attached only to the stem fitting or to a pennant attached to the stem fitting. The pennant shall not exceed 10% of the "I" measurement.
    - 3.2.5.3 NON-SPINNAKER classes boats that do not carry spinnakers or gennakers.
  - 3.2.6 DOUBLE-HANDED boats will race in their assigned class. Additionally, they will be scored against each other. Double-handed boats shall have only two persons on-board. This changes PHRF Class Rule 10.5.
  - 3.2.7 ALL FEMALE CREW boats will race in their assigned class. Additionally, they will be scored against each other. All Female Crew boats shall only have females on-board.
  - 3.2.8 IRC boats have an IRC Certificate and will race in their assigned class. Additionally, they will be scored against each other. IRC boats will race in their IRC-rated configuration.
  - 3.2.9 ORR boats have an ORR Certificate and will race in their assigned class. Additionally, they will be scored against each other. ORR boats will race in their ORR-rated configuration.
- 3.3 One-Design Classes of boats of the same Manufacturer Type with five (5) or more entries may petition NOSA in writing to be scored as a class within a class. Petitions must be received by NOSA no later than March 31, 2011.
- 3.4 Class designations, starting assignments, and class identification backstay flags will be made available on the NOSA website no later than Friday, April 1, 2011.

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# 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 All boats racing shall have a current, valid Rating Certificate issued by the fleet handicapping authority of the classes and classes within classes in which they are competing.
- 4.2 The entry fee is \$175 through Thursday, March 31, 2011.
- 4.3 The entry fee is \$225 for any entry received later than Thursday, March 31, 2011.
- 4.4 An On-Line Entry Form and a "printable" Entry Form are available on the NOSA website. Entry must be received by NOSA no later than 1700 hours, Thursday, April 7, 2011, except as permitted at the sole discretion of the Race Chair.
- 4.5 If the Entry is cancelled (Withdrawn) prior to Thursday, April 7, 2011, \$75 will be refunded. After that date, no refunds will be made.
- Any boat that has its rating changed after having submitted an Entry Form shall provide NOSA with a new Rating Certificate as soon as possible, but in no case later than 1700 hours, Thursday, April 7, 2011, and shall contact NOSA to determine its appropriate class based on the new rating. Any boat whose rating is changed after 1700 hours, Thursday, April 7, 2011 shall race under its original Rating Certificate.
- 4.7 NOSA reserves the right to move a boat to any class which is deemed appropriate by NOSA.
- 4.8 NOSA reserves the right to refuse entry to boats under rule 76.1 (Exclusion of Boats or Competitors).
- 4.9 Competitors are reminded that US Customs and Border Patrol require a Customs Decal on all boats if it is thirty (30) feet or more in length. For information about obtaining a Decal, go to the NOSA website and click on the US Customs link. Competitors are also reminded that current Passports/Passport Cards are required for skipper and all crew members. For information about obtaining a Passport, go to the NOSA website and click on the Passports link.

#### 5. RATINGS

- 5.1 Boats competing in the ORCA Fleet shall be scored based on the boat's ORCA Coastal Rating.
- 5.2 Boats competing in the PHRF Fleet shall be scored based on the boat's PHRF Base Off-Wind Course (OWC) Rating.
- 5.3 Boats competing in a PHRF Cruising Classes shall be scored based on the boat's PHRF Base OWC Rating plus the total Cruising Class Adjustments listed in Appendix D, Section 4 of the PHRF Class Rules.
- 5.4 Boats competing in a PHRF Non-Spinnaker Cruising Class shall be scored based on the boat's PHRF Base OWC Rating plus the total Cruising Class Adjustments listed in Appendix D, Section 4 of the PHRF Cruise Rules plus the non-Spinnaker Offset listed on the PHRF Rating Certificate.

# 6. SCHEDULE OF THE RACE

The warning signal for the first start is scheduled for 1155 hours on Friday, April 15, 2011.

# 7. INSPECTIONS

- 7.1 NOSA may inspect any monohull boat that has finished the race for compliance with the PHRF Standard Equipment List for Category 1 Races, US Coast Guard Equipment, and the GPS referenced in NOR 1.8.1.
- 7.2 NOSA may inspect any multihull boat that has finished the race for compliance with the ORCA Equipment List for Coastal Race, US Coast Guard Equipment, and the GPS referenced in NOR 1.8.1.
- 7.3 Boats failing to comply with their Equipment List requirements may be protested and a penalty including Disqualification may be imposed.

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# 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the NOSA website no later than Thursday, March 31, 2011, and will be included in the Skipper's Packet.
- 9.2 Skipper Packets will be available starting Saturday, April 9, 2011 at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club. Check the NOSA website for the Skipper Packet pickup schedule.

### 10. THE COURSE

- 10.1 The race will start off Balboa Pier in Newport Beach, CA and finish off Ensenada, Baja Mexico.
- 10.2 For scoring purposes, the handicap distance is 125.5 nautical miles.

### 11. TIME LIMIT

The Time Limit is 1100 hours, Sunday April 17, 2011. All boats not finishing before the Time Limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes rule 35 and A.4.1.

#### 12. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.3 will be used for Part 2 violations. All other penalties will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

# 13. PRIZES

- 13.1 NOSA will present Perpetual Trophies as listed in an Attachment of the Sailing Instructions.
- 13.2 NOSA will present trophies based on the number of entries as follows:

One (1) to Five (5)

Trophy to 1<sup>st</sup> place

Six (6) to Ten (10)

Trophies to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places

Eleven (11) to Fifteen (15)

Trophies to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places

Sixteen (16) to Twenty (20)

Trophies to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> places

Twenty-One (21) or more

Trophies to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> place

# 14. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid combined single limit watercraft liability insurance in an amount not less than \$300,000.

**NUMBER OF TROPHIES** 

# 15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

**NUMBER OF ENTRIES** 

Competitors participate in this Race entirely at their own risk. See rule 4 (Decision to Race). The Organizing Authority will not accept liability for damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after this Race.

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# **16. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

By participating in the Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race, a competitor automatically grants to the organizers and its sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show from time to time at their discretion, any still or motion pictures and live, taped, or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her without compensation.

# 17. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

The Organizing Authority reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race. Any Amendments made will be posted on the NOSA website. The Notice of Race and any Amendments will also be posted on the Official Notice Board on the Flag Deck of Balboa Yacht Club no later than one week prior to the Race.

### 18. CONTACT INFORMATION

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