

NOTICE OF RACE

2007 29er US National Championship

04 - 08 July 2007
Santa Cruz Yacht Club
Santa Cruz, Ca USA

www.scyc.org

The 2007 29er US National Championship will be organized by the Santa Cruz Yacht Club, in cooperation with the United States 29er Class Association.

1. RULES.

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. All competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard approved life jacket while launching and while sailing. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. This changes RRS Part 4 preamble and 40.1. This change to the RRS will appear in full in the sailing instructions.
- 1.3. Wet suits are strongly recommended.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The US National Championship is open to all boats of the 29er class that meet the obligations of the Class Rules and the 29er US Class Association.
- 2.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form on line at www.scyc.org prior to **02 July 2007** (late entries will be accepted after 01 July 2007 until the closing of registration at 1200 06 July 2007).
- 2.3. The 29er, crew of 2, including helmsman will be used.
- 2.4. Crew substitution of the registered sailors is not permitted, except with the written permission of the race committee or protest committee.
- 2.5. All competitors must be fully paid current members of the US 29er Class Association, and members of a US sailing affiliated yacht club. The entry form contains membership information regarding joining the US National 29er Association.
- 2.6. All competitors (or their parent / guardian if under the age of 18) shall read and sign the Liability Waiver. The Liability Waiver will be available on the SCYC web site and at the time of registration. Signed waivers shall be handed in at the time of registration or may be mailed to the Santa Cruz Yacht Club. If mailed, the liability waiver must be received prior to the close of registration 06 July 2007.
- 2.7. All competitors under the age of 18 shall hand in a parent / guardian consent form. For the duration of the Championship, a responsible adult who is named in the parent guardian consent form shall accompany each sailor under 18 years of age. Parent / guardian consent form will be available on the SCYC web site.
- 2.8. Entry, measurement and registration must be completed prior to the close of registration at 1200 06 July 2007.

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3. FEES

3.1. The Entry Fee per 29er including two sailors will be two hundred twenty five dollars USD \$225 for entries received on or before 01 July 2007. For entries received after 01 July 2007 the Entry Fee will be two hundred seventy five dollars USD \$275. Entries shall be charged to Visa / MasterCard. Entry Fee covers the following expenses.

Use of launching facilities Santa Cruz Yacht Harbor

Parking fees for 29er boat trailer, dolly and 29er for the week of June 29 to July 8, 2007.

Camping fees for 4 days camping, July 5 – 8 at the Santa Cruz Yacht Harbor main lawn (no open fires, no camping before July 5, 2007)

Welcoming Dinner for Skipper and Crew Thursday July 5th 2007

29er Celebration Dinner skipper and Crew Saturday July 7th 2007

Commemorative Regatta Heavy Duty Hooded Chill Sweatshirt for Skipper and Crew

Additional Dinner tickets and Sweatshirts are available for purchase on line. Please purchase all your extra meals and sweatshirts at the time you pay your entry fee on line. Visa/MasterCard.

3.2 Auto parking passes may be pre purchased on line (see entry form). We strongly recommend purchasing your four-day parking passes on line at the time of entry into the Regatta. Parking passes will also be available at the time of registration at the Santa Cruz Yacht Club.

4. SCHEDULE

The regatta will consist of ten (10) races. The schedule is as follows

The Santa Cruz Yacht Club will hold an Intensive 29er training clinic all day Thursday July 5th. The clinic will be run by renowned 29er Coach Dan Brandt past 2 times 29er National and North American Champion who began sailing the 29er when it first appeared in the US. Dan has been professionally coaching for six years on San Francisco Bay. He plans to familiarize the attendees with the hidden dangers of Monterey Bay and how to sail fast and clean in this challenging open ocean event. Not to be missed. Sign up on line during your Registration \$50.00 per boat. 10 a.m. Launch Ramp near Junior Yard DAN BRANDT cell phone 1-415-497-1112 Dan welcomes your calls

Day	Date	Time	Event
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Wednesday	04 July	1200 - 1800	Equipment Measurement Junior Yard
Thursday	05 July	0800 – 1800 1000 - 1800 1000-1600 1255 1830	Equipment Measurement - Registration 29er Clinic – (extra charge of \$50.00 sign up on line) Launch Ramp Santa Cruz Yacht Club 29er Single Handed Championship (see separate notice of race and entry form) 3 races scheduled Welcoming Dinner SCYC Club House – Awards ceremony for the Santa Cruz Yacht Club 29er Single Handed Championship
Friday	06 July	0800-1200 1100 1255	Equipment Measurement - Registration Competitors meeting SANTA CRUZ YACHT CLUB 1st Warning – 3 races scheduled 29er US National Championship
Saturday	07 July	1000 1255 1830	United States 29er Ass. Annual Meeting. Santa Cruz Yacht Club First Warning 4 races scheduled 29er Celebration Dinner SANTA CRUZ YACHT CLUB
Sunday	08 July	1255 1700	First warning 3 races scheduled Awards Ceremony at SCYC Club House

No warning signal will be made after 1530 hours on 08 July 2007.

5. MEASUREMENTS

- 5.1. The Organizers may measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races.
- 5.2. Measurement shall initially take place during the same times as listed above.

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6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on 05 July 2007 at registration. Sailing instructions may be posted on the SCYC web site: www.scyc.org.

7. VENUE

- 7.1. Santa Cruz Yacht Club, Santa Cruz, Ca.
7.2. Sailing will take place approximately within a one and one half (1.5) mile radius from the west jetty of the Santa Cruz small craft harbor in the Northern Waters of Monterey Bay.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The courses shall be windward – leeward configuration that will utilize a leeward gate.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1. Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2

10. SCORING

- 10.1. The Low Point System of Appendix 'A' will apply.
10.2. 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
10.3. (a) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When from six to ten races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11. SUPPORT BOATS AND COMPETITORS

- 11.1. Support boats shall register with the Organizing Authority during the registration period, which ends at 1200 hours 06 July 2007.
11.2. Support boats shall be identified by flags provided the Santa Cruz Yacht Club; it shall be flown at all times during the regatta.
11.3. The Coach and Support boat appendix shall be in operation. (See appendix A attached.)
11.4. Competitors shall comply with Appendix A and Marine Operation instructions.
11.5. Marine Operations instructions will be provided to all support boats at registration. Support boats and competitors shall conform to these instructions.
11.6. Failure of a support boat to register, 11.1, or a breach of 11.2, 11.3, 11.4, or 11.5 shall be considered a breach of RRS 2, Fair Sailing, by the boats associated with the support boat, and is subject to protest by the race committee, protest committee, or a member of the organizing authority. The penalty applied to the boat or boats associated with the support boat shall be at the discretion of the protest committee and may not be excluded from their score.
This modifies rule 64.1c and A2.

12. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

- 12.1. Boats shall be kept at the assigned locations in the harbor.
12.2. Boats shall be launched at locations designated by the Organizing Authority.

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13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 13.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1. Prizes will be awarded at the end of sailing on 08 July 2007. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place. Special prizes will be awarded to the top three United States finishers. Special prizes will also be awarded to several categories chosen by the Santa Cruz Yacht Club.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1. Competitors participate in the Championship Regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race.
- 15.2. 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.
- 15.3. Skippers and crew will be required to sign waiver of liability during registration.

16. INSURANCE

- 16.1. The safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the sole inescapable responsibility of the owner/owners' representative.
- 16.2. The boat is required to hold adequate insurance including third-party insurance, and it is the owner or owners' representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to participating in this event.
- 16.3. No responsibility will be accepted by Santa Cruz Yacht Club, the United States 29er Class Association or any other party involved in the organization of the Regatta.

17. TELEVISION & PHOTOGRAPHERS' RIGHTS

- 17.1. Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

Appendix A

COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

1. Coach and support boats shall register with the race office during registration. They shall declare which boat or boats they are attached to.
2. Coach and Support boats shall keep clear of the racing area at all times during racing.
3. Any Coach or Support boat that interferes with another competitor or the racing in any way, including creating excess wash, or hinders an official boat carrying out its duties shall have their race boat or boats liable to a penalty at the discretion of the race committee or protest committee.
4. The penalty given by the race committee or protest committee is at their discretion, but shall be applied to the overall score and therefore not discarded.
5. No Coach boat or Support boat shall pass information in any way to a boat that is racing. RRS 41. Infringements of this will be taken very seriously
6. Coach and Support Boats shall communicate only with the boats they are registered to, and only by means of voice between races. Closed VHF or mobile telephone communication is prohibited.
7. Coach and Support boats shall display a flag, or other identification symbol, as may be required by the Race Committee.
8. There shall be no transfer of any goods or equipment except water, food and clothing until after the finish of the last race of the day between the 29er and their coach or support boats.
10. Any competitor may protest under this appendix.
11. Berthing fee shall be \$50.00 for the regatta. The fee includes end tie berthing and trailer storage.
12. All coach and support boats shall provide assistance to boats in need.

Appendix B

PRESS AND SPECTATOR BOATS

1. All Press and Official Spectator boats shall be registered with the Race Organizers during Registration.
2. Press and Spectator boats shall not interfere with the racing in anyway and shall stay at a distance outside the racecourse where their wake causes no problem.
3. The organizers may appoint one or more photo boats, which will be allowed within the racecourse. The position of these boats shall not be grounds for redress.
4. Press and Spectator boats shall display a flag, or other identification symbol as may be required by the organizing authority or race committee.
5. Berthing fee shall be \$50.00 for the regatta. The fee includes end tie berthing and trailer storage.