



BLUE MOON REGATTA

A Rare Event in Pursuit of a Race



A CRA and PHRF-SD Championship Event

A Pursuit Race in North San Diego Bay

Saturday, August 28, 2021



Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1 Local Advisory: All competitors are asked to observe USCG Navigational Rule 9, which in part reads, "A vessel shall not cross a narrow channel or fairway if such crossing impedes the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within such channel or fairway." RRS 60.2, 63.1, and A5 are modified to add that the Race Committee (RC) may disqualify a boat infringing this instruction without a hearing.
- 1.2 [DP] NAVAL and CRUISE SHIP PROTECTION ZONE: A naval protection zone exists in a radius of 500 yards ([CFR 165.2015](#)) around U.S. naval vessels greater than 100 feet in length, except when the large naval vessel is moored or anchored within a restricted area. All vessels within a naval vessel protection zone shall operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain a safe course and shall proceed as directed by an official patrol, and when within such zone, no vessel is allowed within 100 yards of a large U.S. naval vessel ([CFR 165.2030](#)). No vessel is allowed within 100 yards of a cruise ship ([CFR 165.1108](#)).
- 1.3 Entry into the NAS North Island Security Zones is prohibited. These zones include 100 yards around Pier Bravo ("ammo pier") and vessels moored to it ([CFR 165.1105](#)) and the aircraft carrier turning basin ([CFR 165.1104](#)).
- 1.4 Per RRS 42.3(i), competitors may use an engine or other propulsion method to avoid situations in SI 1.1 or 1.2, provided they gain no significant advantage in the race.
- 1.5 Add new rule 41(e): (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- 1.6 If the Race Committee boat is damaged because of a boat breaking a rule, that boat shall pay for the repairs.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 9:00am on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 10:00pm on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 In accordance with RRS 90.2 (c), oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water. A change is in effect when the Race Committee (RC) signal boat displays Flag L over A with one sound signal. This means come within hail of the RC boat to receive the oral changes to the Sailing Instructions.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Official notices and amendments will be available online through the [EVENT NOTICE BOARD](#) on this event's page on the [CRA](#) website.
- 3.2 On the water, the RC will monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 68. Please contact them to notify of a boat's intent to withdraw from racing per SI 16.1.
- 3.3 **In the event of an on-the-water emergency, first contact the US Coast Guard on VHF Channel 16 directly and immediately.**

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 One pursuit race is scheduled for Saturday, August 28, 2021.
- 5.2 The first warning is scheduled for 12:25pm.
- 5.3 Starting times for each boat, based upon course distance and RLC ratings, will be posted as an amendment to these sailing instructions after registration closes and before 9:00am on Saturday, August 28, on the online event site. The first start will be at 12:30pm.

6. ENTRIES & CHECK IN

- 6.1 [DP] Boats will have completed their "Check-In" when they check-in with and are acknowledged by the R/C, while clearly displaying their sail number and backstay pennant.
- 6.2 Check-In will commence when the "L" flag is hoisted.
- 6.3 Visual and radio check-in (VHF 68) are acceptable until the first Warning Signal. Visual check-in may continue after the first warning at the discretion of the R/C (but not within one minute of any start).

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The starting and finishing 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. COURSES

- 8.1 The Course Number will be displayed onboard the R/C boat no later than the first warning signal for the race. All boats will race the same course.
- 8.2 **Course #1:** Start(A) – Zs – 24s – 17 – Z - Finish (A) [10.8nm]
Course #2: Start(A) – Zs – 24s – 12 – Z - Finish (A) [13.3nm]
- 8.3 All marks listed are considered rounding marks. Marks are to be rounded to port unless they are followed by "s". Marks followed by "s" are to be rounded to starboard.
- 8.4 Be aware: the starting time for all but one boat will vary dependent on the chosen course!

9. MARKS

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| "A" | CRA YELLOW Inflatable, middle of Harbor Island |
| "Z" | CRA YELLOW Inflatable, Southeast of the Embarcadero, near Star of India |
| 24 | SD 24, red channel buoy, NOAA Chart #18773 |
| 17 | SD 17, green channel buoy, NOAA Chart #18773 |
| 12 | SD 12, red channel buoy, NOAA Chart #18773 |

10. THE START

- 10.1 The start will be conducted in accordance with RRS 26, except as modified by these sailing instructions. Starting times will be staggered according to PHRF handicaps. Starting times vary depending on length of course and are provided for each boat, for each of the two possible courses, as an amendment to the SIs.
- 10.2 The first Warning signal (green flag) will be at 12:25 p.m.
- 10.3 The first start will be at 12:30 p.m.

- 10.4 The preparatory signal will be hoisted for one minute, every 10 minutes after the first start.
- 10.5 The Starting Line will lie between a staff with an orange flag on the R/C vessel and an inflatable buoy (“A” Mark) near the R/C boat.
- 10.6 An inflatable distance buoy may be streaming from the R/C vessel and this buoy is considered part of the R/C vessel. For purposes of RRS 31.1 (Touching A Mark), this buoy is to be considered a permanent part of the starting mark.
- 10.7 Yachts shall keep clear of the starting area and vessels attempting to start, until within 5 minutes of her own start.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 After properly starting, a boat shall not sail through the starting line during a starting sequence. This ranks as an obstruction for the purposes of Part 2 of the RRS. Skippers in violation of this paragraph shall be subject to a DSQ imposed by the RC without benefit of a hearing. This modifies RRS 60.2, 63.1 and A5. *However, when either end of the starting line as defined in SI 10.5 is removed, there is no line and therefore no obstruction exists!*

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line is between a staff with a blue flag on the RC vessel at one end and the shoreside half-mile marker mid-Harbor Island at the other end. The finish line is not an obstruction at any time.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 RRS V1, Penalty at the Time of the Incident, shall apply: *“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 or Rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.’”*
- 13.2 RRS V2, Penalty Taken After a Race, shall apply: *“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 a race officer 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.”*

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 There is a time limit of 4:30pm for all racing. This changes RRS 35.
- 14.2 Boats not finished by 4:30pm will be recorded as DNF. This modifies RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15. HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1 RRS 61 is modified to add this additional requirement: A boat intending to protest shall report her intentions and the boat(s) being protested to the RC boat on station upon finishing or retiring and obtain RC acknowledgment. Radio reports of protests are only accepted from boats that are retiring from the race.
- 15.2 The Protest Time Limit expires 60 minutes after the RC boat docks. The Protest Time Limit will be posted on the online event notice board.
- 15.3 As there is no postrace party this month, protests may be filed electronically to Colleen Cooke, RC Chair, at sailorcookie@cox.net or (619)852-5010. Or, contact Colleen for further filing information.
- 15.4 An arbitration meeting may be held prior to a protest hearing according to RRS Appendix T for breaches of the rules of Part 2 or rule 31 where there is no damage or injury, if a USSA Certified Judge is available. Protests not resolved through arbitration will be referred to the Protest Committee for a hearing.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Informing the RC can be accomplished by either (a) sailing (motoring) past the RC vessel OR (b) radioing the RC vessel (VHF 68).
- 16.2 Notwithstanding any safety requirements, the ultimate safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner or charterer. He/she must do his/her best to ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. He/she must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He/she must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed, and that crewmembers know where it is stowed and how it is used.

17. RACE RESULTS & TROPHY AWARDS

- 17.1 Race results will be published on the online event page and on the CRA website. No official after race party this month.
- 17.2 Regatta prizes will be awarded using the listed procedure: one prize in each class of 2 - 4 boats, two prizes for 5 - 7 boats, three prizes for 8 or more, based on the number of starters in the class.
- 17.3 Regatta prizes will be awarded at the CRA End-of-Year Dinner, including the ***First Overall Winner*** award.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, *Decision to Race*. The race organizers (CRA, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any 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.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact Colleen Cooke, CRA Race Committee Chair, at (619)852-5010 or sailorcookie@cox.net.