

CORTEZ RACING ASSOCIATION

A CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT CORPORATION

HALLOWEEN REGATTA



Saturday, October 30, 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 <u>Local Advisory</u>: 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. RRS 90.3 is modified to add that this disqualification shall not be excluded.
- 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 100 yards around Pier Bravo and vessels moored to it (<u>CFR</u> 165.1105) and the aircraft carrier turning basin (<u>CFR</u> 165.1104) is prohibited.
- 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 as a result 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 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 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 <u>EVENT NOTICE BOARD</u> on this event's page on the <u>CRA</u> 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 18.1.
- 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 Two races are scheduled for all classes.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is **11:55am**. The warning signal for the second race will be as soon as possible after the completion of the first race.

6 ENTRIES & CHECK-IN:

- 6.1 [DP] Boats will have completed their "Check-In" when they check-in with and are acknowledged by the RC, 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 <u>may</u> continue after the first warning at the sole discretion of the R/C (but not within one minute of any start).
- 6.4 If you are in costume, please check-in at the RC boat for picture-taking and judging.
- 6.5 [DP] All boats shall have clearly visible sail numbers. Missing, improper, inconsistent, unclear, illegible, or numbers other than those used for Check-In, are not permitted and may result in being scored DNF. This modifies RRS Appendix A5.

7 CLASS STARTING ORDER

- 7.1 The class starting order for the first race will be as follows: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5&7(combined), 6, 8.
- 7.2 The RC may cancel or combine starts or start classes of boats while other classes are still finishing. It is the responsibility of a boat to start at her signaled start time. You may expect a gap of at least one minute between starting sequences.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The starting area is in the vicinity of the $\frac{1}{2}$ mile marker mid-Harbor Island.
- The racing area covers the general locale known as San Diego Bay. For navigation, refer to NOAA Chart #18773, San Diego Bay.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The racecourse number will be displayed onboard the RC boat no later than the first warning signal for each class. Courses may be posted and changed up to the warning signal for any class.
- 9.2 The course sheet will be posted as an amendment to these sailing instructions.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 See the course sheet for descriptions and locations of all marks. All marks listed are considered rounding marks.
- 10.2 The use of an autonomous mark will not be grounds for redress. Routine movement of autonomous marks will not be grounds for redress. This includes minor readjustments and marks returning to station after having been pushed away by a competitor. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line is between a staff with an orange flag on the RC vessel at one end and the course side of an orange autonomous or yellow tetrahedron mark near the RC boat at the other end.
- 11.2 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes. Otherwise, this may be seen as a breach of RRS 23.1.
- 11.3 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 11.4 As a courtesy, one minute prior to the first warning the RC will sound 4 horn blasts.
- 11.5 All boats are expected to keep a constant look-out for other boats. Some boats may be finishing as others are starting.

12 RECALLS

- 12.1 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will hail her sail number as soon as possible over a loud hailer and/or on VHF 68. It is the responsibility of each boat to start properly.
- 12.2 Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.3 A RC assist vessel may be stationed near the Pin Buoy end of the starting line and is also authorized to identify and hail premature starters.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish line is between a staff with a blue flag on the RC vessel at one end and the shoreside ½ mile marker mid-Harbor Island at the other end.
- 13.2 All boats are expected to keep a constant look-out for other boats. Some boats may be starting as others are finishing.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS V1, Penalty at the Time of the Incident, shall apply.
- 14.2 RRS V2, Penalty Taken After a Race, shall apply.

15 TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 If no boat in a class has finished by **4:30 PM** on the day of the race, the race will be abandoned for that class.
- 15.2 Boats not finished by 5:00 PM will be recorded as DNF. This modifies RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 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.
- 16.2 The Protest Time Limit expires 60 minutes after the RC boat docks. The Protest Time Limit will be posted on the event Notice Board.
- 16.3 Protests may be filed electronically to Colleen Cooke, PRO, at sailorcookie@cox.net or (619)852-5010. Protests may also be filed in person to any member of the CRA Board or the CRA Race Committee. Protests may also be brought to the RC at SWYC. The RC Signal boat this month, *Beach House*, is docked at SWYC in slip B-8.
- 16.4 The parties involved will be listed, in the order of filing, on the <u>Protest Hearing Schedule</u> on the event website and will be heard as soon as practicable, which may be another day. This posting constitutes the notice required by RRS 63.2. *Time and Place of the Hearing*.
- 16.5 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.

17 SCORING

- 17.3 PHRF "RLC" ratings will be used as the default for scoring all races. However, the PRO may elect, on a race-by-race basis for each class, to use the Buoy ratings, should conditions permit. Courses may be signaled with a "B" designation to indicate Buoy ratings are expected, but the final decision will be determined based on actual race conditions.
- 17.4 The PRO's decision regarding the rating assigned for scoring will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).
- 17.5 Boats with ORC ratings will receive dual scoring under both PHRF and ORC ratings. However, the PHRF-scored results will be used for trophy determination.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 [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). Failure to do this may result in entry rejection for other CRA races. If the RC vessel does not answer, leave the information with another race participant to avoid punitive action, or keep trying.
- 18.2 Not withstanding 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.

19 AWARDS

- 19.1 Race results will be published on the <u>CRA</u> web site.
- 19.2 Our wonderful sponsor, Doyle Sails, will provide prizes to the race winners.
- 19.3 Come to the after-race party at Fiddler's Green to see the winners of the costume competition.

20 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.

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