



**Southwestern Yacht Club,
Cortez Racing Association
&
Southern California Yachting Association**

Present the
**92nd Annual
SCYA Midwinter Regatta**

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Saturday, Feb. 19, Two Ocean W/L Courses
Sunday, Feb. 20, One Pursuit Race in SD Bay

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1 RULES

- 1.1 [NP] 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. RRS 90.3 is modified to add that this disqualification shall not be excluded.
- 1.2 [NP] 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 [NP] Entry into the NAS North Island Security Zone 100 yards around Pier Bravo and vessels moored to it ([CFR 165.1105](#)) 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 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 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 [EVENT NOTICE BOARD](#) on this event's page on both the [CRA](#) and [SWYC](#) websites.
- 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 20.1.
- 3.3 [DP] 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 phones.
- 3.4 **In the event of an on-the-water emergency, first contact the US Coast Guard on VHF Channel 16 directly and immediately. Then please contact a RC boat.**

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

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

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 There will be no signals made ashore. Any change in the race plan will be posted on the online [EVENT NOTICE BOARD](#).

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Saturday, Feb. 19	#1	Windward/Leeward	Coronado Roads	All Classes
	#2	Windward/Leeward (ASAP after race 1)	Coronado Roads	All Classes
Sunday, Feb, 20	#3	Pursuit	SD Bay	All Classes

7 ENTRIES & CHECK-IN

- 7.1 [DP] Boats will have completed their entry when they check-in with and are acknowledged by the RC while clearly displaying their sail number and class pennant.
- 7.2 Check-in will commence when Flag **L** is hoisted. Boats checking in shall pass the RC boat to starboard and hail with sail number and class. Check-in will be complete only when RC boat responds with that information.
- 7.3 There will be no radio check-in. Visual check-in may continue after the first warning at the sole discretion of the RC (but not within one minute of any start).
- 7.4 [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. RRS 60.2, 63.1, and A5 are modified to add that the RC may disqualify a boat infringing this instruction without a hearing.

8 CLASSES, CLASS FLAGS AND STARTING ORDER

- 8.1 Official class breaks are posted on the [REGATTA WEBSITE](#). Class flags are posted as an amendment to the NoR.
- 8.2 The expected class starting order of the first race on Saturday is: **0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 6**.
- 8.3 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.

9 RACING AREA

- 9.1 The start on Saturday will be approximately 1.5 nautical miles from Zuniga Light "Z" on an approximate compass bearing of 120° magnetic. The racing area covers the general locale known as the Coronado Roads.
- 9.2 The start on Sunday will be in the vicinity of SD Buoy 17. The racing area covers North SD Bay.

10 COURSES

- 10.1 Courses for classes in the Coronado Roads on Saturday shall be windward/leeward and will be selected from the course table shown on Attachment A.
- 10.3 Courses for the single, pursuit race on Sunday, along with the starting times for each boat, will be posted as an amendment to the SIs after registration is closed.

11 MARKS

- 11.1 For the ocean racing area, the windward mark (1) shall be yellow, located on the approximate compass bearing displayed from the RC boat. New marks, as provided in SI 14, will be orange.
- 11.2 The leeward gate (2s and 2p) shall be yellow marks located approximately 200 yards to windward of the start line.
- 11.3 The windward mark shall be rounded to port.
- 11.4 If one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall round the remaining mark to port.
- 11.5 For the bay racing area, all marks will be channel buoys and are considered rounding marks.
- 11.6 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).

12 THE START

- 12.1 The starting line is between a staff with an orange flag on the RC vessel and the course side of an orange mark near the RC boat.
- 12.2 [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.
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 As a courtesy, one minute prior to the first warning the RC will sound 4 horn blasts.

13 RECALLS

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 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).
- 13.3 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.

14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 14.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

15 THE FINISH

- 15.1 In the ocean racing area, the finish line will be between the course side of a green mark and a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC boat, leaving the RC boat to starboard. Should the mark not be present, boats are to pass close (within 30 yards) to the RC boat leaving the RC boat to starboard.
- 15.2 In the bay racing area, the finish line will be between the course side of an orange mark and a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC boat.

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1 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.'"*
- 16.2 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."*

17 TIME LIMIT

- 17.1 If no boat in a class has finished by **1630 PST GPS** on the day of the race, the race will be abandoned for that class.
- 17.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

18 PROTESTS

- 18.1 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.
- 18.2 Protests may be filed electronically to Protests@southwesternyc.org or on hard copy with the RC within 60 minutes of the docking of the RC signal boat. The Protest Time Limit will be posted on the [EVENT NOTICE BOARD](#).
- 18.3 The parties involved will be listed, in the order of filing, on the EVENT NOTICE BOARD and protests will be heard as soon as practicable. This posting constitutes the notice required by RRS 63.2, *Time and Place of the Hearing*.
- 18.4 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.

19 SCORING

- 19.1 Scoring will be accomplished according to NoR 10.
- 19.2 PHRF classes will be scored using Buoy ratings on windward/leeward courses.

20 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 20.1 [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).
- 20.2 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.

21 RACE RESULTS

- 21.1 Race results will be published on the [EVENT NOTICE BOARD](#) on this event's page on both the [CRA](#) and [SWYC](#) websites.
- 21.2 All racers are invited to enjoy the hospitality of the SWYC clubhouse after each day's racing. Light, after racing party food will be provided each day.
- 21.3 The awards presentation will be on Sunday, Feb. 20, at approximately 4pm at SWYC.

22 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, SWYC, 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 or SWYC 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.

23 FURTHER INFORMATION

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Attachment A – Ocean Courses

<i>Course</i>	<i>Marks</i>
1	Start, 1, Finish
2	Start, 1,2,1, Finish
3	Start, 1,2,1,2,1, Finish
4	Start, 1,2,1,2,1,2,1, Finish

