

**CORTEZ RACING ASSOCIATION**  
A CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT CORPORATION



*Presents the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual*  
**San Diego Beer Can Series**  
**10 Races**  
**May 24 thru August 2, 2023**  
Bye on July 5



## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including US Sailing Prescriptions, except US Sailing Prescription to Rule 63.2 will not apply.

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available by 5:00pm on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, on the online official notice board.

### 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located [here](#), or through the [CRA](#) website.  
3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 68.

### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This regatta is open to all members of organizations affiliated with US Sailing and limited to monohulls under 60'.
- 4.2 The following classes will be offered: *ORR Big Boats*, *PHRF Spinnaker*, *PHRF Non-Spinnaker*, *ORC Sport Boat*, *J/24*, and *J/105*. At least 8 boats are required to constitute a class, excepting the *ORR Big Boats*.
- 4.2.1 This regatta is open to all boats of the J/24 class.
- 4.2.2 This regatta is open to all boats of the J/105 class. J/105 Class Rule 3.4 regarding driver eligibility shall be Level 3: OPEN. J/105 Class Rule 3.6 regarding crew eligibility shall be Level C: OPEN.
- 4.2.3 PHRF classes are open to all boats with valid 2023 PHRF certificates or temporary ratings issued by [PHRF San Diego](#). In general, PHRF classes are for boats with a rating  $\geq$  zero.
- 4.2.4 A Sport Boat class will be established and will use the [ORC](#) rating system. Valid 2023 ORC<sup>i</sup> or ORC Club certificates are required. In general, sport boats will be < 40' and displace < 5000 pounds.
- 4.2.5 A Big Boat class will be established and will use the [ORR](#) rating system. Valid 2023 ORR certificates are required; not for ORR-Ez. In general, the Big Boat class is for boats with a negative PHRF rating with a LOA > 40'.
- 4.3 All boats must have a means of propulsion (e.g. engine or paddle) and be able to avoid and stay clear of large vessels in the channel and/or military vessels.
- 4.4 All eligible boats must register and pay on-line at the [event website](#) no later than midnight on May 17, 2023, to avoid a steep late fee.
- 4.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6 Entries close at 6:00pm on the Monday before each race and re-open on the Thursday following the race. Entries may otherwise be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.7 Entries will be limited in number to a maximum of 120 boats.



- 4.8 Official Class assignments for the regatta will be established and posted as an amendment to the SIs on the [online regatta event](#) site no later than noon on Monday, May 22, 2023. Provisional assignments may be posted earlier.
- 4.9 [DP] The class pennant must be flown from the backstay of all yachts (except J/24s and J/105s), or in a prominent manner on the stern, when checking in, while racing, and when finishing. Competitors shall supply their own numeral pennant.
- 4.10 [DP] All boats shall have clearly visible sail numbers of a contrasting color to the body of the sail. 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.

## 5 FEES

- 5.1 CRA members: \$150.00 until May 17, 2023.  
Other SDAYC members: \$375.00 until May 17, 2023.  
(CRA Regular Membership is \$200 annually. You do the math.)  
Non-SDAYC members: \$425.00 until May 17, 2023.  
USSA Members: \$10 discount
- 5.2 Late entries after May 17, 2023, may be accepted, based on availability, by paying a **\$100 late fee**.

## 6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 6.2 [DP] Sponsor pennants may be provided to skippers and if so must be flown from the backstay of all boats when checking in, while racing, and when finishing.

## 7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 One race scheduled on each of the following 10 Wednesdays: May 24, May 31, June 7, June 14, June 21, June 28, July 12, July 19, July 26, August 2. No race on July 5.
- 7.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each Wednesday is **5:40pm**.
- 7.3 **Beer Can Kick-Off Party!** Join us for Bites and Beer as we ramp up the excitement for the series.  
Wednesday, May 17, 2023, from 5:30pm – 7:30pm,  
**Koehler Kraft** - 2302 Shelter Island Dr, San Diego, CA 92106  
Race documents and **Mount Gay Rum** hats will be distributed.

## 8 VENUE

- 8.1 The starting area is in the vicinity of the ½ mile marker mid-Harbor Island.
- 8.2 The racing area covers the general locale known as San Diego Bay. For navigation, refer to NOAA Chart #18773 San Diego Bay.

## 9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 RRS Appendix T: *Arbitration* will apply.
- 9.2 RRS Appendix V: *Alternative Penalties* will apply.

## 10 SCORING

- 10.1 Ten races are scheduled in the series. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2 For every three races, one race will be excluded. Races abandoned by the RC will affect the number of excluded races.
- 10.3 Rule A5.3 applies.
- 10.4 The rating on a boat's certificate that is in effect at the time of a boat's entry will apply to all races in the series regardless of whether the boat's rating is changed during the series.
- 10.5 RLC ratings will be used as the default for scoring all PHRF classes and to determine class breaks. However, the PRO may elect, on a race-by-race basis for each class, to use the "Buoy" ratings, should conditions permit. PHRF classes will be scored using Time-on-Distance.



- 10.6 PHRF non-spinnaker offsets will be used for scoring the Non-Spin classes.
- 10.7 The Sport Boat class will be scored using the **Triple Number All Purpose Time-on-Time** ORC Scoring Option.
- 10.8 The Big Boat class will be scored using the **Closed Course Ratings by Wind Speed**. Enter all three TCFs based on the three possible wind strengths: Light, Medium, and Heavy.
- 10.9 The PRO's decision regarding the rating assigned will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1 (a).

## 11 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.'

By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.** 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. 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.

## 12 INSURANCE

- 12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate valid third-party liability insurance.

## 13 SKIPPERS NOTICE OF CREW RESPONSIBILITY

- 13.1 Skippers will be held responsible for any disorderly, gross, or unlawful misconduct on the part of their crew during postrace activities. Violations of ABC regulations, which include providing alcohol to a minor, will subject the boat to penalties that may include disqualification (DGM) and potentially a Rule 69 hearing. Any crewmember engaging in disorderly behavior will be ejected from the postrace event and their actions may be considered a breach of Rule 69: Misconduct.
- 13.2 All alcoholic beverages must be purchased at the Host facility. You may not bring your own beverages or spirits or open alcohol prizes on site. Prizes containing alcohol shall not be opened on the premises of the party. This is a violation of ABC regulations and may be considered a breach of Rule 69: Misconduct.

## 14 PRIZES

- 14.1 Sponsor awards will be presented nightly following each scheduled race.
- 14.2 Winners must be present to receive trophies and other awards.
- 14.3 The coveted Beer Can Trophies will be awarded to series top contestants in each Class (with 3 exclusions) at the after-race event following the last race of the series.
- 14.4 The winner of the series in each class (with 3 exclusions) will have their boat name added to the perpetual "Beer Can Winner" trophy.
- 14.5 The name of the boat in each class with the lowest score with no exclusions who participated in all races, excepting those abandoned by the RC, will be added to the "10 Race Class Overall Winner" perpetual trophy.

## 15 FURTHER INFORMATION

Questions may be addressed to CRA's RC Chair, Colleen Cooke, at [sailorcookie2@gmail.com](mailto:sailorcookie2@gmail.com) or (619)852-5010.



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