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CORTEZ RACING ASSOCIATION

A Nonprofit California Corporation

2023 Sharp HospiceCare Benefit Regatta

Host Club: Coronado Yacht Club



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Saturday, August 26, 2023

1. RACING 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. 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 ([CFR 165.1105](#)) and the **Aircraft Carrier Turning Basin** ([CFR 165.1104](#)) is prohibited.
- 1.4 Per RRS 42.3(h), competitors may use an engine or other propulsion method to avoid situations in 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 on the [event website](#) 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 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 17.1.
- 3.3 **In the event of an on-the-water emergency, first contact the US Coast Guard on VHF Channel 16 directly and immediately, then communicate with the RC on VHF 68.**

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

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



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5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 One *pursuit* race is scheduled.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the race is **12:25 PM**.

6. ENTRIES & CHECK-IN:

- 6.1 Late entries may not be accepted, due to the construction and publication of the pursuit race starting times.
- 6.2 [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.
- 6.3 Check-In will commence when the "L" flag is hoisted.
- 6.4 Visual and radio check-in (VHF 68) are acceptable until the first Warning Signal. After the warning signal, the RC will not respond to radio requests for check-in.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The starting area is in the vicinity of the 1-mile marker on the east end of Harbor Island. The *Dennis Conner*, a 32' Grand Banks Trawler, is the RC Signal Boat.
- 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 *All boats will sail the same course. This year there will only be one course due to the return to port of the USS Carl Vinson, a Nimitz-class aircraft carrier. Her return to North Island will coincide with our race. No extra charge to the spectators!*
- 8.2 Carrier Arrival Modified Course: **A**(Start) – **Z**(round to starboard) – **24**(round to starboard) – Leave **22** to port – Leave **FM19** to port - **X**(round to port) – Leave **FM19** to starboard – Leave **22** to starboard – **26**(Finish) [9.0nm]
- 8.3 This course is designed to keep the racing area away from the aircraft carrier and turning basin. Be prepared to obey any directions given by a security vessel; we can expect many to be out there. **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. Further, any boat that causes any issue for an official vessel may be uninvited to future CRA activities.**

- 9. **MARKS:**
 - "A" CRA YELLOW Inflatable, South of the 1-mile marker on the east end of Harbor Island.
 - "Z" CRA YELLOW Inflatable, Southeast of the Embarcadero, near Star of India
 - 24 SD 24, red channel buoy, NOAA Chart #18773
 - 22 SD 22, red channel buoy, NOAA Chart #18773
 - FM19 Cement Fleet Mooring Buoy, SSW of the east end of Harbor Island, NOAA Chart #18773
 - "X" CRA YELLOW Inflatable, Southeast of the west end of Harbor Island, almost 0.2nm off the rocks.
(32° 43.340'N , 117° 12.323'W)
 - 26 SD 26, red channel buoy, NOAA Chart #18773

10. THE START

- 10.1 There will be a pursuit start with a modified starting sequence defined below. This changes RRS 26. Starting times will be staggered according to handicaps. Starting times will be provided for each boat in an amendment to these SIs.
- 10.2 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.
- 10.3 The first Warning signal (green flag) will be at 12:25 p.m.
The first start will be at 12:30 p.m.
After the first start, the signal flag "P" will be hoisted, with one sound, for one minute, every 10 minutes after the first start at 12:40pm, 12:50pm, 1:00pm, 1:10pm and 1:20pm as a courtesy time check.



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- 10.4 Starting Penalties: **Rule 30.1 (“I-Flag Rule”)** will apply to all starts. Once it is raised as the preparatory signal, the “I” flag will remain on display throughout the starting process until all boats have started. This changes RRS 26.
- 10.5 Boats shall keep clear of the starting area and vessels attempting to start, until within 4 minutes of her own start.
- 10.6 For each subsequent boat starting, the RC will sound a whistle at that boat’s assigned starting time.
- 10.7 The RC may postpone the race per RRS 27.3. In the event of postponement, the RC will announce the amount of delay, which will be a multiple of 10 minutes. Each boat is expected to add the announced delay amount to her published starting time.

11. RECALLS:

- 11.1 Individual Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29 with a horn for a sound signal, except that code flag X will not be flown. This modifies RRS 29.1 and “Race Signals”.
- 11.2 As a courtesy, the RC will attempt to hail boats “On Course Side” (OCS) as soon as possible on VHF 68, but it is the responsibility of each yacht to start properly.
- 11.3 Failure to hail, failure of electronic equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are made will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1 (a).

12. THE FINISH:

- 12.1 The Finish Line will lay between a Blue Flag on board the RC boat and a yellow inflatable buoy near **SD Buoy 26**.
- 12.2 Boats will be scored in their finish place based on real time as their handicaps were applied in the start based on projected equal finish times for all boats.
- 12.3 In the event that a mark is missing, boats may finish by leaving the RC boat to starboard, within 4 boat lengths.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM:

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

14. TIME LIMIT:

- 14.1 If no yacht in a class has finished by 3:30 PM on the day of the race, the race will be abandoned for that class.
- 14.2 If one yacht has finished by 3:30 PM, yachts not finished by 4:00 PM will be recorded as DNF. This modifies RRS 35.
- 14.3 When a yacht retires from a race, **the RC must be notified before leaving the course area**. 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 after numerous attempts, leave the information with another race participant to avoid punitive action.

15. HEARING REQUESTS:

- 15.1 Protests shall be initiated in compliance with Rule 61 except as amended by these Sailing Instructions. Competitors intending to protest other boats shall immediately hail any other involved boats, display a red protest flag, and are required to have a Protest Flag on display when finishing. They then must inform the RC boat on station after finishing but before retiring from the course area. Skippers must provide the RC with the sail number(s) or name(s) of the protested boat(s) and receive RC acknowledgment. This modifies RRS 61.1(a), Protest Requirements.
- 15.2 Radio reports of protests are only accepted from boats that are retiring from the race. If RRS 61.1(a)(4) applies (danger, injury, serious damage), then the requirement to inform the RC on station does not apply.
- 15.3 The Protest Time Limit expires 30 minutes after the RC boat docks. The Protest Time Limit will be posted on the event [Notice Board](#).
- 15.4 Protests may be filed electronically to **Susi Graff**, Protest Chair, at smgraff1@gmail.com. Protests may also be filed in person to any member of the CRA Board or the CRA Race Committee at the after-race party venue.
- 15.5 The parties involved will be listed, in the order of filing, on the [Protest Hearing Schedule](#) 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*.



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16. SCORING

16.1 Scoring will occur as stated in the Notice of Race.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 [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.
- 17.2 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.

18. AWARDS

- 18.1 Race results will be announced at the after-race party at the [Coronado Yacht Club](#), and published on the [CRA](#) website.
- 18.2 See NoR 13 regarding post-race activities. Please be prepared to anchor in the basin.

19. 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, CYC, Sharp and their 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 collisions.

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