

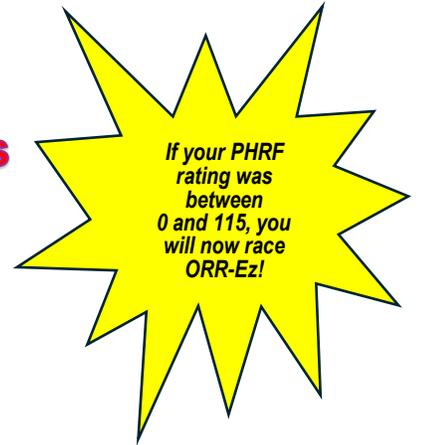


CORTEZ RACING ASSOCIATION

A CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT CORPORATION

Presents the 44th Annual San Diego Beer Can Series

10 Races
May 22 - July 31, 2024
Bye on July 3



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 15, 2024, 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 [DP] The regatta is open to all boats of the following classes, as defined below.

ORR Big Boats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boats shall have a 2024 ORR (not ORR-Ez) certificate. 	In general, the ORR class is for boats with a negative PHRF rating and LOA > 40'.
ORR-Ez Fast Spin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boats shall have a 2024 ORR-Ez or ORR certificate. 	In general, the ORR-Ez Fast classes are for boats with a PHRF RLC rating between 0 and 115.
ORC Sport Boats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boats shall have a 2024 ORC Club certificate. 	In general, sport boats will be < 40' and displace < 5000 pounds, with high aspect ratio jibs.
PHRF Slow Spin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boats shall have a 2023 or 2024 valid PHRF certificate issued by either PHRF San Diego or PHRF SoCal. 	In general, the PHRF classes are for boats with RLC ratings >115.
PHRF Non-Spin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boats shall have a 2023 or 2024 valid PHRF certificate issued by either PHRF San Diego or PHRF SoCal. 	All boats sailing in the Non-Spin class will use PHRF ratings, no matter their size.
J/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boats shall be members of the J/24 Class Association. 	A minimum of nine boats per class are needed to be scored as a One Design Class.
J/105	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boats shall be members of the J/105 Class Association. 	A minimum of nine boats per class are needed to be scored as a One Design Class.



- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 Other classes may be considered at the discretion of the RC Chair. The Fleet Captain should contact Colleen Cooke, CRA RC Chair.
- 4.5 Classes will be based on entries and will be assigned by the Organizing Authority. The OA retains final authority for a boat's class placement.
- 4.6 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.
- 4.7 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.8 Entries close at midnight on the Sunday before each race and re-open on the Thursday following the race. Entries may otherwise be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.9 Entries will be limited in number to a maximum of 125 boats.
- 4.10 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 5:00pm on Monday, May 20, 2024. Provisional assignments may be posted earlier.
- 4.11 [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.
- 4.12 [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: \$175.00 until 10pm, May 15, 2024.
Other SDAYC members: \$400.00 until May 15, 2024.
(CRA Regular Membership is \$200 annually. You do the math.)
Non-SDAYC members: \$450.00 until May 15, 2024.
- 5.2 Late entries after May 15, 2024, may be accepted, based on availability, by paying a \$50 late fee.

6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Boats will be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 6.2 [DP] Sponsor pennants will be provided to skippers and 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 22, May 29, June 5, June 12, June 19, June 26, July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31. No race on July 3.
- 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 15, 2024, from 5:30pm – 7:30pm,
Koehler Kraft - 2302 Shelter Island Dr, San Diego, CA 92106
Race packets 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.



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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 All boats will be scored using the Time-on-Time method.
- 10.5 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.
- 10.6 The ORR class will be scored using the *Ratings by Wind Speed*. Enter the TCF (Time Correction Factor) values based on the three wind strengths (Light, Medium, Heavy) for a Closed Course.
- 10.7 The ORR-Ez class will be scored using the *Legacy 4 Winds* for TOT (Spin). Enter the TCF (Time Correction Factor) values based on three wind strengths (Light, Medium, Heavy) for a Random Leg course.
- 10.8 The Sport Boat class will be scored using one of the ORC Custom Scoring Options for the USA. Use the *Triple Number All-Purpose Time-on-Time* scoring option.
- 10.9 PHRF "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.
- 10.10 PHRF non-spinnaker offsets will be used for scoring the non-spinnaker class only.
- 10.11 The PRO's decision regarding the rating assigned will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1 (a).
- 10.12 Notwithstanding the provisions of rules 90.3(a), (b), (c), and (d), there shall be no changes to a race's scores resulting from action, including the correction of errors, initiated more than 48 hours after
- (1) the protest time limit for that race,
 - (2) being informed of a protest committee decision after that race; or
 - (3) the results are published.

However, in exception, changes to scores shall be made resulting from a decision under rules 6, 69, or 70.

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.



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- 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 or (619)852-5010.

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