



2025

OFFSHORE RACING SERIES

April 5 thru August 16, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

Dana Point Yacht Club
24399 Dana Drive, Dana Point, CA 92629

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY AND RACE MANAGEMENT

The Organizing Authority (OA) for this Series is the Dana Point Yacht Club (DPYC). The Dana Point Yacht Club Race Committee (RC) will manage this Series and shall appoint a Protest Committee (PC).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing](#).
- 1.2 RRS A5.3 will apply.
- 1.3 [US Sailing Prescriptions](#) will apply.
- 1.4 All boats will be assigned a rating by the RC which will be based upon PHRF data submitted and/or best available information, including non-spinnaker offsets. This rating decision is final and binding and shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This Changes RRS 78.
- 1.5 Boats must sail in the same configuration for all races.
- 1.6 The [US Safety Equipment Requirements](#) (SER) Near Shore Category will apply, except as modified by this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.7 RRS 64.2, Penalties is modified by adding: (c) When the protest committee decides a boat that is a party to a protest hearing has broken a rule, it may assign a time penalty to be added to the boat's corrected time.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 This Series is open to boats in Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker & ORCA classes.
- 2.2 All Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker entrants should submit their current PHRF rating information, if available.
- 2.3 One-Design classes may be established with five or more entries. Entrants wishing to establish a One-Design class should contact the OA at race@dpyc.org.
- 2.4 Where the OA receives fewer than 5 entries for a class, the RC reserves the right to reassign those boats to another class.
- 2.5 To become an entrant, skippers must complete an [online entry form](#) and pay all fees by the entry deadline.
- 2.6 **The Series entry deadline is Friday, April 4 at 1800 hours.**
- 2.7 **The entry deadline for each individual race in the Series is 1800 hours on the day preceding each race date.**

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Sailing Instructions for each race will be posted on the online [Official Notice Board](#) no later than April 4, 2025 for ORS 1 and June 15, 2025 for ORS 2, 3 & 4.
- 3.2 A race packet including the Sailing Instructions and additional information will be issued to each skipper at the Competitor's Meeting for each race.
- 3.3 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the online [Official Notice Board](#) by 1000 hours of the day they are to take effect.

4. FEES

- 4.1 The early entry fee for the Series is \$100.
- 4.2 Individual Series Race entry fee is \$45.

5. COMPETITOR'S MEETING

- 5.1 A competitor's meeting is scheduled at DPYC for each race on:

ORS 1 – No competitor's meeting
ORS 2 – Saturday, June 28, 2025 @ 0900 Hrs.
ORS 3 – Friday, August 1, 2025 @ 0900 Hrs.
ORS 4 – Saturday, August 16, 2025 @ 0900 Hrs.

6. CLASSES

- 6.1 Classes will be based upon the type and number of entries received using PHRF Area E ratings. Any boat from outside Area E where there is no like Area E rated boat will be based upon their PHRF Regional ratings.
- 6.2 Any boat assigned a rating by the OA will be based on that assigned rating.
- 6.3 Anticipated classes are PHRF A, PHRF B, PHRF C, Non-spinnaker and ORCA.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Four ORS races are scheduled:

Date	Race
April 5	ORS 1 – Ensenada Tune-Up
June 28	ORS 2 – Newport Bell Buoy
August 1 (Friday)	ORS 3 – Oceanside Sprint
August 16	ORS 4 – San Mateo Point

- 7.2 The first Warning Signal for each race will be at 1055 hours.
- 7.3 ORS 4 – Oceanside Sprint on Friday, August 1 is a feeder race to the [Oceanside Yacht Club Elizabeth Hospice Charity Regatta](#) on August 2 & 3.

8. COMMUNICATION

- 8.1 Any changes made to this Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions will be posted on the online [Official Notice Board](#).
- 8.2 As a courtesy, changes made to this Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions may also be posted on the Supplementary Notice Board located upstairs at DPYC.

- 8.3 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 16, 68, 69, 71 and 72.
- 8.4 On the water, the RC may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors by VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 8.5 **[DP]** From the first warning signal until the end of each race, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

9. COURSES AND RACE AREA

- 9.1 The race area for this Series is the open ocean between Newport Beach and Oceanside and as generally shown on [Dana Point Race Chart v.9.0](#).
- 9.2 The course for each race is as follows:
 - 9.2.1 ORS 1 (See [Ensenada Tune-Up Race](#) Sailing Instructions)
 - 9.2.2 ORS 2 – Newport Bell Buoy
Boats shall start, leave Mark W to starboard, then leave the Newport Bell Buoy (Mark 2) to port, leave Mark W to port and then finish.
The handicap course length is 29.1 nautical miles.
 - 9.2.3 ORS 3 – Oceanside Sprint
Boats shall start, and then sail their best course to the finish.
The handicap course length is 20.2 nautical miles.
 - 9.2.4 ORS 4 – San Mateo Point
Boats shall start, leave Mark W to port, then leave a yellow inflatable tetrahedron (Mark1) to port, then leave Mark D to port, and then finish.
The handicap course length is 16.8 nautical miles.

10. SCORING

- 10.1 The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 10.2 There will be one throwout race for the Series.
- 10.3 Boats shall be scored using the RC assigned rating as stated in 1.4.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix V will apply.

12. RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1 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.**

13. INSURANCE

- 13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid watercraft liability insurance policy in an amount not less than \$300,000 personal injury and personal property damage of \$100,000.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1 Trophies will be awarded following the Ensenada Tune-Up race and Overall Series trophies will be awarded following ORS 4 on August 16, 2025.
- 14.2 Take home trophies will be awarded to all classes for the Ensenada Tune-Up race and for the Overall Series.
- 14.3 The overall winner in the PHRF Fleet for each race will be awarded the "Top Gun" flag.
- 14.4 The overall winner in the PHRF Fleet for the Series will be awarded a special "Top Gun" award.

15. POST RACE EVENTS

- 15.1 Post race celebrations for all racers and guests will be held at DPYC, except ORS 3 on Friday, August 2 will be held at Oceanside Yacht Club.
- 15.2 There will be an Overall Series Trophy Party at DPYC following racing of ORS 4 on Saturday, August 16. Racers from all four ORS races and guests are invited.

16. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 16.1 Questions regarding the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions, including interpretations of published rules and amendments, must be submitted in writing to the RC.
- 16.2 General questions and further information is available as shown below:

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