



**CORTEZ RACING ASSOCIATION**  
A CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT CORPORATION  
SAN DIEGO, CA



*Presents the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual*

**San Diego Beer Can Series**

10 Races on Wednesday Evenings

May 21 - July 30, 2025

Bye on July 2



**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the [Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\)](#).
- 1.2 The US Prescription to RRS 63.1 is deleted. The US Sailing Prescriptions are available [here](#).
- 1.3 [DP] [US Sailing Nearshore Safety Equipment](#) is required for this regatta in addition to all required USCG boating requirements.
  - 1.3.1 Add to the US Sailing Nearshore SERs:  
Items 2.4.1 – 2.4.8 from the [US Sailing Coastal SERs](#) are included and apply to all boats whose factory configurations include lifelines, stanchions, pulpits, or toe rails with the following modification: SER 2.4.4 – Lifelines may have factory installed coating.

**2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available by 5:00pm on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 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.
- 3.3 [DP] While racing, 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.

**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 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.3 All eligible boats must enter on-line at the [event site](#) by **May 14, 2025**, to avoid a late fee. *Register for the series by 6pm on the Monday before your first race.* Entries may otherwise be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 Entries will be limited in number to a maximum of 120 boats.
- 4.6 [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 DSQ. The RC may disqualify a boat infringing this instruction without a hearing.



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

<b>Big Boats</b> ORR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boats shall have a 2025 <a href="#">ORR</a> certificate.</li> </ul>	In general, the ORR class is for boats with a negative PHRF rating and LOA > 40'.
<b>Spinnaker Boats</b> ORC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boats shall have a 2025 <a href="#">ORC</a> certificate.</li> </ul>	ORC Club or International or DH certificates.
<b>Sport Boats</b> ORC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boats shall have a 2025 <a href="#">ORC</a> certificate.</li> </ul>	In general, sport boats will be < 40' and displace < 5000 pounds, with high aspect ratio jibs.
<b>Cruising Class</b> Spinnaker PHRF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boats shall have a 2025 valid PHRF certificate issued by either <a href="#">PHRF San Diego</a> or <a href="#">PHRF SoCal</a>.</li> <li>Boats are encouraged to take advantage of any "Cruising Adjustments" offered through PHRF.</li> </ul>	Boats that are not campaigned during the rest of the year, outside of Beer Cans. A "relaxed fit" approach to racing! <i>Serious racers need not apply.</i> See NoR 4.11.
<b>Non-Spin Boats</b> PHRF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boats shall have a 2025 valid PHRF certificate issued by either <a href="#">PHRF San Diego</a> or <a href="#">PHRF SoCal</a>.</li> </ul>	Boats are encouraged to take advantage of any "Cruising Adjustments" offered through PHRF.
<b>J/24</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boats shall be members of the <a href="#">J/24</a> Class Association.</li> </ul>	
<b>J/105</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boats shall be members of the <a href="#">J/105</a> Class Association.</li> </ul>	

4.8 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.

4.9 To be scored as a One Design class, the class must have at least 7 entrants.

To have their own start, the One Design class must have at least 10 entrants.

4.10 Other classes may be considered at the discretion of the RC Chair. The Fleet Captain should contact Colleen Cooke, CRA RC Chair.

4.11 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.

4.12 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 19, 2025. Provisional assignments may be posted earlier.

4.13 [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.

## 5 FEES

5.1 CRA members: \$200.00 until 10pm, May 14, 2025.

Other SDAYC members: \$425.00 until May 14, 2025.

*(CRA Regular Membership is \$200 annually. You do the math.)*

Non-SDAYC members: \$475.00 until May 14, 2025.

5.2 Late entries after May 14, 2025, 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.



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## 7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 One race scheduled on each of the following 10 Wednesdays: May 21, May 28, June 4, June 11, June 18, June 25, July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30. No race on July 2.
- 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 14, 2025, 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 on the day of race only.
- 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 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 first race 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 ORC classes will be scored using the *5-Band AP (All Purpose) TOT* scoring option. Enter the TCF values for Low, Med/Low, Medium, Med/High and High.
- 10.8 The PHRF Cruising Class will be scored using their RLC ratings. The PHRF Non-Spinnaker class will be scored using their RLC ratings with their NSOs (non-spin offsets) added.
- 10.9 The PRO's decision regarding the rating assigned will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 10.10 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,



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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. See the [event site](#) for locations and results.

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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