



George Gray **Single** & **Double** Handed Race

Southwestern Yacht Club
San Diego, California
Saturday, May 31, 2025



[Race #2 in PLYC's Double Handed Series](#)

NOTICE OF RACE **Amended 5/27/25**

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The [Racing Rules of Sailing](#) (RRS) including US Sailing Prescriptions*, except [US Sailing Prescription](#) to Rule 63.1 will not apply.
- 1.2 The regatta will utilize a "pursuit" or reverse handicap start.
- 1.3 Change RRS 40.1 to read, *"Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device to complete their check-in at the race committee signal boat. The Y flag need not be displayed."*
- 1.4 For the single-handed class only, change RRS 52 to read: *"A boat's standing rigging, ~~running rigging, spars and movable hull appendages~~ shall be adjusted and operated only by the power provided by the crew. Autopilots or self-steering devices are permitted."*
The intent of this modification is to permit the use of power winches and autopilot/self-steering devices for the single-handed class.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available at the [event website](#) no later than 1700 on Friday, May 30, 2025.
- 2.2 The start times will be available at the [event website](#) no later than 0900 on the morning of the race and will be posted as an amendment to the SIs.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located [here](#), or through the [SWYC](#) 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 The race is open to all members of organizations affiliated with US Sailing with sailboats of 22 feet LOA or greater.
- 4.2 **The race is open to all boats for which the OA can assign a SWYC George Gray Handicap Rating.**
- 4.3 Entry shall be submitted at [the online event site](#) no later than 1700 hours Friday, May 30, 2025. Late entries will not be accepted because the pursuit start times must be pre-calculated.

- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 A minimum of five (5) entries are required to have a race.
- 5 FEES**
- 5.1 The required fee is \$30 per boat.
- 6 SCHEDULE**
- 6.1 The race is scheduled for Saturday, May 31, 2025.
- 6.2 The first warning is scheduled for 1155.
- 7 EQUIPMENT**
- 7.1 [DP] [US Sailing Nearshore Safety Equipment](#) is required for this regatta in addition to all required USCG boating requirements.
- 7.1.1 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.
- 7.2 Boats shall have a VHF radio on deck, tuned to Channel 68.
- 8 VENUE AND COURSE**
- 8.1 The racing area will be in the San Diego Bay and the Coronado Roads. (NOAA Charts 18773 & 18772).
- 8.2 The racecourse will be approximately 14nm in length running out the channel, into the Coronado Roads, to Navy Mooring Buoy TG-1, and back.
- 8.3 The starting/finishing line will be in the vicinity of San Diego channel buoy 17.
- 9 CLASSES AND CLASS PENNANTS**
- 9.1 There will be one single-handed class and one double-handed class.
- 9.2 Boats shall provide their own class flag:
 - green for the single-handed class
 - white for the double-handed class.
- 9.3 [DP] The class flag must be flown from the backstay of all boats, or in a prominent manner on the stern, when checking in, while racing, and when finishing.
- 10 PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 10.1 *RRS Appendix T – Arbitration*, will apply on the day of race only.
- 10.2 *RRS Appendix V - Alternative Penalties*, shall apply.
- 11 SCORING**
- 11.1 [SWYC George Gray Race Handicap Ratings](#) will be used as the default for scoring the race in both classes.
- 11.2 [Boats with ORC DH certificates will have those ratings utilized to create the SWYC George Gray Race Handicap Rating.](#)
- 11.3 Boats will be scored in the order of finish.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. 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 (SWYC, race committee, protest committee, 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 SWYC 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.

13 INSURANCE

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

14 PRIZES

- 14.1 SWYC will host an after-race party at the clubhouse after the race.
- 14.2 Prizes will be awarded in each class.
- 14.3 The *George Gray Perpetual Trophy* will be awarded to the winner of the single-handed class.
The *George Gray Two Hand Cup* perpetual trophy will be awarded to the winner of the double-handed class.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

Questions may be addressed to the event chair, William Mason,
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