



2025

Commodores' Challenge

Honoring Staff Commodore James Lonergan

San Diego, California

Saturday – July 26, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* with the exception that class rules do not apply.
- 1.2. The organizing authority for this regatta is Southwestern Yacht Club.
- 1.3. Each entry shall be helmed by the current Commodore of the Club which is competing, or a member of the bridge if the Commodore is unavailable, from the warning signal through the finish of each race.
- 1.4. Crew shall consist of sailors who have been members of the Commodore's yacht club for at least 180 days prior to the date of the race. At the Commodore's discretion the crew may vary from race to race.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. Each Yacht Club may have one entry.
- 2.2. The regatta will be sailed in J/24 sailboats, non-spinnaker with class jibs, and owned or chartered by the entering yacht club. Southwestern Yacht Club may be able to help arrange for borrowed or chartered J-24s without charge.
- 2.3. Yacht Clubs participating in the regatta agree to be responsible for any damage to the boat as a result of a collision for which it is deemed to have broken a rule and not been exonerated by a protest committee.
- 2.4. Entries shall be submitted on-line via the [SWYC event site](#) no later than 1700 hours Thursday, July 24, 2025.
- 2.5. There is no fee for entering this regatta.

3. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 3.1. A Competitors' meeting and social hour will be held Friday, July 25, 2025, at Southwestern Yacht Club beginning at 1800 hours.
- 3.2. Lunch will be hosted at SWYC on Saturday, July 26, 2025 at 1130 hours.
- 3.3. The warning signal for the first race will be Saturday, July 26, 2025 at 1255 hours. Subsequent races will follow. The start will be in the area between San Diego and Southwestern Yacht Clubs known as La Playa.
- 3.4. The award ceremony will follow the end of the day's racing.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Sailing Instructions will be available via the [SWYC event site](#) no later than the Competitors' meeting Friday, July 25, 2025 at 1800 hours.
- 4.2. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the [EVENT NOTICE BOARD](#) no later than 0900 hours on the day of the event.
- 4.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 68.

5. THE COURSES

- 5.1. Five races are scheduled. All courses will attempt to be windward/leeward courses and will be more particularly described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 5.2. Any regatta participant who makes contact with a moored or non-affiliated boat will be required to do the following:
 - 5.2.1.1. Immediately protest any boat that caused the contact.
 - 5.2.1.2. Immediately notify the Race Committee (after the race if racing).

6. SCORING

- 6.1. A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 6.2. One race shall constitute a series.

7. AWARDS

- 7.1. The *Staff Commodore James Lonergan Commodores' Challenge Cup* will be awarded to the first place club at Southwestern Yacht Club at the post-race award ceremony immediately following the day's regatta.
- 7.2. All competitors are invited to enjoy the hospitality of Southwestern Yacht Club at the end of the day's racing.
- 7.3. A take home trophy will be awarded to the first place yacht club's skipper at the post-race award ceremony.

8. DOCKAGE

- 8.1. Guest Dock space is available at Southwestern Yacht Club for Friday night's competitors' meeting and Social Hour for visiting yachts prior to and following the regatta. Reservations can be made through Southwestern Yacht Club front desk (619-222-0438) or by contact with Carolyn Sherman, cmaidn@yahoo.com or 619-980-7245 for details.

9. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 9.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 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.

10. FURTHER INFORMATION

10.1 Regatta Chairs

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