



## Cabrillo Series

ORR Big Boats, ORC, One Design,  
PHRF Non-Spin, Cruising Class, and  
Multihull Classes  
San Diego, California  
Winter 2026



Hosted by Southwestern Yacht Club (SWYC)

### NOTICE OF SERIES

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The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that a penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The [Racing Rules of Sailing](#)*, except [US Sailing Prescriptions](#) to Rule 63.1 will not apply.
- 1.2 For ORR class only. Change RRS 55.3(a) to read: *ORR boats are allowed to measure with and use whisker poles and/or outriggers set to leeward for headsails. Additionally, entrants are allowed to be ORR rated for and use non-Large Roach Headsails set to leeward connected to whisker poles or outriggers as described in ORR 10.05(f), version 3.15.24.*
- 1.3 Under World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01, change the definition *Start* as follows: *Start* A boat *starts* when her hull having been entirely on the pre- start side of the starting line, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either
  - (a) at or after her starting signal, or
  - (b) during the last 15 seconds before her starting signal.When a boat *starts* in accordance with item (b) of the definition *Start*, she may return to the pre-start side of the line to comply with item (a) of the definition of *Start*, but, if she does not, she shall receive a Scoring Penalty calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c).
- 1.4 RRS 51 is modified for all boats to permit sails not in use while racing to be moved for the purpose of changing trim or stability; however, all sails not being flown must remain within a boat's lifelines.
- 1.5 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows:  
*(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or*

## 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions for each race in the series will be available on the [regatta website](#) by 5pm on the Thursday before each race.

## 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located [here](#), or through the [SWYC](#) website.
- 3.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the [official notice board](#) no later than 10:00 am on the day of the event. If the notice is posted on the morning of a race the RC may bring attention to it on VHF 68.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 68.
- 3.4 [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 The regatta is open to members of organizations affiliated with US Sailing.
- 4.2 Entry for the entire series shall be made on-line via the [regatta website](#) no later than 1700 hours Thursday, January 8, 2026.
- 4.3 Entry for any individual race shall be made on-line via the [regatta website](#) no later than 1700 hours on the Thursday before that race.
- 4.4 To be eligible to compete in **PHRF** classes, Non-spin, Cruising, Multihull:
- 4.4.1 Boats shall have a 2026 or 2025 Rating Certificate from PHRF San Diego or a 2026 PHRF certificate from elsewhere.
- 4.4.2 Boats entering with a PHRF certificate from elsewhere will have their rating reviewed and potentially changed by the OA.
- 4.5 To be eligible to compete in a **One Design Class**:
- 4.5.1 A minimum of four boats per class are needed to be scored as a one design fleet.
- 4.5.2 The fleet shall provide the OA with notice of their intent five days prior to the entry deadline for the race(s) in which they want to compete.
- 4.6 To be eligible to compete in the **ORR** class:
- 4.6.1 Boats shall have a 2026 or 2025 ORR certificate.
- 4.6.2 In general, the ORR class is for boats with a negative PHRF rating with a LOA > 40'.
- 4.7 To be eligible to compete in an **ORC** class:
- 4.7.1 Boats shall have a 2026 or 2025 ORC Certificate.
- 4.8 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.9 Boats without eligible certificates will be allowed to participate in the series under the following conditions:
- A) The owner provides written assurance to the OA that the appropriate valid certificate will be obtained and presented to the OA not later than three days prior to the last race of the series.
- B) This provision only applies to boats registering to race in more than one race of the series.
- C) The OA may assign a temporary rating to a boat without a certificate.
- This modifies RRS 78.

## 5. CLASSES

- 5.1 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.

- 5.2 Cabrillo II and III have both a short and a long course. The courses will be assigned based on class breaks. Multihulls and PHRF classes may expect to race the short courses.
- 5.3 Official class assignments for the regatta will be established and posted on the regatta website no later than 1400 on the Friday before each race as an amendment to the SIs. Provisional assignments may be posted earlier.
- 5.4 [DP] The class numeral pennant must be flown from the backstay of all yachts, or in a prominent manner on the stern, when checking in, while racing, and when finishing. Competitors shall supply their own numeral pennant.

## 6. FEES

- 6.1 Entry for the entire series is \$160. Series entry includes a prized Cabrillo hat! Entry for any single race is \$80, hat not included.
- 6.2 Cabrillo hats sold separately through the [event site](#) for \$25.00

## 7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND COURSE VENUES

- 7.1. The time of the first warning for Cabrillo I, II, and III will be 1055.  
The time of the first warning for Cabrillo IV will be 1155.
- 7.2. Cabrillo I, II and III will start in the vicinity of SD17.  
Cabrillo IV will start in the vicinity of SD9.
- 7.3. Boats will be responsible for taking and reporting their own finish times on Cabrillo I, II and III.
- 7.4. Cabrillo I, Around the Islands: Saturday, January 10 – North and Middle Coronado Islands, approximately 34nm.
- 7.5. Cabrillo II, Sugarloaf Rock Race: Saturday, January 24–  
Short Course: To the rock and back, approximately 64nm.  
Long Course: Leave all Coronado Islands and the rock to port, approximately 69nm.
- 7.6. Cabrillo III, Whistler Race: Saturday, February 21 –  
Short Course: Round a navigation buoy off Rosarito Beach and back, approximately 45nm.  
Long Course: Round a navigation buoy off Rosarito Beach and North Coronado Island, approximately 47nm.
- 7.7. Cabrillo IV, Coronado Roads Race: Saturday, March 21– SD Bay Entrance Buoys and Coronado Roads, approximately 15nm.

## 8. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1 The penalty for OCS is described in NoR 1.3.
- 8.2 For all other penalties, RRS 44.1, Two Turns Penalty, will apply without modification.

## 9. SCORING

- 9.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2 Series scoring will be modified High Points. All races will be scored as described here, with no throw-out.
  - 9.2.1 Cabrillo II (Sugarloaf Rock) will be multiplied by a factor of 1.5 for the race overall score. Cabrillo III (Rosarita Whistler) will be multiplied by a factor of 1.25 for the race overall score.
  - 9.2.2 High Point Scoring - Define 'N' to be the number of boats that compete in a particular race. Each boat finishing that race and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified will be scored as follows:

<i>Finishing place</i>	<i>Score</i>
First	N
Second	N-1
Third	N-2
Fourth	N-3
Each place thereafter Subtract 1 point	

*Multiplier by race:* Race 1 = 1      Race 2 = 1.5      Race 3 = 1.25      Race 4 = 1

All other boats that **compete** in that race, including any that finish and thereafter retire or are disqualified, will score .75 point with no multiplier. Boats that do not compete in that race (DNC) will be scored zero.

These scores will be posted as a separate PDF on the [regatta website](#).

- 9.3 ORR and ORC Cabrillo Ratings are in the Time-on-Time format (ToT). They are calculated by the US Sailing Offshore Office as the ratio of each yacht's predicted elapsed time to the Scratch Boat's predicted elapsed time. The predicted elapsed time of each yacht is derived by the Offshore Office's routing software using each yacht's ORR/ORC rated polar performance data, modified by weather data from HRRR grib weather forecast files from shortly before each start. Cabrillo ratings will be emailed to all yachts before each start as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.4 PHRF classes shall be scored using PHRF Random Leg Course ratings using Time-on-Time. All PHRF entries shall use the same rating for all races, which shall be assigned before they start the first race in which they compete.
- 9.5 [DP]If you have more than one certificate, you must tell the OA which certificate you plan to use by 1700 hours on the Thursday before that race. When a change is made, email Ian Trotter (<mailto:ian@chulavistaphoto.com>), with that change.
- 9.6 The OA's decision regarding the rating assigned will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 9.7 Notwithstanding the provisions of rules 90.3(a), (b), (c) and (d), there shall be no changes to race or series scores resulting from action, including the correction of errors, initiated more than 72 hours after
- (1) the protest time limit for the last race of the series;
  - (2) being informed of a protest committee decision after the last race of the series; 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.

## 10. SAFETY

- 10.1 [NP] [US Sailing Coastal Safety Equipment](#) is required for Cabrillo I, II and III races in addition to all required USCG boating requirements.  
[US Sailing Nearshore Safety Equipment](#) is required for Cabrillo IV, in addition to Section 2.4 items from the Coastal SERs for boats whose factory-installed models contain those items, in addition to all required USCG boating requirements.
- 10.2 Each participating yacht shall carry at least 1.5 times the minimum fuel it requires to return, at maximum rated engine speed, from the furthest point on the course to the nearest emergency services.

**11. U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS**

- 11.1 Customs clearance at the Shelter Island dock is not required by yachts of American registry that are properly entered in the race, do not terminate the voyage in Mexican waters, and do not make contact with another vessel while in Mexican waters. Such vessels are not considered by U.S. Customs to have left the United States.
- 11.2 Yachts not complying with 11.1 above must comply with U.S. Customs procedures for arrival from a foreign port on their own.
- 11.3 The UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), Section 3 addresses ["innocent passage"](#).
- 11.4 Yachts not complying with the definition of "innocent passage" in UNCLOS Article 19 while sailing in Mexican waters must comply with Mexican procedures and regulations on their own.

**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.
- 12.2 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.

**13. INSURANCE**

- 13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with a minimum of \$500,000 valid third-party liability insurance.

**14. POST-RACE ACTIVITIES**

- 14.1 The SWYC membership invites all racers to enjoy the hospitality of the SWYC clubhouse after each day's racing.

**15. AWARDS**

- 15.1 Trophies will be awarded by class for each race.
- 15.2 Each series overall class winner will be awarded an amazing Cabrillo helmet!
- 15.3 The overall winner in each class will be added to the Admiral Ulysses S. Grant Sharp Cabrillo Series Crystal Eagle Perpetual Trophy.
- 15.4 Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- 15.5 Trophies will be awarded at SWYC after Cabrillo IV.

**16. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 16.1 Cabrillo Series Event Co-Chairs:

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