



# CORTEZ RACING ASSOCIATION

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SAN DIEGO, CA



## NOTICE OF RACE

# WINTER REGATTA

Saturday, January 17, 2026

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The [Racing Rules](#) of Sailing*.
- 1.2 [US Sailing Prescriptions](#) to Rule 63.1 will not apply.
- 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.
- 1.4 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 will be available by 5:00pm on Thursday, Jan. 15, 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 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board no later than 9:00 am on the day of the event.
- 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 all members of organizations affiliated with US Sailing.
- 4.2 The regatta is open to all boats with valid class certificates.
- 4.3 All eligible boats must enter on-line at [the event site](#), no later than **6:00pm on Thursday, January 15, 2026**.
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 The following classes will be offered:

ORR Big Boats	<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'.
ORC Spin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boats shall have a 2025 <a href="#">ORC</a> certificate.</li> </ul>	Spinnaker classes.
ORC Sport Boats	<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.
J/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boats shall be members of the <a href="#">J/24</a> Class Association.</li> </ul>	A minimum of five boats per class are needed to be scored as a One Design Class.
PHRF Non-Spin	<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.

The Fleet Captain of any other class wishing to participate in this race as a class and register five or more entries should contact the CRA Race Committee Chair, Colleen Cooke, by Jan. 12, 2026, to register their intent to race in one-design configuration and bypass the ORC certification requirement. Boats will then be scored and receive trophies as their own class.

- 4.6 Official Class assignments for the regatta will be established and posted as an amendment to the sailing instructions on the [online regatta event site](#) no later than noon on Friday, January 16, 2026. Provisional assignments may be posted earlier.
- 4.6.1 For ORC Spin classes, each boat's 5-Band Windward/Leeward Low/Med TOT rating will be used to determine the class breaks.
- 4.7 [DP] The class numeral pennant must be flown from the backstay of all yachts, *except J/24s*, or in a prominent manner on the stern, when checking in, while racing, and when finishing. Competitors shall supply their own numeral pennant.
- 4.8 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.9 Late entries will only be accepted from CRA members. Late entrants may not check in by radio, but must provide to the R/C, in writing, the owner's name, DOB and zip code, email address, phone number, boat name and type, sail number, class and applicable ratings, to complete their entry. Submission of this information to the RC represents the boat's acceptance of the liability waiver in the registration form and that they agree to be bound by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and by all other rules that govern this event.

## 5 FEES

- 5.1 \$40 Registration fee for non-CRA members. No charge for CRA members.
- 5.2 *How about donating to CRA?* We're a 501(c)(3) corporation. [Use this link!](#)
- 5.3 CRA burgees are also available for purchase during registration for \$35.

## 6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 *Two* races are scheduled.
- 6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is **11:55am**. The warning signal for the second race will be as soon as possible after the completion of the previous race.
- 6.3 No warning signal for a race will be made after **4:00pm**.

## 7 VENUE

- 7.1 The starting area is in the vicinity of the ½ mile marker mid-Harbor Island.

- 7.2 The racing area covers the general locale known as North San Diego Bay. For navigation, refer to NOAA Chart #18773, San Diego Bay.

## 8 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1 USSA prescription *Appendix T - Arbitration*, shall apply.  
8.2 USSA prescription *Appendix V - Alternative Penalties*, shall apply.

## 9 SCORING

- 9.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.  
9.2 Each boat's score shall be the total of her race scores. No score will be excluded.  
9.3 All boats will be scored using the Time-on-Time method.  
9.4 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.  
9.5 The ORC classes will be scored using a combination of the *5-Band AP (All Purpose) TOT* scoring options and the *5-Band Windward/Leeward TOT* scoring options. Enter the TCF values for the following labels at registration:  
    5-Band AP Low  
    5-Band AP Low/Med  
    5-Band W/L Low  
    5-Band W/L Low/Med  
    5-Band W/L Medium  
9.6 PHRF "RLC" ratings will be used as the default for scoring the Non-Spin class with each boat's NSO (non-spinnaker offset) added to her rating.  
9.7 The PRO's decision regarding the rating assigned will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 61.4(b)(1).  
9.8 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 RISK STATEMENT

- 10.1 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.**

## 11 INSURANCE

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

## **12 PRIZES**

- 12.1 Race results will be announced at the after-race party at [Southwestern Yacht Club](#) and published on the [CRA web site](#).
- 12.2 *After race food will be available for purchase.*
- 12.3 Regatta prizes will be awarded using the listed procedure: one prize in each class of 2 - 4 boats, two for 5 - 7 boats, three for 8 or more, based on the number of starters in the class.

## **13 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 13.1 Questions may be addressed to the CRA R/C Chair, Colleen Cooke, at [sailorcookie@cox.net](mailto:sailorcookie@cox.net) or (619)852-5010.

