



**Southwestern Yacht Club,  
Cortez Racing Association**  
&  
**Southern California Yachting Association**

*Present the*  
**96<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**SCYA Midwinter Regatta**  
SAN DIEGO, CA

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 This event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Add new rule 41(e): (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- 1.3 If a race committee boat is damaged because of a boat breaking a rule, that boat shall pay for the repairs.

### **2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect.
- 2.2 In accordance with RRS 90.2 (c), oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water. A change is in effect when the Race Committee (RC) signal boat displays Flag L over A with one sound signal. This means come within hail of the RC boat to receive the oral changes to the Sailing Instructions.

### **3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Official notices and amendments will be available online through the [EVENT NOTICE BOARD](#) on this event's page on the [CRA](#) website or the [SWYC Race Calendar](#) page.
- 3.2 On the water, the RC will monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 68. Please contact them to notify of a boat's intent to withdraw from racing per SI 19.1.
- 3.3 **In the event of an on-the-water emergency, first contact the US Coast Guard on VHF Channel 16 directly and immediately, then please inform the RC.**

### **4 CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

## 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Sunday, Feb. 15: Three windward/leeward races in the Coronado Roads.  
5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is **11:55am**. The warning signal for subsequent races on Sunday will be as soon as possible after the completion of the previous race.

## 6 ENTRIES & CHECK-IN:

- 6.1 [DP] Boats will have completed their "Check-In" when they check-in with and are acknowledged by the RC, while clearly displaying their sail number and class pennant.  
6.2 Check-In will commence when the "L" flag is hoisted.  
6.3 Visual and radio check-in (VHF 68) are acceptable until the first Warning Signal. Visual check-in may continue after the first warning at the sole discretion of the R/C (but not within one minute of any start).

## 7 CLASS STARTING ORDER

- 7.1 The class starting order for the first race will be as follows:

Start Order	Class	Numeral Pennant
1 <sup>st</sup>	ORC 1	1
2 <sup>nd</sup>	ORC 3	3
3 <sup>rd</sup>	ORC 4	4
4 <sup>th</sup>	J/24	5

- The starting order for the second race will vary and will be dependent on all boats in a class finishing the first race.  
7.2 The RC may cancel or combine starts or start classes of boats while other classes are still finishing. It is the responsibility of a boat to start at her signaled start time. You may expect a gap of at least one minute between starting sequences.

## 8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The start on Sunday will be approximately 1.5 nautical miles from Zuniga Light "Z" on an approximate compass bearing of 120° magnetic. The racing area covers the general locale known as the Coronado Roads.

## 9 COURSES

- 9.1 Courses for classes in the Coronado Roads on Sunday shall be windward/leeward and will be selected from the course table shown on Attachment A.  
9.2 The course number with the distance and compass bearing to the weather mark will be displayed from boards on the RC signal boat.

## 10 MARKS

- 10.1 For the Coronado Roads racing area on Sunday:

Windward Mark 1a (outer)	Yellow Tetrahedron
Windward Mark 1a change	Red Tetrahedron
Windward Mark 1 (inner)	Green Tetrahedron
Windward Mark 1 change	Orange Tetrahedron
Leeward Mark 2 (gate)	Yellow Tetrahedrons
Mark S (start)	Red Tetrahedron
Mark F (finish)	Green Tetrahedron

- 10.1.1 The windward marks shall be rounded to port.  
10.1.2 The leeward gate (2s and 2p) shall be yellow marks located approximately 200 yards to windward of the start line. If one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall round the remaining mark to port.

## 11 THE START

- 11.1 On Sunday in the Coronado Roads, the starting line is between a staff with an orange flag on the RC vessel at the starboard end and the course side of a red tetrahedron mark near the RC boat at the port end.
- 11.2 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes. Otherwise, this may be seen as a breach of RRS 23.1.
- 11.3 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes of her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 11.4 As a courtesy, one minute prior to the warning of the second and third races, the RC will sound 4 horn blasts.
- 11.5 All boats are expected to keep a constant look-out for other boats. Some boats may be finishing as others are starting.

## 12 RECALLS

- 12.1 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will hail her sail number as soon as possible over a loud hailer and/or on VHF 68. It is the responsibility of each boat to start properly.
- 12.2 Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 12.3 A RC assist vessel may be stationed near the Pin Buoy end of the starting line and is also authorized to identify and hail premature starters.

## 13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 13.2 The race committee may, without signal, adjust a gate or finish line mark while boats are on the first half of the leg. This changes RRS 33.
- 13.3. The race committee may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees or the length up to 10% of the previous length, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark. This changes rule 33.

## 14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 In the Coronado Roads racing area on Sunday, the finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a R/C boat and a nearby mark as described in the course chart.
- 14.2 All boats are expected to keep a constant look-out for other boats. Some boats may be starting as others are finishing.

## 15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 USSA Prescription Appendix V1, *Penalty at the Time of the Incident*, shall apply.
- 15.2 USSA Prescription Appendix V2, *Penalty Taken After a Race*, shall apply.

## 16 TIME LIMIT

- 16.1 If no boat in a class has finished by **4:30 PM** on the day of the race, the race will be abandoned for that class.
- 16.2 Boats not finished by **4:45 PM** will be recorded as DNF. This modifies RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## 17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 If a boat intends to protest another boat or seek redress, it is requested that the boat notify the race committee of their intention after finishing. This is not a validity requirement; it is a courtesy. Radio notifications are accepted.
- 17.2 The Protest Time Limit expires 60 minutes after the RC boat docks. The Protest Time Limit will be posted on the event [Notice Board](#).
- 17.3 Protests may be filed electronically to the SWYC Protest Chair, Colleen Cooke, at [sailorcookie@cox.net](mailto:sailorcookie@cox.net), or on hard copy with the RC. Protests may be filed with any member of the RC at the after-race party. The RC Signal boat, *Dennis Conner*, is docked at SWYC in slip D-76 and the RC may also be located there.
- 17.4 The parties involved will be listed, in the order of filing, on the [EVENT NOTICE BOARD](#) and protests will be heard as soon as practicable. This posting constitutes the notice required by RRS 63.1(a)(1).
- 17.5 An arbitration meeting may be held prior to a protest hearing according to RRS Appendix T for breaches of the rules of Part 2 or rule 31 where there is no damage or injury, if a USSA Certified Judge is available. Protests not resolved through arbitration will be referred to the Protest Committee for a hearing.

## **18 SCORING**

18.1 Scoring will occur as stated in the NoR.

## **19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Informing the RC can be accomplished by either (a) sailing (motoring) past the RC vessel OR (b) radioing the RC vessel (VHF 68). Failure to do this may result in entry rejection for other CRA or SWYC races. If the RC vessel does not answer, leave the information with another race participant to avoid punitive action, or keep trying.
- 19.2 Notwithstanding any safety requirements, the ultimate safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner or charterer. He/she must do his/her best to ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. He/she must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He/she must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed, and that crewmembers know where it is stowed and how it is used.

## **20 AWARDS**

- 20.1 Race results will be published on the [EVENT NOTICE BOARD](#) on this event's page on both the [CRA](#) and [SWYC](#) websites.
- 20.2 All racers are invited to enjoy the hospitality of the SWYC clubhouse after the day's racing. A keg of beer will be provided in addition to hot dogs and tater tots.
- 20.3 The awards presentation will be on Sunday, Feb. 15, at approximately 5:30 pm at SWYC.

## **21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (CRA, SWYC, 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, competitors release all claims they may have against CRA or 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.

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## Attachment A – Coronado Roads Courses

<i>Course</i>	<i>Marks</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Marks</i>
2	Start, 1a, 2s/2p, 1a, Finish	3	Start, 1a, 2s/2p, Finish @ <b>1a</b>
4	Start, 1, 2s/2p, 1, Finish	5	Start, 1, 2s/2p, Finish @ <b>1a</b>
6	Start, 1a, 2s/2p, 1a, 2s/2p, 1a, Finish	7	Start, 1a, 2s/2p, 1a, 2s/2p, Finish @ <b>1a</b>
8	Start, 1, 2s/2p, 1, 2s/2p, 1, Finish	9	Start, 1, 2s/2p, 1, 2s/2p, Finish @ <b>1a</b>

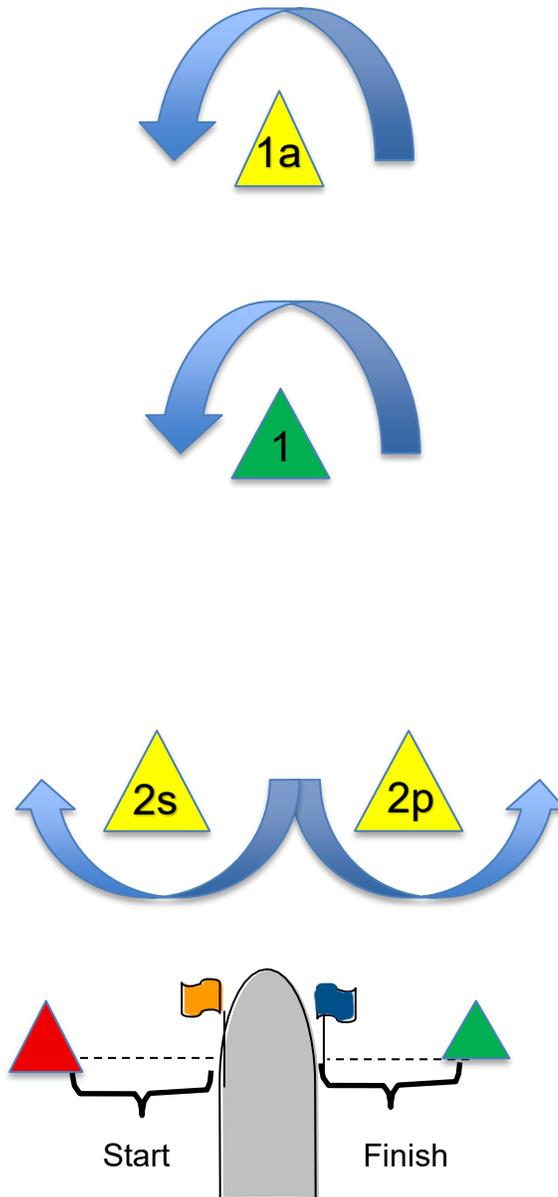


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