



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

*Present the*  
**96<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**SCYA Midwinter Regatta**

***SUNDAY, February 15:***  
**Three W/L Races in the Ocean**  
*(one day this year due to Valentine's Day)*



San Diego, CA

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**ORGANIZING AUTHORITY AND RACE MANAGEMENT**

The Organizing Authority (OA) for this regatta is the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA). The SWYC/CRA Race Committee (RC) will manage this regatta and shall appoint a Protest Committee (PC).

*This event is the only fundraiser for SCYA. Yacht clubs throughout Southern California host Midwinters Regattas this month to continue the service of SCYA to the yachting community.*

*SCYA provides sail numbers to new boats, maintains the USSA-required local appeals committee for disputed protest decisions, coordinates the opening day calendars of clubs, provides guidance for protocols and it produces the SCYA Race Calendar that conveniently lists races and regattas from Santa Barbara to Arizona to the Mexican border.*

***Thank you for your support of SCYA.***

## 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 AND COURSES

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available by 5:00pm on Thursday, Feb.12, on the online [official notice board](#).

## 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located [here](#).
- 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 members of organizations affiliated with US Sailing.
- 4.2 The regatta is open to all boats with valid class certificates as listed in NoR 4.6.
- 4.3 All eligible boats must enter [online](#) no later than 6:00pm on Friday, Feb. 13, 2026.
- 4.4 [DP] All boats shall have clearly visible sail numbers. Missing, improper, inconsistent, unclear, illegible, or numbers other than those used for check-in, are not permitted, and may result in being scored DNF. RRS 60.1, 63, and A5.1 are modified to add that the RC may disqualify a boat infringing this instruction without a hearing.
- 4.5 Classes will be based on entries and will be assigned by the Race Committee. The RC retains final authority for a boat's class placement.
- 4.6 The event is open to boats of the following classes:

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.

The Fleet Captain of any other one-design fleet wishing to participate in this race as a class and register four or more entries should contact the CRA Race Committee Chair, Colleen Cooke, by

- February 9, 2026, to register their intent to race in one-design configuration and bypass other certification requirements. Boats will then be scored and receive trophies as their own class.
- 4.7 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, February 13, 2026. Provisional assignments may be posted earlier.
- 4.8 [DP] The class numeral pennant must be flown from the backstay of all yachts, except one design classes, or in a prominent manner on the stern, when checking in, while racing, and when finishing. Competitors shall supply their own numeral pennant.
- 4.9 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.10 Late entries will only be accepted from CRA or SWYC 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
- | <u>Boat LOA:</u>  | <u>20-30 ft.</u> | <u>Over 30 ft.</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Regular Fee       | \$45.00          | \$55.00            |
| US SAILING Member | \$43.00          | \$53.00            |
- 5.2 In the event of unforeseen circumstances that may cause a regatta cancellation or rescheduling, any refund of the entry fee will solely be determined by the SCYA Midwinter Regatta Race Co-Chairs.
- 5.3 No refunds, other than as stated in 5.2, will be made upon withdrawal of an entry within 10 days of the scheduled regatta beginning date.
- 5.4 Any refund made, will be the Entry Fee less 7%.
- 5.5 A portion of the fees are used to help offset the costs SCYA provides to the yachting community.

## 6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Sunday, Feb. 15: Three Windward/Leeward races in the Coronado Roads.  
*Only one day of racing this year due to Valentine's Day occurring on Saturday.*
- 6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is **11:55am**. The warning signal for subsequent races 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 VENUES

- 7.1 The racing area on Sunday, Feb. 15 will be in the ocean in the area known as the Coronado Roads.
- 7.2 For navigation, refer to NOAA Chart #18772, *Approaches to SD Bay*.

## 8 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1 RRS *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 classes will be scored using Time-on-Time.
- 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 W/L 50/50 course.

- 9.5 The [ORC](#) classes will be scored using the 5-Band Windward/Leeward TOT scoring options.
- 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 SOCIAL EVENTS AND AWARDS CELEBRATION**

- 10.1 After race events will occur at Southwestern Yacht Club, 2702 Qualtrough St, SD, 92106.
- 10.2 The SWYC membership invites all racers to enjoy the hospitality of the SWYC clubhouse for light snacks and beer after the day's racing.
- 10.3 Regatta prizes will be awarded after racing on Sunday, Feb. 15, using the listed structure: one prize in each class of 3 - 5 boats, two for 6 - 8 boats, three for 9 - 11 boats, four for 12 - 15, five for 16 - 20, and six for more than 20 boats registered.
- 10.4 Perpetual Trophies: SD PHRF Class SCYA Midwinter Regatta Trophy, SCYA Midwinter Regatta Overall Winner.

## **11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 11.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See 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. The race organizers, SWYC, CRA & SCYA, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or another 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, CRA or SCYA 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.

## **12 INSURANCE**

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

## **13 FURTHER INFORMATION**

Questions may be addressed to:

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