



**CORTEZ RACING ASSOCIATION**  
A CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT CORPORATION  
San Diego, CA

2026  
**HARBOR ISLAND CUP**  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

*Presented by Safe Harbor Marinas*



## NOTICE OF RACE

Saturday, March 7, 2026



**SAFE HARBOR**  
MARINAS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing](#).
- 1.2 The US Prescription to RRS 63.1(b) is deleted. The US Sailing Prescriptions are available [here](#).
- 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, and 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 5:00 pm on Thursday, March 5, 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 [DP] The regatta is open to all boats of the following classes, as defined below.

ORC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Boats shall have a current 2026 <a href="#">ORC</a> certificate.</li></ul>	Spinnaker Classes
ORC Sport Boats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Boats shall have a current 2026 <a href="#">ORC</a> certificate.</li></ul>	In general, boats will be < 40' and displace < 5000 pounds, with high aspect ratio jibs.
Beneteau 36.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>SoCal 36.7 Fleet</li></ul>	
J/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Boats shall be members of the J/24 Class Association.</li></ul>	
PHRF Non-Spin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Boats shall have a valid PHRF certificate issued by either <a href="#">PHRF San Diego</a> or <a href="#">PHRF SoCal</a>.</li></ul>	
Safe Harbor Spin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Boats shall be members of Safe Harbor Marinas.</li><li>Please fly your Safe Harbor Marina burgee from your backstay.</li></ul>	In general, this class is for SHM cruisers with spinnakers without PHRF certificates.
Safe Harbor Non-Spin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Boats shall be members of Safe Harbor Marinas.</li><li>Please fly your Safe Harbor Marina burgee from your backstay.</li></ul>	In general, this class is for non-spinnaker SHM cruisers without PHRF certificates.

Other classes may be considered at the discretion of the RC Chair. The Fleet Captain should contact Colleen Cooke, CRA RC Chair, at [sailorcookie2@gmail.com](mailto:sailorcookie2@gmail.com) or (619)852-5010.

A minimum of five boats per class are needed to be scored as a One Design Class.

4.3 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.

4.4 Official Class assignments for the regatta will be established and posted as an amendment to the SIs on the online regatta event site no later than noon on Friday, March 6, 2026. Provisional assignments may be posted earlier.

4.4.1 For ORC Spin classes, each boat's 5-Band Windward/Leeward Low/Med TOT rating will be used to determine the class breaks.

4.5 [DP] The class numeral pennant must be flown from the backstay of all yachts, *except J-24s and Multihulls*, or in a prominent manner on the stern, when checking in, while racing, and when finishing. Competitors shall supply their own numeral pennant.

4.6 [DP] All boats shall have clearly visible sail numbers of a contrasting color to the body of the sail. 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.

4.7 All eligible boats must enter on-line at [the event site](#), no later than **6:00pm** on **Friday, March 6, 2026**.

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 or non-Safe Harbor Marina members.

5.2 No charge for CRA or Safe Harbor Marina members. SHM and CRA members will register at the \$40 price, and then receive the 100% discount at check-out.

5.3 CRA burgees are also available for purchase during registration for \$35.

## **6 SCHEDULE**

6.1 One race is scheduled for the Safe Harbor Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes. All other classes will sail two races.

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 **3:30pm**.

## **7 VENUE**

7.1 The starting area is in the vicinity of the mile marker at the **east end** of Harbor Island.

7.2 The racing area covers the general locale known as 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 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 W/L Low	5-Band W/L Medium
5-Band AP Low/Med	5-Band W/L Low/Med	

- 9.5 PHRF “RLC” ratings will be used as the default for scoring all PHRF classes and to determine class breaks.
- 9.6 PHRF non-spinnaker offsets will be used for scoring the PHRF Non-Spin class only.
- 9.7 The PRO’s decision regarding the rating assigned will not be grounds for redress. This modifies 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 Safe Harbor Sunroad Marina, 955 Harbor Island Dr, and published on the [CRA web site](#).
- 12.2 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 AFTER-RACE PARTY (*Best Party of the Year!*)**

- 13.1 Poolside party at Safe Harbor Sunroad Marina will include live music, paella, light bites, beer and wine, raffle prizes and awards presentation and begins at 4:30pm.

## **14 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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