



SSYC/DPYC  
**Ensenada Tune-up  
Regatta**



You are cordially invited to the 32nd Annual  
SSYC / DPYC

**Ensenada Tune-Up Race**

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**Key Dates and Information:**

**Entries Due:** 1800 Hours – Friday, April 3, 2026 by [Online Entry](#)

**Race Start:** Saturday, April 4, 2026 @1200 Hours

Outside Newport Beach Harbor near Balboa Pier

**Post-Race Festivities & Awards:**

Dana Point Yacht Club – Saturday Evening, April 4, 2026

**Offshore Racing Series:** This race is the first race in the 4 race, DPYC Offshore Racing Series (ORS).

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**ORGANIZING AUTHORITY AND RACE MANAGEMENT**

The Joint Organizing Authority (OA) for the Ensenada Tune-Up is South Shore Yacht Club (SSYC) and Dana Point Yacht Club (DPYC). The Dana Point Yacht Club Race Committee (RC) will manage this regatta and shall appoint a Protest Committee (PC).

**1. RULES**

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the [Racing Rules of Sailing](#).

1.2 [US Sailing Prescriptions](#) will apply.

1.3 The [US Safety Equipment Requirements](#) (SER) Near Shore Category will apply, except as modified by this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.

1.4 The rules of [PHRF of Southern California](#) (PHRF) will apply.

1.5 **[DP]** RRS 64.2, Penalties is modified by adding: (c) When the protest committee decides a boat that is a party to a protest hearing has broken a rule, it may assign a time penalty to be added to the boat's corrected time.

**ELIGIBILITY:** The race is open to members of yacht clubs and sailing associations recognized by the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) or US SAILING. This race is open to boats in PHRF Spinnaker, Double-Handed, Non-Spinnaker & ORCA classes. Boats entering PHRF Spinnaker and Double-Handed Classes must have a valid 2026 rating certificate. Double-Handed Class entries will be part of the PHRF Spinnaker Fleet. Boats in Non-Spinnaker Classes without a PHRF certificate will be accepted and will be assigned a rating by the Race Committee.

**ENTRY FEE:** Entries will be accepted through Friday, April 3, 2026, 6:00 PM. The entry fee of \$45 is payable by [Online Entry](#). Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the RC until 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 4, 2026. If accepted, the late entry fee is \$65.

**RATINGS:** PHRF Offwind Course (OWC) regional ratings will be used for PHRF and Double-Handed classes, as well as, Non-Spin class entries with PHRF rating certificates. ORCA class will use the current ORCA PHRF ratings. Any boat entered without a rating will be assigned a rating by the OA whose decision is final and binding and shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This Changes RRS 78.

**CLASSES:** The RC will establish all classes prior to the race. Classes will be based upon the type and number of entries received. Double-Handed Class entries will be part of the PHRF Spinnaker Fleet. Non-Spinnaker Class boats may not use spinnakers or gennakers. Double headsails will be allowed in all classes. An ORCA Class will be established with a minimum of 3 entries.

**DOUBLE-HANDED PHRF:** To more completely represent the classes of the NOSA Newport to Ensenada Race, we are including a Double-Handed PHRF Spinnaker class within the PHRF Fleet. Boats competing for this trophy will sail with a crew of two.

**OFFSHORE RACING SERIES (ORS):** This race is Race #1 of the DPYC Offshore Racing Series. You may enter the Ensenada Tune-Up Race only (\$45), or as part of the 4 race ORS Series (\$100). The additional ORS races include:

June 27 – ORS 2, Newport Bell Buoy

July 31 – ORS 3, Oceanside Sprint (Friday feeder to OYC Charity Regatta)

August 15 – ORS 4, San Mateo Point

A “**Top Gun**” Flag will be awarded to the PHRF Spinnaker Fleet, Overall Winner in each race.

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Sailing Instructions will be posted on the online [Official Regatta Notice Board](#) no later than March 31, 2026.

**NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:** There will be **NO competitor’s meeting**. Any changes to this Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions will be posted on the online [Official Regatta Notice Board](#). As a courtesy to competitors changes may also be posted on the Secondary Notice Board located upstairs at DPYC and on the SSYC website ([southshoreyc.com](http://southshoreyc.com)) no later than 2000 hours on Friday, April 3, 2026.

**CLASS BREAKS, CLASS FLAGS AND ORDER OF START:** Class Breaks, Class Flags, and Order of Start will be posted on the online [Official Regatta Notice Board](#), the Secondary Notice Board located upstairs at DPYC and as a courtesy to competitors on the SSYC website ([southshoreyc.com](http://southshoreyc.com)) no later than 1900 hours on Friday, April 3, 2026. They will also be displayed on the RC start boat prior to the First Warning signal.

**PENALTY SYSTEM:** US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix V will apply.

**RISK STATEMENT:** 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.**

**INSURANCE:** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid watercraft liability insurance policy in an amount not less than \$300,000 personal injury and personal property damage of \$100,000.

**PRIZES & POST RACE EVENTS:**

Post-Race Festivities & Awards will be at Dana Point Yacht Club – Saturday Evening, April 4, 2026.

Trophies will be awarded as follows:

1-3 Boats in Class – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

4-6 Boats in Class – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Places

7+ Boats in Class – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Places

Double-Handed Class – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Offshore Racing Series, PHRF Spinnaker Overall – “Top Gun” Flag

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

**SSYC Race Chair**

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