



# SSYC/DPYC Ensenada Tune-up Regatta



Part of the  
**DPYC OFFSHORE RACING SERIES (ORS)**

APRIL 4, 2026

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY AND RACE MANAGEMENT**

The Joint Organizing Authority (OA) for this regatta 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 the Notice of Race or these 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.

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

- 2.1 Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the online [Official Regatta Notice Board](#), and as a courtesy, the Secondary Regatta Notice Board located upstairs at DPYC and on the [SSYC website](#) no later than 1900 hours on Friday, April 3, 2026.

### **3. COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors prior to Saturday, April 4, 2026 will be posted on the online [Official Regatta Notice Board](#).
- 3.2 Notices after Friday, April 3, 2026 will be posted on the Secondary Regatta Notice Board located upstairs at DPYC.
- 3.3 On the water, the RC intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 69.
- 3.4 Racers should monitor VHF 69 prior to and during the race for communications from the RC regarding changes and other pertinent race communications.

3.5 Communication Restrictions, RRS 41 – Outside Help, attention to ISAF Case 120 from the US Sailing Appeals Committee, which clarifies the application of RRS 41 and governs competitor’s actions during the race.

**4. COMPETITOR'S MEETING**

4.1 There will be no Competitor’s Meeting.

**5. CODE OF CONDUCT**

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

**6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

6.1 No Signals will be made ashore.

**7. SCHEDULE OF RACES & CLASS FLAGS**

7.1 One (1) Off Wind Course (OWC) race is scheduled.

7.2 The first Warning Signal will be at 1200 hours.

7.3 Classes and Class flags, in the order of start, are as follows:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>CLASS FLAG</u>
<b>Non-Spinnaker</b>	<b>3</b> (numeral pennant “3”)
<b>PHRF B</b>	<b>2</b> (numeral pennant “2”)
<b>PHRF A</b>	<b>1</b> (numeral pennant “1”)
<b>ORCA</b>	<b>O</b> (alpha signal flag “Oscar”)

7.4 Class Breaks will be posted on the online [Official Regatta Notice Board](#), the Secondary Regatta Notice Boards at DPYC and SSYC by 1900 hours on Friday, April 3, 2026.

7.5 Class Breaks, Class Flags, and Order of Start will also be displayed on the RC start boat prior to the first Warning Signal.

**8. THE RACING AREA**

8.1 The race area is the Pacific Ocean between Newport Beach and Dana Point.

8.2 The starting area will be as described in SI 12.

**9. COURSE**

9.1 Start, leave Dana Point red “2SJR” whistle buoy to port, Finish.

9.2 Handicap distance is 14.2 miles.

**10. MARKS**

10.1 The Starting marks are as described in SI 12.

10.2 Dana Point red “2SJR” whistle buoy at 33° 27.300’ N by 117°43.300’ W.

10.3 The Finishing marks are as described in SI 13.

## 11. CHECKING IN

- 11.1 **[DP]** Prior to the first Warning Signal, a boat shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee boat when it is anchored on station in the starting area with code flag "L" being displayed, and hail its sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee. A boat failing to comply will have a 15 minute time penalty added to their corrected finish time.

## 12. THE START

- 12.1 The starting area will be approximately 200 yards south of the Balboa Pier.
- 12.2 In the event of heavy weather preventing the setting of the line outside the harbor, the starting area will be set inside Newport Harbor in the channel midway between the Pavilion and the Harbor Patrol docks. **Racers are to monitor VHF 69 at 1030 and 1100 hours for any announcement regarding any change to the starting area.**
- 12.3 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on or near the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of an orange inflatable tetrahedron at the port end.
- 12.4 **[DP]** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting line area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.5 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 race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. 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 redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.6 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## 13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish line shall be approximately 150 yards off the Dana Point jetty at the green lighted buoy G'1' (FLG 2.5 sec.) at approximately 33° 27.10' N by 117° 41.90' W.
- DO NOT CONFUSE this buoy with the entrance light to Dana Point Harbor.**

- 13.2 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on or near the Race Committee boat and the green lighted buoy G'1'.
- 13.3 A proper finish will leave the Race Committee boat to starboard.

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix V will apply.

## 15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 Race Time Limit and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

<u>Race Time Limit</u>	<u>Finishing Window</u>
1700 Hours	45 minutes

- 15.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE)

without a hearing. A boat scored TLE will receive no finish time. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

## **16. RETIRING FROM A RACE**

16.1 **[DP]** A boat that retires from the race prior to finishing shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity **and obtain their acknowledgment** before leaving the racecourse by coming within hail, by radio on VHF 69 or text message to 949.422.8830.

## **17. HEARING REQUESTS**

- 17.1 A competitor intending to file a protest or request for redress shall notify the RC on the finish boat and be acknowledged before leaving the finish area.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the RC Finish Line Boat docks. The time will be posted on the Secondary Regatta Notice Board upstairs at DPYC.
- 17.3 Hearing request forms are available from the RC and [online](#).
- 17.4 Notice of any protests will be posted on the Secondary Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Boats are responsible for checking this posting. Failure to do so is not an excuse to be absent from a hearing.
- 17.5 Arbitration as provided in RRS Appendix T will apply.

## **18. SCORING**

- 18.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A will be used.
- 18.2 Boats shall be scored using PHRF Offwind Course (OWC) regional ratings or OA assigned rating.
- 18.3 Non-Spin offsets will be used for boats in the Non-Spinnaker Class.

## **19. PRIZES**

- 19.1 Results will be announced at Dana Point Yacht Club after completion of the race and resolution of all protests.
- 19.2 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 Overall – “Top Gun” Flag

## **20. RISK STATEMENT**

20.1 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.**

## 21. INSURANCE

21.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

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