



San Francisco – Monterey – Santa Barbara – San Diego Notice Of Race

1. GENERAL

1. Encinal Yacht Club (“EYC”), in conjunction with San Francisco Yacht Club (SFYC), Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club (MPYC), Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC) and San Diego Yacht Club (SDYC) are the organizing authority (“OA”) for the 2016 California Offshore Race Week (CORW). The OA invites skippers of eligible boats to enter under the conditions of this Notice of Race (“NOR”).
2. For monohulls, the Ocean Race Rule (“ORR”) is the Rating Authority; for multihulls, the Ocean Racing Catamaran Association (ORCA) is the Rating Authority.
3. The term Skipper as used herein is defined as the person, whether or not the owner of the boat, who is designated on the entry form, and for the purpose of Rule 46, is the person in charge as it relates to the Racing Rules of Sailing or any matters related to the CORW. The Skipper is responsible for the boat, its handling and safety, the conduct of its crew before, during, and after the race, and compliance with the rules.
4. This is intended as a challenging set of races for very experienced sailors on well-equipped boats. It is the sole responsibility of skippers and crews to evaluate the courses, where weather conditions and sea state can be unpredictable. Racing down the California coast, some of which is in the eastern edge of the pacific trade winds, can result in conditions that range from pleasantly exhilarating, to a serious tests of seamanship. Racers should be prepared to deal with poor conditions, injuries, and potential equipment failures without the prospect of immediate assistance or rescue.



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2. RULES

- 2.1.** All boats in CORW will be governed by the *rules* as described in The Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”), and:
- 2.1.1.** The NOR’s and SI’s of the individual events of the series; Spinnaker Cup, Coastal Cup and SoCal 300.
 - 2.1.2.** For monohulls, the US Safety Equipment Regulations, (hereafter “USSER”), US Coastal level requirements, Effective 1/1/2016, as modified by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
 - 2.1.3.** For multihulls, the Ocean Racing Catamaran Association (ORCA) Racing Requirements, as approved by the ORCA BoD 10/20/13, Sections 6, 7 and 8, will be in effect for all multihull competitors, as modified by this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. The complete ORCA Racing Requirements may be found on the event website (www.socal300.com).
 - 2.1.4.** All yachts competing in CORW must comply with the safety requirements in this Notice of Race for all races in the series, including Spinnaker Cup which may have less rigorous safety requirements listed in its own NOR. Coastal Cup and SoCal 300 Safety Requirements are identical to the requirements outlined in this Notice of Race.
- 2.2.** No claim is made or implied that observance of these safety requirements will prevent injury, death, or loss of property. Neither the establishment of these safety regulations, their use by race organizers, nor the inspection or absence of inspection of a boat for compliance with these safety regulations in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the person in charge, as per RRS 46, who shall ensure that the boat is seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew with sufficient ability and experience to face bad weather. S/he shall be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. S/he shall ensure that all safety equipment is at all times properly maintained and safely stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used.” See USSER 1.2 and ORCA 5.6
- 2.3.** NOR addendum #1 will provide a list of all USSER requirements and will include the modifications made by this NOR.
- 2.4.** NOR addendum #2 will provide a copy of all ORCA requirements and references to modifications made by this NOR.
- 2.5.** For boats competing in a subclass (i.e. Fast 50 or WC 70), the relevant class rules will also apply.
- 2.6.** Advertising on a boat shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20 for Category A events.
- 2.7.** Transponders will be used for race tracking and will be required to be carried and transmitting for the entire duration of the race. While boats will not be responsible for the rental fee, they are required to enter into a rental agreement with the transponder rental company and agree to be responsible for up to \$1000 for their unit if lost or destroyed.

3. ALTERATIONS TO THE RULES

- 3.1. Yachts shall follow the rules as altered for the individual races as outlined in the NOR's and SI's for those races (Spinnaker Cup, Coastal Cup, Santa Barbara 'just for fun' In-Port Race, SoCal 300).

4. ALTERATIONS TO THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1. USSER "US Coastal" Requirements will be in effect except as modified by this NOR and/or the sailing instructions. Please see NOR Addendum #1 for a complete checklist of the safety requirements for the race. Specific modifications to the US Coastal Requirements as follows:
- 4.1.1. USSER 3.33.1 is modified to the following: A boat shall have a mainsail reefing capable of reducing the luff length by at least 10%. If the boat's mainsail is not compliant with 3.33.1 she may satisfy this requirement by carrying a storm trysail in compliance with USSER rule 3.33.2 which reads "A boat shall carry a trysail, with the boat's sail number displayed on both sides, which can be set independently of the main boom, has an area less than 17.5% of E x P, and which is capable of being attached to the mast. Storm sails manufactured after 01/01/2014 shall be constructed from a highly visible material."
- 4.1.2. USSER 3.39 is added as a requirement - this is the requirement to carry life raft(s).
- 4.1.3. USSER 3.40 is added as a requirement - this is the requirement to carry ditch bag(s) for the life raft(s).
- 4.1.4. USSER 9.0 is added as a requirement - this is a requirement to carry a YB Tracking position transponder.
- 4.1.5. USSER 9.1 is added as a requirement - this is a requirement to carry a satellite phone in a waterproof container.
- 4.2. ORCA Safety requirements will be in effect except as modified by this NOR and/or the Sailing Instructions. Specifically:
- 4.2.1. Delete ORCA 7.37 and replace with:
"All boats shall carry adequate inflatable life raft(s) designed for saving life at sea with designed capacity for containing the entire crew and capable of taking crew off under adverse sea conditions."
- 4.2.2. ORCA 8.43 is modified to require all boats to carry a satellite phone.
- 4.2.3. Add ORCA 8.5: "Annually, two thirds of the boat's racing crew shall practice man overboard procedures appropriate for the boat's size and speed."
- 4.2.4. Add ORCA 8.6: "At least 30% of those aboard the boat, but not fewer than two members of the crew, unless racing single handed, including the person in charge, shall have attended a one day or two day US Sailing Safety at Sea Seminar within the last 5 years, or other courses as accepted by US Sailing."

5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1.** A valid ORR certificate is required for monohulls, with the following exception:
- 5.1.1.** Yachts with a PHRF rating certificate of RLC "0" or slower may enter with this PHRF certificate and will be assigned a TCF number using the ORR-ez system. This will be provided at no cost to the competitor. The OA may ask for additional measurement data or for verification of measurement data on the PHRF certificate. Additionally, such yachts may, at their discretion, submit additional measurement information along with their PHRF certificate, including but not limited to sail measurements, accurate boat weights/measurements, etc. which will increase the accuracy of their ORR-ez Certificate. Such yachts may alternately enter with a valid ORR rating certificate.
- 5.1.2.** Yachts faster than PHRF "0" must enter with a valid ORR rating certificate.
- 5.2.** A current ORCA rating is required for multihulls.
- 5.3.** The owner or charterer of a boat entered in the race shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat that is current when racing, with a sum insured of not less than \$500,000 USD.

6. ENTRY

- 6.1.** Eligible boats may enter online. Entry information is available at www.offshoreraceweek.com. Coastal Cup and SoCal 300 are entered simultaneously using a single entry form. Spinnaker Cup must be entered using a separate entry form. Both entry forms are on the www.offshoreraceweek.com entry page.
- 6.2.** Entry fee breakdown is as follows: Spinnaker Cup entry is \$120 (only @ SFYC website). Coastal Cup/SoCal 300 dual entry when competing in CORW is \$480 (only @ CORW website). This is a discounted rate for CORW competitors vs. the individual race entry fees for boats only doing a single race. The total fee is \$600 due on or before May 19, 2016.
- 6.2.1.** Yachts entering prior to April 5, 2016 are eligible for an additional \$50 discount off the entry fee.
- 6.3.** The OA may accept late entries after May 19, 2016 at their discretion. Late entries that are accepted will be subject to a \$100 late fee. No entries will be accepted after Monday, May 30, 2016.
- 6.4.** Waivers of liability will be required from all participants. These waivers will be available at www.offshoreraceweek.com.



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7. EVENT SCHEDULE

4/5/16	2359	Early entry discount expires
5/19/16	1700	Regular entry deadline
5/19/16	1700	Entry closed
5/26/16	TBA	Party at SFYC
5/27/16	TBA	Spinnaker Cup Skippers Briefing
5/27/16	TBA	Spinnaker Cup Start
5/28/16	TBA	Awards ceremony for Spinnaker Cup
5/29/16	0900	Coastal Cup Skippers Briefing
5/29/16	1155	First possible warning time for Coastal Cup
<i>(Note: Exact starting times will be listed in the sailing instructions. Classes may not start at the same time.)</i>		
5/30/16	All Day	SBYC open to competitors
6/1/16	Afternoon	SBYC 'just for fun' In-Port Race
6/1/16	Evening	Mt Gay Rum Party and BBQ at SBYC
6/2/16	Evening	SBYC Clubhouse open to competitors, hosted hors d'oeuvres.
6/3/16	0800	Racers breakfast for purchase + complimentary coffee, SBYC Clubhouse
6/3/16	0900	SoCal 300 Skipper Briefing
6/3/16	1200	First possible warning time for SoCal 300
<i>(Note: Exact starting times will be listed in the Sailing Instructions. Classes may not start at the same time.)</i>		
6/5/16	1700	SoCal 300 & CORW Awards Ceremony, San Diego Yacht Club Frost Room

8. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 8.1.** The Official Notice Board for CORW, Coastal Cup and SoCal 300 is located on the race website at www.offshoreraceweek.com
- 8.1.1.** Note: The Spinnaker Cup may have a different Official Notice Board as outlined in the Spinnaker Cup NOR.
- 8.2.** The OA reserves the right to amend this NOR. The OA will post amendments on the Official Notice Board on the race website. If appropriate, copies of amendments will be placed on supplementary notice boards at the Yacht Clubs hosting the races.
- 8.3.** Yachts shall sail in accordance with this NOR and with the NOR's of the individual races. Sailing Instructions for the individual races will be published by the OA's of those races. Links to these NOR's and Sailing Instructions will be posted online at www.offshoreraceweek.com
- 8.4.** Questions regarding this NOR must be submitted in writing to sailing@sdyc.org no later than 1700 on 5/19/16.



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- 8.5. CORW Class breaks will be published prior to the start of racing. Additional yachts not competing in CORW, but competing in the individual races may be included in the class breaks for those individual races, however their scores will not affect CORW scoring.

9. COURSE

- 9.1. The courses will be outlined in the NOR's/SI's for the individual races:

- 9.1.1. Spinnaker Cup (San Francisco to Monterey)
- 9.1.2. Coastal Cup (Monterey to Santa Barbara)
- 9.1.3. Santa Barbara 'just for fun' In-Port Race
- 9.1.4. SoCal 300 (Santa Barbara to San Diego)

1. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 1.1. The scoring penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply.
- 1.2. RRS 64.1, Penalties and Exoneration, is modified by adding: (d) 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. SCORING

- 2.1. Monohull, Multihull, and Exhibition classes will be scored separately for all categories (class and overall) and by ratings established by their respective RAs.
- 2.2. Multihulls will be scored using the TCF numbers supplied by ORCA and will use the same TCF number for all legs.
- 2.3. Monohull boats will be scored using the TCF numbers created for CORW by US Sailing using the boats' valid 2016 ORR and ORR-ez certificates. Different races may or may not have the same wind matrix used to generate TCF numbers, therefore the TCF numbers for each race may differ from the other races.
 - 2.3.1. A boat's scores in both fleet and overall for the individual races of Spinnaker Cup and Coastal Cup will be her position, based on corrected time figured using the time on time method, utilizing the boats race specific TCF.
 - 2.3.2. A boat's score for SoCal 300 will be her "regatta score" using leg scoring as outlined in the SoCal 300 NOR.
 - 2.3.3. Note: For Monohull Yachts; while Spinnaker Cup and Coastal Cup will be scored under the ORR system for the purposes of CORW scoring, they will also be using PHRF NorCal ratings for scoring purposes for their individual race local trophies, as outlined in those race's individual NOR's and SI's. Yachts are not required to obtain PHRF NorCal certificates for CORW. However, to be eligible for the local trophies for those individual races, they may choose to obtain a PHRF NorCal certificate.



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- 2.4. A boat's score in both fleet and overall for CORW will be the sum of her finish positions for the three races. No race scores shall be excluded.
- 2.5. For CORW scoring for all races, legs of races, in all classes and overall: Scores for all yachts not entered in CORW (yachts only competing in individual races) will be excluded from the scores.

3. TROPHY PRESENTATION

- 3.1. Trophy Presentations will be as outlined in section 7 "Event Schedule".
- 3.2. Trophies will be awarded for individual races as well as for CORW.
- 3.3. The winner of CORW in the monohull classes will be named the "California Offshore Champion" as endorsed by the Offshore Racing Association. This winner will receive a trophy commemorating this accomplishment.

4. DISCLAIMER

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, RA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host clubs, 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 race. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

5. CONTACT INFO

Spinnaker Cup:

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