



May 26 – 27 Spinnaker Cup
San Francisco to Monterey

May 28 – 29 Coastal Cup
Monterey to Santa Barbara

May 30 Santa Barbara in Port Race

May 31 – June 2 SoCal 300
Santa Barbara to San Diego

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority (OA): The San Francisco Yacht Club (SFYC), Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club (MPYC), Encinal Yacht Club (EYC), Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), San Diego Yacht Club (SDYC).

1 RULES

- 1.1 This Series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). From the hours of sunset to sunrise, the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) shall replace Part 2 of the RRS. Sunset and sunrise shall be as published by the US Naval Observatory at each boat's current position.
- 1.2 The use of a satellite transponder (tracker) is required for all races. All trackers will be distributed to competitors prior to the race(s) they are entered in and will be available at the SFYC Race Office beginning on May 19. All trackers shall be picked up prior leaving the dock on race days. Boats participating in multiple races will keep their trackers between races. Pickup locations for the Coastal Cup and SoCal 300 will be listed in the sailing instructions for each race.

- 1.3 All boats shall comply with the Minimum Offshore Requirements (MOR) as specified by the Northern California Offshore Racing Council. The MOR can be found on the web at www.norcalorc.org, 2017 Gear List. Exceptions to the MOR may be requested. The OA will review each request on a case-by-case basis to determine if the exception will materially change the safety of the boat and crew.
- 1.4 Changes to the MOR are as follows:
 - a. The four-hour (half-day) Coastal Safety at Sea Seminar and all online safety at sea courses do not qualify for MOR requirement 4.3.2.
 - b. The “person in charge” will be defined as the registered skipper.
- 1.5 Racing rule 40 is deleted and replaced with: “All competitors are required to wear lifejackets that comply with the MOR (33.7 pounds of flotation, or greater inflatable or USCG type 1) including crotch/leg straps while on deck.” Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 1.6 Racing rule 52 is changed for the Short Handed Sailing (SHS) class only, to allow the use of autopilots during the Series.
- 1.7 Life rafts are required equipment for the Series, and the Coastal Cup and SoCal 300. Boats participating in the Series shall carry their life raft during the Spinnaker Cup.
- 1.8 RRS 55 is modified to permit the use of biodegradable material to band spinnakers. Said materials shall not be considered trash if lost overboard during a spinnaker launch.
- 1.9 RRS 51 Movable Ballast and RRS 52 Manual Power are modified to permit the positioning of hull appendages, specifically adjustable keels and water ballast, and other control devices powered by hydraulic or electric power on boats so designed and so rated by the handicap authority. All such movable ballast systems shall be capable of manual operation if powered systems are inoperable. All other boats shall comply with RRS 51 and RRS 52.
- 1.10 RRS 51 is further modified for all boats to permit the movement of sails not in use while racing; however all sails not being flown must remain within a boat’s lifelines.
- 1.11 **In addition, multihulls shall comply with the Ocean Racing Catamaran Association (ORCA) Racing Requirements, effective June 10, 2010, Ocean level, including Sections 6, 7, and 8. This requirement does not apply to the Spinnaker Cup.**
 - 1.11.1 ORCA 7.37 shall be replaced 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 condition.”
 - 1.11.2 ORCA 8.43 is modified to require all boats to carry either a satellite phone or a satellite-based text messenger capable of sending messages to the Race Committee and United States Coast Guard.
 - 1.11.3 ORCA 8.6: “Two GPS positioning devices are required; both with the ability to set a position and to accurately show the time of setting that position.”



2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The Spinnaker Cup and Coastal Cup are open to all boats 23'9" overall length or longer, with valid Northern California PHRF (NCPHRF) certificates, or MPHRF BAMA or ORCA Certificates. In the event that a boat holds a certificate from another area (e.g. Monterey Bay or SoCal PHRF), an adjusted NCPHRF Rating must be obtained. Contact YRA of San Francisco Bay at 415-771-9500, no later than April 22 for consideration by the PHRF Committee. When a rating is assigned, it is not subject to redress. This changes rule 62.1.
PLEASE UPLOAD CURRENT CERTIFICATE WHEN REGISTERING, or email to jared@sdyc.org.
- 2.2 The SoCal 300 is open to all boats with an ORR or ORR-EZ certificate.
PLEASE UPLOAD CURRENT CERTIFICATE WHEN REGISTERING, or email to jared@sdyc.org.
- 2.3 Boats racing in the Series shall have a valid ORR or ORR-EZ rating.
- 2.4 Classes will be determined prior to the start of each race and described in each race's sailing instructions.
- 2.5 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the online registration found at www.offshoreraceweek.com/entry-form no later than 1800 hours on Wednesday, May 23.
- 2.6 Each sailor on board for any race is required to complete this waiver and emergency contact info sheet at www.offshoreraceweek.com/waiver. An owner/captain shall submit to jared@sdyc.org a crew list, and maintain its accuracy through the time the boat leaves the dock. During on-the-water check-in crew lists shall be confirmed per NOR 11.
- 2.7 Entry status can be tracked online at www.offshoreraceweek.com/status.

3 FEES

- 3.1 Entry fees shall be paid online at the time of registration.
- 3.2 The entry fees are as follows:
Spinnaker Cup only: \$175
Coastal Cup only: \$250
SoCal 300 only: \$250
- 3.3 A late fee of \$100 per race will be applied to entries received after 1800 hours on May 19.

4 SAFETY

- 4.1 Emergency contacts for all crew members shall be provided so they are available to the U.S. Coast Guard. Please ensure people listed as emergency contacts will be ashore and reachable in the event that they must be called.
- 4.2 Random inspections may be made before the start and after the finish of each race for minimum equipment compliance. If selected, you will be contacted by a race committee member to make arrangements for the inspection. If the random inspection is at the finish, you will be contacted at the finish line on VHF USA

channel 65A. The same boat may be selected at both the start and the finish line of any race.

- 4.3 Any boat not passing an equipment inspection shall be protested by the race committee. Penalties will be determined by the protest committee based on the level of offense up to and including DSQ from that race.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Any amendments to the schedule will be posted on the Series website no later than 1200 hours on the day before they are to take effect.

5.2 Spinnaker Cup

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| Saturday, May 26 | 1030-1135 | Mandatory check-in (VHF 65A) |
| | 1130 | First warning signal |
| Sunday, May 27 | 1800 | Awards |

5.3 Coastal Cup

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| Sunday, May 27 | 1630 | Skippers' meeting (mandatory) |
| Monday, May 28 | 1155 | First warning signal |

5.4 Santa Barbara in Port Race

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| Wednesday, May 30 | 1700 | First warning signal |
| | After race | Coastal Cup and In Port Race Awards |

5.5 SoCal 300

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| Thursday, May 31 | 0900 | Skippers' meeting |
| | 1155 | First warning signal |
| Saturday, June 2 (or Sunday, June 3) | | The Offshore Race Week & SoCal 300 Awards ceremony day/time will be announced at the skippers meeting for the SoCal300 race, and will be based on the weather forecast and anticipated finish times. |

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions for each race will be available on the Series website, www.offshoreraceweek.com no later than Monday, May 21. They will also be available in the clubhouses that each race starts from.

7 THE COURSES

7.1 Spinnaker Cup

The starting line will be located in the San Francisco Bay Knox Race Area, in the vicinity west of Pt. Knox on Angel Island. The race will be from the starting line to the finishing line off Municipal Wharf 2 in Monterey. An additional rounding mark approximately 6 nautical miles offshore of the Golden Gate, may be required in the selected course, depending on weather conditions. The two possible courses will be described in the sailing instructions.

7.2 **Coastal Cup**

The starting line will be located at buoy “7” located approximately 1nm ENE of the Monterey Harbor entrance. The race will be from the starting line to the finishing line located approximately 11 nautical miles SW of the Santa Barbara buoy “SB” along the line 119 deg 50 min W longitude. There will be no race committee boat on station at the finish. The finishing line and procedure will be described in the sailing instructions. The total approximate course length is 204 nautical miles.

7.3 **SoCal 300**

The starting line will be located in the vicinity of Point Castillo and the Santa Barbara Yacht Club. After starting, boats shall leave “Mark A” to port, leave Santa Cruz Island to port, leave weather buoy ODAS 46047 to port, leave San Diego channel entrance buoy “SD 1” to port and finish by passing between San Diego channel buoys “SD 5” and SD6”. There will be no race committee boat on station. The finish line and procedure will be described in the sailing instructions. The approximate course length is 245 nautical miles.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply. The penalty will be 10 minutes added to the finish time of that race. A yellow flag will not be required, but a boat taking a penalty shall notify the race committee at the finish line. This changes rule 44.3.

9 SCORING

9.1 **Spinnaker Cup**

9.1.1 Northern California PHRF Ratings will be used to calculate the corrected times using Time-on-Time scoring.

9.1.2 Either standard or downwind PHRF Ratings will be used. The rating used will be based on the following data observed during the race:

Average wind direction calculated from hourly data reported from the following National Data Buoy Center buoys for the 14 hours after the first class’ starting signal. Each buoy’s average will then be averaged. Any individual observations that are missing will be disregarded.

- a. Station 46026 (San Francisco) located 18NM West of San Francisco
- b. Station 46012 (Half Moon Bay) located 24NM SSW of San Francisco
- c. Station 46042 (Monterey) located 27NM WNW of Monterey

Observed data from these buoys is available at www.ndbc.noaa.gov

9.1.3 Standard PHRF Ratings will be used if the computed wind direction is greater than or equal to 65 (degrees true) and lower than or equal to 245 (degrees true).

9.1.4 Downwind PHRF Ratings will be used if the computed wind direction is lower than 65 (degrees true) and greater than 245 (degrees true).

9.2 **Coastal Cup**

Northern California PHRF Downwind Ratings will be used to calculate the corrected times using Time-on-Time scoring.

9.3 **SoCal 300**

- 9.3.1 Monohull boats shall be scored using the ORR rating system. Boats may submit either an ORR or ORR-EZ certificate as their rating. The SoCal 300 will use the “California Offshore” TCF number multiplied by a boat’s elapsed time to determine her corrected time.
- 9.3.2 Multihull boats shall be scored using the ORCA rating system. The SoCal 300 will use the TCF numbers supplied by ORCA multiplied by a boat’s elapsed time to determine her corrected time.
- 9.3.3 The SoCal 300 shall utilize a leg scoring method by which the race course will be broken up into three physical legs, and the entire race length also counted as a fourth leg. A boat’s finish time of a leg will be her start time for the next leg. Boats will be required to take their leg finish times when passing through scoring gates. A boat’s score in both fleet and overall for the SoCal 300 will be the sum of her finish positions for the legs 1, 2 and 3, plus her finish position in leg 4 (the entire race length), with leg 4’s finish position being multiplied by 1.5. Exact details on scoring gates and how to take times will be detailed in the sailing instructions.

9.4 **The Series**

The Series shall be scored using the ORR rating system for Monohulls and the ORCA rating system for Multihulls. Monohulls may enter with either an ORR or ORR-EZ rating certificate (in addition to any rating certificates required for the individual races of the event). For ORR ratings, the California Offshore TCF number shall be used. Classes scored for CORW may be different than classes scored for individual races in the series, and will not include boats participating only in individual races but not the entire series. The CORW series shall be scored as three races, and all races will count towards each boat’s final score.

10 **BERTHING**

- 10.1 All berthing requirements should be requested during registration.
- 10.2 The SFYC guest docks will be available to race participants starting on Wednesday, May 24 on a first come first served basis. (The SFYC harbor is currently only 8 feet deep at low tide.) Contact Harbormaster, Kevin Tentis, at harbor@sfyc.org to check availability.
- 10.3 In Monterey the City of Monterey Harbormaster will allocate slips in the Municipal Marina to participants based on the information provided at the time of registration on the Overnight Berthing Request form, which is located at www.offshoreraceweek.com/documents. Individual slip assignments will be given to each boat pre-registered with the Harbor. Boats requiring a slip in Breakwater Cove must make their own prior arrangements. Slip fees are not included in the entry fee. After finishing, boats must check-in with the MPYC concierge for harbor key cards. A refundable deposit is required.
- 10.5 For haul-outs in Monterey, boats using the hoist may be temporarily docked after finishing at the MPYC guest docks.



- 10.6 Berthing arrangements in Santa Barbara will be made through the Harbormaster using the online form at www.offshoreraceweek.com/sbyc.
- 10.7 Berthing arrangements in San Diego may be made on your registration for the series. This information will be sent to the SDYC Dockmaster who will contact each boat prior to the race to discuss slip assignments. You may also contact the Dockmaster directly at ty@sdyc.org.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

The race committee may broadcast information about each day's start on VHF USA channel 65A. All boats are required to check in before each start and before finishing each race. **Please note that at check-in boats will be asked for the total number of people on board. If there has been any change from the online registration, boats will be asked to switch to VHF USA channel 78 to provide the new information.** Check-in for each race is not complete until confirmation is received from the race committee. Boats failing to check in with the race committee by VHF radio, including providing the number of people onboard, will be scored DNC for that race.

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 The trophy presentations for each race will be held as scheduled in NOR 5, or as posted on the official notice board on the event website.
- 12.2 For the Spinnaker Cup keeper trophies will be awarded for each race to the top finishers in each class, with the number of trophies depending on the number of entries per class.
- 12.3 The Coastal Cup will award the following perpetual trophies:
- The Coastal Cup Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the first overall monohull on corrected time in the Downwind PHRF Division.
 - The Edward J. Milano Memorial Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the first Encinal Yacht Club boat to finish on Downwind PHRF corrected time.
 - The Line Honors Perpetual Trophy will be presented to the first boat to finish on uncorrected time. All boats entered in the Coastal Cup, whether entered under Downwind PHRF, ORR, or ORCA, are eligible for this trophy.
 - The Carl Schumacher Perpetual Trophy will be presented to the Schumacher-designed boat with the fastest Downwind PHRF corrected time.
- 12.4 The SoCal 300 will award trophies as follows:
- 1st in each Monohull class for each of the 4 legs on corrected time.
 - 1st to finish (elapsed time) in each class for leg 4 (entire course length).
 - 1st and 2nd in each class for the SoCal 300, as scored per 9.3.3 of this NOR.
 - The overall Monohull winner as determined by scoring per NOR 9.3.3 shall have their boat's name engraved on the Jost Von Kursell perpetual trophy.



- 12.5 The California Offshore Race Week series shall award trophies as follows:
- 1st place in each CORW assigned class for each of the three races in the series, as scored using the CORW ratings as outlined in NOR 9.4.
 - 1st place for the CORW series in each CORW assigned class, as scored per NOR 9.4.
 - The overall Monohull winner of CORW will be awarded a special take home trophy and named the 2018 California Offshore Champion, as endorsed by the Offshore Racing Association.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the races or the Series entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, 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 race or Series.

14 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per incident.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

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