



2026 California Offshore Race Week
May 23 – 30, 2026
Notice to Competitors #1

A request to waive compliance with the CA Offshore Race Week Notice of Race has been received by s/v *Poppy*, USA 703, Mini Transat 6.5m, owned by Scott Tarrant with the intention of registering and racing in the **2026 Spinnaker Cup**. The Organizing Authority have accepted the request for an exception to the LOA requirement.

NOR Section 2.1.1 – Eligibility states “Open to all boats 23’9” overall length or longer.”

The OA understands from the person in charge that the vessel *Poppy* has a Length Overall of 21.0 feet. The boat in question is of a design specifically designed and routinely successfully used in significant ocean passages.

It is assumed Mr. Tarrant and crew are aware of implications of these waivers relative to their own performance in any sea state and their safety in any circumstance and that this in no way diminishes the emphasis of the whole of SER 1.2 – “**The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the "person in charge..." etc..** With this understanding and acceptance of the associated liability by Mr. Tarrant, this waiver is granted.

*CA Offshore Race Week Organizing Authority
1015, January 12, 2026*