



**California Offshore Race Week**  
**2026 COASTAL CUP**  
Monterey to Santa Barbara,  
California

# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

## **1 RULES**

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 From the hours of sunset to sunrise, Appendix RV, REDUCED VISIBILITY RACING RULES ([https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/22919RacingRulesofSailingAppendixRV-\[25524\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/22919RacingRulesofSailingAppendixRV-[25524].pdf)) applies.
- 1.3 If there is any disagreement between the NOR and the sailing instructions, the sailing instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.5(c).
- 1.4 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or" This also changes NoR 1 - Rules.
- 1.5 RRS 51 is modified for this race to allow the movement of sails that are not set around the boat.

## **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors prior to the start will be posted on the CORW Series website (official notice board) no later than 12 hours before they are to take effect. The NOR, SIs, and amendments thereto will be posted online at [www.offshoreraceweek.com](http://www.offshoreraceweek.com).
- 2.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the Monterey Peninsula YC.

## **3 RACE SCHEDULE AND CLASS FLAGS**

- 3.1 The first warning signal is scheduled for 11:55 on Monday, May 25, 2026.
- 3.2 The expected starting order and class flags are as follows. Class flags will be international code flags.

Class	Class Flag
ORR-A	Code Flag A
ORR-B	Code Flag B
ORR-C	Code Flag C
ORR-D	Code Flag D
ORR-EZ	Code Flag E

- 3.3 Class assignments can be found on the California Offshore Race Week website by 20:00 Thursday May 21, 2026 at <https://offshoreraceweek.com/entry-list>.

## **4 RACING AREA AND COURSE**

- 4.1 The Starting Area will be in the vicinity of buoy 'MY 1' (yellow) located approximately 1 nm ENE of the Monterey Harbor Entrance.
- 4.2 The racing area includes Monterey Bay, the Santa Barbara Channel, and the coastal waters of California. The course length is approximately 204 nautical miles.
- 4.3 The course will be within the navigable waters from the starting line to the finishing line, leaving Government Buoys R "4" FI R 4s BELL (off Pt. Cabrillo) and R "2" FI R 6s BELL (off POINT PINOS) to port.

## **5 PRE-START CHECK-IN**

- 5.1 All boats shall check in with the race committee on USA **VHF 69** between the hours of 1115 and 1150 using the boat's primary fixed radio with masthead antenna. This communication is required to verify proper radio functionality and will include questions to confirm the "Crew Corner" list of persons on board is correct. Check-in is not complete until a boat receives confirmation from the race committee. **Failure to complete this communication successfully shall result in a score of DNC.** This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

## **6 THE START**

- 6.1 The Starting Line shall be a line between an orange marker or flag on the Coastal Cup signal boat and buoy 'MY 1' (yellow) located approximately 1 nm ENE of the Monterey Harbor Entrance.
- 6.2 If any part of a boats hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to hail her sail number over VHF. Failure to hail her number, failure to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 6.3 The Race Committee intends to use "rolling starts."

## **7 THE FINISH**

- 7.1 The finish line shall be approximately 11 nm SW of the Santa Barbara buoy "SB". A boat has finished when it crosses a line between the Port Finish Waypoint (PFW) and the Starboard Finish Waypoint (SFW) and leaving PFW to port and SFW to starboard.
- 7.2 PFW coordinates: 34 16.0 N / 119 50.0 W
- 7.3 SFW coordinates: 34 15.8 N / 119 50.0 W
- 7.4 [NP/DP] A boat's YB tracker will transmit a lat/lon and time when it crosses the finish line. This data will be used to report a boat's finish time. There will be no committee boat on station.
- 7.5 At their finish, boats shall record their finish time and position electronically (for example by setting a waypoint or photographing a GPS display) and shall enter the time on the "Finish Sheet" addendum. The Finish Sheet shall be presented to the Race Committee at the earliest opportunity once on shore. The electronically-recorded data shall be made available to the RC on request for up to one week after finishing.

## **8 PENALTY SYSTEM**

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

## **9 TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for the race will be 1600 on Wednesday, May 28, 2025. Boats that have not finished by the Time Limit shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## **10 WITHDRAWAL [NP/DP]**

In addition to any required contact with the U.S. Coast Guard, any boat that retires from the race or experiences an issue that may affect its time on the course shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. Notification may be made by call or text at (213)915-8568, or by email at [vicecommodore@encinal.org](mailto:vicecommodore@encinal.org). The boat shall report its situation, including the reason for withdrawal, crew status, intended destination, and estimated time of arrival. Failure to notify the Race Committee may result in the boat being held responsible for all costs associated with any search and rescue efforts by the Race Committee, the U.S. Coast Guard, or other SAR personnel and resources.

## **11 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 11.1 The protest time limit is one (1) hours after the protesting boat finishes. If the protesting boat does not finish, her protest time limit is two (2) hours after the last boat in her class finishes. This constitutes the time limit mentioned in the first sentence of RRS 60.3(b) and RRS 61.2(b).
- 11.2 Protests or requests for redress may be dropped off at the concierge desk inside SBYC or emailed to [vicecommodore@encinal.org](mailto:vicecommodore@encinal.org).
- 11.3 Notices will be posted within one hour after the receipt of a protest or request for redress on the Notice Board at the SBYC. The time and place of the hearing will be noted there.
- 11.4 The protest committee will schedule hearings in the order it determines. The hearing schedule will be transmitted via email and or text message directly to the parties. This shall constitute the notification required by RRS 63.1(a).
- 11.5 The protest committee will hold hearings in person, via Zoom or equivalent video conference, or in a hybrid manner. Parties and witnesses not physically present are expected to join the meeting when it commences. Witnesses not physically present may be placed in the virtual Waiting Room on Zoom until called upon for testimony. The use of headsets is recommended for remote participants, particularly if joining a hearing from a location where background noise cannot be controlled.
- 11.6 Notices of any other protests by a committee will also be posted. This constitutes the notification required by RRS 63.1(a).
- 11.7 It is the sole responsibility of each boat involved to be ready and have witnesses available when the hearing is called.

## **12 SCORING**

- 12.1 Boats will be scored using their TCF numbers derived from the California Offshore Wind Matrix, using the boats' valid 2026 ORR certificates.
- 12.2 After the last sentence of RRS Appendix A3 add: Unless the rules of the handicap system make a different arrangement, the corrected time for a boat will be rounded to the nearest second, 0.5 seconds rounding up to the next higher integer.

## **13 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

The race committee may broadcast information about the day's racing, and OCS boats, on USA VHF 69. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats or failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 61.1.

**14 PRIZES**

- 14.1 Trophies will be awarded to the top finishers in each class, with the number of trophies depending on the number of entries per class. The trophy presentation will be held at SBYC following in-port racing on Wednesday, May 27, 2026.
- 14.2 Prizes not claimed at the prize giving ceremony will remain with the organizing authority.

**15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authorities and their volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**16 RIGHTS TO USE NAME, LIKENESS, AND PERSONAL DATA**

- 16.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.
- 16.2 Additionally, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and race officials the right to use their personal contact information, including but not limited to a current email address and cell phone number, for the purpose of race administration and race communications.

**Regatta Co-Chairs and Principal Race Officer (PRO):**

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**Addendum 'Finish Sheet'**

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Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sail Number \_\_\_\_\_

Finish Line  
Between

PFW coordinates: 34 16.0 N / 119 50.0 W

and

SFW coordinates: 34 15.8 N / 119 50.0 W

Finish Date and Time \_\_\_\_\_(GPS Time)