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2008 San Diego Bay Summer Beer Can Series

Cortez Racing Association/Silver Gate Yacht Club

Wednesday Evenings May 28-Aug 6, 2008

(except July 2)

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES:

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Yachts must carry all USCG-required safety equipment, including functional "running" lights.
- 1.3 **Contact with or forcing another boat to make contact with the Race Committee (R/C) boat may be grounds for disqualification by the R/C without a hearing. This modifies RRS 63.1.**
- 1.4 **Racing boats encountering non-racing craft shall conform to Inland Rules of the Road. RRS 60.2, 63.1 and A5 are modified to add that the R/C may directly disqualify a yacht infringing 1.4 without a hearing.**
- 1.5 **Any R/C Vessel is authorized to signal and direct any racing vessel or any class to alter course for Rule 9 traffic.**
- 1.6 **NAVAL PROTECTION ZONES:** The Naval Protection Zone is a 500 yard regulated area of water surrounding all US Naval Vessels of 100' or more. All vessels within 500 yards of a US Naval Vessel shall operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain safe course and speed and shall proceed as directed by any official patrol.
NO VESSEL IS ALLOWED WITHIN 100 YARDS OF A US NAVAL VESSEL OR A CRUISE SHIP. These zones are permanently in effect.
- 1.7 Sailing Instructions 1.3, 1.4, 7.2, 10.4, 10.5, 11.1, 11.3, 11.4, 12.2, 13.1, 14.1, 15.1, 15.4, 17.1, and 19.1 modify the RRS.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS--CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 2.1 Official notices and amendments will be available from the R/C vessel per 3.1 below and if time permits, at www.cortezracing.com.

3 SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT:

- 3.1 "L" Flag over "A" Flag means an amendment to the SAILING INSTRUCTIONS and/or an official notice is being distributed from the R/C vessel.

4 SCHEDULE FOR ALL RACES:

- 4.1 Dates of Racing: every Wednesday, beginning May 28, 2008 and ending August 6, 2008. **There will be no racing Wednesday July 2.**
- 4.2 Number of races: One race per day will be sailed for all classes.
- 4.3 The first warning each day is scheduled for 1750. Subsequent classes will start immediately following the first start.

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5 CLASS FLAGS and STARTING ORDER:

(Note: there are some changes in the starting order from previous years)

Pennant: Class:

White Class A
Black Class B
Hot Pink Class G
Orange Class C
Green Class E

NOTE: Classes D,F,J will start together

Yellow Class D
Blue Class F
Blue/Lt Blue Class J

NOTE: Classes H,I will start together

Black/Lt Blue Class H
Green/Lt Blue Class I

6 RACING AREA:

- 6.1 The RACING AREA covers the general locale known as North San Diego Bay.
- 6.2 The STARTING AREA for all races will be near the center of Harbor Island. (Near the ½ mi. Range Markers across from Marina Cortez). For navigation, refer to NOAA CHART # 18733, San Diego Bay.

7 THE COURSES:

- 7.1 Attachments 1 shows the courses. **Do not use the Standard CRA Race Course Table. It is different.**
- 7.2 The courses for **all** classes will be posted on a White board on the R/C vessel no later than 1745. This modifies rule 27.1

8 CHECK-IN:

- 8.1 Prior to the first warning on each race day, each yacht shall check-in with and be acknowledged by the RACE COMMITTEE (R/C) and display their backstay pennant. Please announce your sail number and class when checking in.
- 8.1a On the water Check-in will commence when the L flag is on Hoist on the R/C Signal Boat. Radio check-in (VHF69) is acceptable and will commence at 1700.
All Check-in will cease at the first warning.
NO check-ins will be acknowledged after the first warning (1750)
- 8.2 Each racing yacht must display a BACKSTAY PENNANT as indicated above.
Yachts not displaying a “proper” backstay pennant will not have completed their check-in and may not be scored in that race.

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9 MARKS:

- 9.1 Marks A, X, and Y will be inflatable tetrahedons.
- 9.2 All other marks will be as indicated on the course descriptions.

10 THE START:

- 10.1 The Starting Line will lie between a staff with an ORANGE FLAG on the R/C signal boat and mark "A".
- 10.2 A distance buoy may be streaming from the R/C signal vessel. This buoy is considered part of the R/C vessel.
- 10.3 **Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area. After starting properly, a yacht shall not sail through the "Starting Line" except when finishing.**
- 10.4 A yacht starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.
- 10.5 Yachts in violation of 10.3, or other starting area wrongs, may be subject to a +3 minute time adjustment issued by the R/C without a hearing. This modifies RRS 63.1, Requirement for a Hearing.

11 RECALLS:

- 11.1 **There will be no General Recalls.** This modifies RRS Rule 29.2.
- 11.2 As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to hail yachts "On Course Side" (OCS) as soon as possible after the start when all OCS yachts have been identified. Yachts will be hailed on VHF radio channel 69.the sail number(s) of the recalled yacht(s).
- 11.3 Failure of electronic equipment, failure to hear a hail, order of hail, or delay in hailing will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.4 OCS yachts who fail to re-start properly will be given an "X" Flag Time Penalty equal to **5 minutes** in lieu of a DSQ. This modifies RRS Appendix A5 Scoring.
- 11.5 An R/C Pin/Mark vessel may be stationed near the buoy end of the starting line, and is authorized to identify and hail premature starters. **R/C Pin/Mark Vessels are to be considered "Obstructions"!**

12 THE FINISH:

- 12.1 The finish line will lie between a staff with an ORANGE FLAG on the R/C vessel mark "A".
- 12.2 Yachts making contact with the Pin End Buoy when finishing or hitting it and then passing outside of the finish line, are considered "Finished". However, a 2 minute time penalty will be assessed by the R/C. **Do not attempt to re-round or re-finish. Please clear the "Finish Line" area quickly.** This modifies RRS 28, 31 and A5.
- 12.3 For every race, each skipper shall log their finish time and the positions of those other close finishers who are ahead, overlapped, and/or behind. Be prepared to furnish this information if requested by the R/C.

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13 PENALTIES:

13.1 RRS Rule 44.2 (The Two-Turn Penalty) will apply. Rule 44.2 is modified here to require prompt turn including one tack and one jibe.

14 TIME LIMIT:

14.1 Boats not finished by 2000 hours (8:00 PM) will be scored DNF. This modifies RRS 35.

15 PROTESTS:

- 15.1 A yacht intending to protest other yachts shall inform the Race Committee after finishing or before retiring from the course area. Skippers must inform the R/C of the sail number(s) or name(s) of the protested yacht(s) and receive R/C acknowledgment. This modifies RRS 61.1(a).
- 15.2 Protests shall be in writing, on a standard US Sailing Protest Form and filed by 9:00 PM with the CRA Protest Marshall or his representative, at the post race party location for that day's race.
- 15.3 The parties involved will be listed in the order of filing on a notice posted on the podium at the after race party, and protests will be heard as soon as practicable. This posting constitutes the notice required by RRS 63.2, Time and Place of the Hearing.
- 15.4 Arbitration hearings may be held prior to the protest hearing for all protests involving violations of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1, 63.6, and 66. After a valid protest is filed, one representative (conforming to RRS 63.3(a)) of each boat may appear before an arbitrator. No witnesses are permitted. If the arbitration participants agree that the protested or protesting boat infringed a rule, the arbitrator will penalize the infringing boat by applying a maximum four (4) minute time penalty or a disqualification. Arbitrations will not be reopened and arbitration rulings and penalties are not subject to redress. If the arbitration fails to resolve the protest, a regular protest hearing will be held at a time and place to be determined by the Protest Committee and the parties to the protest shall be notified. When the protest is referred to the jury, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the jury hearing the protest, but may be called as a witness by the jury. The Protest Committee may assess a Time Penalty of not less than 6 minutes in lieu of disqualification at its discretion.
- 15.5 At the discretion of the Arbitrator or Protest Committee, a "Position" penalty (20%, 40%, etc.) may be used in lieu of a "Time" penalty for a penalized yacht

16 WITHDRAWAL

16.1 **A yacht intending to withdraw from racing shall notify the R/C of her withdrawal.** Failure to do this may result in disqualification by the R/C for the remaining races.

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17 SCORING:

- 17.1 10 races are scheduled. The series will be scored with 3 throw-outs. The number of throw-outs will NOT be reduced by the number of races abandoned by the R/C. This modifies RRS Appendix A2.
- 17.2 In addition, the yacht in each class with the lowest score, with no throw-outs, and who participated in all 10 races between May 28 and August 6, excluding those abandoned by the R/C, will be added to the "10 Race Class Overall Winner" perpetual trophy.
- 17.3 Once a race has been scored, no re-scoring will occur for rating adjustments not reported in writing to the R/C prior to the first race.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:

- 18.1 The Race Committee will monitor VHF 69.

19 SAIL NUMBERS:

- 19.1 All required sails shall have clearly visible sail numbers. Sails with sail numbers other than those specified on the entry form and used for check-in are not permitted. Failure to comply may result in a score of DNC. This modifies RRS Appendix A5.

20 PRIZES:

- 20.1 The coveted Beer Can Trophies will be awarded to series winners in each Class. Additionally, sponsor awards will be presented nightly following each scheduled race.

21 POST RACE ACTIVITIES:

- 21.1 The dates and location of the post race festivities are as listed:

May 28, 2008 SGYC	Jul 9, 2008 Bali Hai Restaurant
Jun 4, 2008 Bali Hai Restaurant	Jul 16, 2008 SGYC
Jun 11, 2008 Bali Hai Restaurant	Jul 23, 2008 Bali Hai Restaurant
Jun 18, 2008 SGYC	Jul 30, 2008 SGYC
Jun 25, 2008 Bali Hai Restaurant	Aug 6, 2008 Bali Hai Restaurant

- 21.2 All skippers and crews are invited to the post race parties. **Please note that all alcoholic beverages consumed at the parties must be purchased at the Host facility. Beverages and spirits are not to be brought to the host facility.** Skippers are to inform their crew and guests that inappropriate conduct at the hosted post race parties will not be tolerated, and may result in sanctions against the yacht, skipper and crew (RRS 69). Refer to the Race Entry Protocol Sheet for additional activities and awards.

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2008 SUMMER BEER CAN SERIES COMMITTEE

Regatta Chairpersons: Renee Hirsh

Cortez Racing Association Commodore: Joe Saad

Silver Gate Yacht Club Liason: Jo Ann Sedgwick

R/C Chairman: Bob Randall

Trophy Chairperson: John Dodge

Fleet Captain: Brad Alberts

Handicapper: Dave Cattle

Sponsorship Coordinator: Renee Hirsh

Website: Susi Graff

Scoring: Becky Rios

Scoring Software by Regatta Scoring Solutions

Protest Committee: Colleen Cooke, Marshall

Principal Race Officers:

Jo Ann Sedgwick, SGYC

Becky Rios

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Attachment A COURSE LIST

Course #						Hdcp. Distance
1	X	Y	CB21	Finish		2.27
2	X	Y	FM19	Finish		2.57
3	X	Y	CB22	CB21	Finish	4.19
4	X	Y	CB22	FM19	Finish	4.27
5	X	Y	CB23	CB21	Finish	5.16
6	X	Y	CB23	FM19	Finish	5.23
7	X	Y	CB24	CB21	Finish	5.98
8	X	Y	CB24	FM19	Finish	6.05
9	X	Y	CB26	CB21	Finish	8.84
10	X	Y	CB26	FM19	Finish	8.90
20	X	CB17	FM19	Finish		4.90
21	X	CB17	CB22	CB21	Finish	6.36
22	X	CB17	CB23	CB21	Finish	7.40
23	X	CB17	CB23	FM19	Finish	7.46
24	X	CB17	CB24	FM19	Finish	8.22
30	X	CB19	FM19	Finish		3.24
31	X	CB19	CB22	CB21	Finish	4.74
32	X	CB19	CB23	CB21	Finish	5.74
33	X	CB19	CB23	FM19	Finish	5.80
34	X	CB19	CB24	Finish		6.66
35	X	CB19	CB24	FM19	Finish	6.72
50	CB19	CB21	Finish			2.73
51	CB19	CB21	FM19	Finish		3.14
52	CB19	CB22	CB21	Finish		4.53
53	CB17	CB22	CB21	Finish		5.92
54	CB17	CB23	CB21	Finish		6.85
55	CB17	CB24	CB21	Finish		7.50

All marks are rounded to **port**.

All races start and finish in the area north and west of **CB21**

CBnn A numbered Channel Buoy as shown on NOAA chart 187723 (Dec 2005).

X A yellow tetrahedron bearing approx 270M approx 0.5 nm from start/finish line.

Y A yellow tetrahedron with black band bearing approx 120M approx 0.2 nm from "X".

FM19 Cement fleet mooring buoy bearing approx 190M from approx 0.2 nm from East end of Harbor Island.