



CORTEZ RACING ASSOCIATION

A CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT CORPORATION

19TH Annual Gerry Browne Regatta
Saturday, April 4, 2009

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



Organizing Authority
Cortez Racing Association

Principal Race Officer
David Hardy

VENUE 1: North SD Bay: 2 Bay races, part of the Bay Championship Series for PHRF-San Diego.

VENUE 2: North SD Bay: 1 Bay race, part of the Class 6 Non-Spinnaker Fleet Championship Series for PHRF San Diego.

1. RULES

- 1.1 This Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2009 – 2012, including US Sailing Prescriptions.
- 1.2 USCG "Navigation Rules, International-Inland"; Bylaws and Class Rules of PHRF Southern California and PHRF San Diego; The Entry Form, Notice of Race; these Sailing Instructions and any amendments hereto will apply.
- 1.3 This is a PHRF Category 4 event. PHRF "RLC" Ratings will be used to score all races. PHRF non-spinnaker offsets will not be used for scoring. The PHRF MIR Rule is not in effect for this event.
- 1.4 Racing boats encountering non-racing craft shall conform to 1.1 above, USCG Navigation Rules, International-Inland. Be advised that no vessel has the "right-of-way" over a large ship in the deep water channel. Interference with deep draft vessels will be grounds for protest by the Race Committee. USCG Nav. Rules, Rule 9 will be strictly enforced. *Any boat participating in a CRA race that is identified in any complaint from the Coast Guard, Harbor Pilot or commercial vessel captain that has sounded 5 horns will be presumed to have infringed this instruction. **RRS 60.2, 63.1 and A5 are modified to add that the Race Committee (R/C) may disqualify a yacht infringing this instruction without a hearing.***
- 1.5 Sailing Instructions 9.3, 9.4, 10.1, 10.3, 12.1, 13.1, 14, 15.2, 16, and 18 modify the RRS.

2. ENTRIES & RADIO CHECK-IN

- 2.1 To be eligible to compete in PHRF Class 1 through 5, a boat must appear on the current official roster of PHRF-San Diego or PHRF-Southern California as delivered to the R/C prior to the entry deadline of 5:00 PM **on April 2, 2009**. To be eligible to compete in the PHRF Class 6/CRA Non-spinnaker class, a boat must be a member of PHRF-San Diego, PHRF-Southern California or CRA.
- 2.2 A completed entry form and fee must be received by CRA either online or via mail by 5:00 PM on April 2, 2009. There will be no "on-the-water" entries.
- 2.3 Boats have completed their entry when they have turned in their official entry form, paid the entry fee, checked in with and are acknowledged by the CRA R/C Check-In Team. Class pennants must be displayed at Check-In to complete entry check-in. **RADIO CHECK-IN IS NOT PERMITTED FOR THIS EVENT.**
- 2.4 Check-In will commence when code flag L is displayed on the R/C signal boat and will continue until the Warning Signal for the first race. Then, at the convenience of the R/C, check-in may continue. Boats must complete check-in prior to the warning signal for their class.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS/CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Official notices and amendments will be available from the R/C signal vessel per Sailing Instruction 4.1, and may be posted on the Cortez Racing Association website (<http://www.cortezracing.com>).
- 3.2 In the event of abandonment of all scheduled races prior to the first warning, notice will be given on VHF Channel 68 on the hour and at 15 minute intervals thereafter for two hours. CRA may reschedule the event at a later date.



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4. SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

- 4.1 Code Flag L over A means an amendment to these Sailing Instructions and/or an official notice is being distributed from the R/C signal vessel. All participants are required to check-in to receive those items.
- 4.2 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water. A change is in effect when the RC signal boat displays code flag L over O with one sound signal. This means come within hail of the RC boat to receive oral changes to the Sailing Instructions.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The scheduled time of the Warning signal for the first race for the first class is **11:25 AM**. The Warning signal for the second race will be as soon as possible after Race #1.
- 5.2 The starting sequence for the second race MAY begin before all boats have completed their first race. The beginning of the starting sequence for the second race will be signaled in accordance with Sailing Instruction 9.5.

6. CLASSES AND STARTING ORDER

- 6.1 The PHRF fleet is divided into classes established by PHRF-San Diego.
- 6.2 CRA boats without PHRF certificates may race in Non-spinnaker class 6.
- 6.3 Starting Order (starts may be combined):

Venue	PHRF Class	Class Flag	Backstay Pennant
1	1	Code Flag 1	1
1	2	Code Flag 2	2
1	3	Code Flag 3	3
1	4	Code Flag 4	4
1	5	Code Flag 5	5
2	6A } 6B } Combined Start	Code Flag 6	Green Yellow
* NOTE: Individual exceptions to the PHRF class assignments are made by PHRF-San Diego only.			

7. STARTING AND RACING AREAS

- 7.1 The starting area for both races will be (generally) northwest of San Diego Channel Buoy 21.
- 7.2 The Racing Area covers the general locale known as San Diego Bay.
- 7.3 For navigation, refer to NOAA Chart #18773, San Diego Bay.

8. COURSES AND MARK DESCRIPTIONS

- 8.1 Refer to the attached Course Reference and Mark Description Tables. **NOTE: Do not use the standard CRA Course Chart or Bay Diagram used for regular CRA Club races.**
- 8.2 The course used for each class will be posted on a white board on the R/C signal boat no later than the Warning Signal for each Class and may be posted on a second R/C boat near the pin end of the starting line.



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9. THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between a staff with an orange flag on the R/C Signal boat and an inflatable buoy.
- 9.2 An inflatable distance buoy may be streaming from the R/C Signal vessel. This buoy is to be considered part of the R/C Signal vessel.
- 9.3 Boats whose Class Warning signals have not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and boats attempting to start. After starting properly, a yacht shall not sail through the "Starting Line" except when finishing. Boats in violation of Sailing Instruction 9.3 may be subject to a **DSQ** imposed by the R/C without a hearing. This modifies RRS 63.1, Requirement for a Hearing.
- 9.4 All races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. As a courtesy, one minute before the first warning of a race the R/C will sound 5 horn blasts.
- 9.5 The starting sequence for the second race MAY begin before all boats have completed their first race. The beginning of the starting sequence for the second race will be signaled in accordance with Sailing Instruction 9.4.

10. RECALLS

- 10.1 **INDIVIDUAL RECALLS** will be signaled by a horn as a long sound signal in accordance with RRS 29.1. The R/C will attempt to hail boats that are OCS on loud hailer, and on VHF 68. It is the responsibility of each boat to start properly. Failure to hear or receive a hail or failure of hailing equipment or VHF radios shall not be grounds for redress.
- 10.2 An R/C vessel may be stationed near the Pin Buoy end of the starting line, and is also authorized to hail boats identified as OCS.
- 10.3 In the event that a **GENERAL RECALL** is signaled, the recalled class will be restarted in accordance with RRS 29.2. Subsequent starts will be delayed accordingly. It is the intent of the R/C to avoid General Recalls by using the Individual Recall to the maximum extent possible.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1 Both races will finish near the starting area, referenced in Sailing Instruction 7.1.
- 11.2 The finish line will be between an orange flag on the R/C Finish Boat and an inflatable buoy. For each race, every skipper shall log those other close finishers that may be ahead, overlapped, and/or behind. If requested by the R/C, all skippers must furnish this information.

12. TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 If no boat in a class has finished the race in progress by 1630 hours, the race for that class will be abandoned. Any boat not finished by 1700 will be recorded DNF. This modifies RRS 35.
- 12.2 A boat that retires from a race, or chooses not to compete in the second race **must notify the R/C before leaving the course area**. Failure to do this may result in disqualification from this race and entry rejection for other PHRF races. The R/C can be contacted via VHF channel 68.

13. PROTESTS

- 13.1 Protests shall be initiated in compliance with RRS 61 except as amended by these Sailing Instructions. Competitors intending to protest another boat(s) are required to inform the R/C **AFTER** finishing or before retiring from the course area. Skippers must provide the R/C with the sail number(s) or name(s) of the protested boat(s) and receive acknowledgement from the R/C. This modifies RRS 61.1(a), Protest Requirements.
- 13.2 Red protest flags shall be displayed from the backstay. On boats without a backstay, the protest flag will be displayed from a prominent position.
- 13.3 Protests must be filed on a standard US Sailing Protest Form and filed with the CRA Representative at the post race meeting area, Fiddlers Green, within 60 minutes of the R/C Boat docking at the finish of



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the race day. The Protest Committee may extend this time if there is good reason to do so. The parties involved will be listed in the order of filing on the CRA bulletin board located at Fiddler's Green 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.

14. PROTEST ARBITRATION

- 14.1 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(b), 63.1, 63.6, and 66.
- 14.2 After a protest is filed, one representative (conforming to RRS 63.3(a)) of each boat may appear before an arbitrator. No witnesses are permitted.
- 14.3 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 six (6) 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.
- 14.4 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.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the RRS will be used
- 15.2 All races will count for the total score, and one race constitutes a series. This modifies RRS Appendix A2.

16. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

RRS 44.1, Taking a Penalty, and 44.2, Two-Turns Penalty, will apply. RRS 44.2 is modified to require only one prompt turn, including one tack and one gybe.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 17.1 The R/C will monitor VHF Channel 68 except during any starting sequence.
- 17.2 Courtesy Broadcasts: An unofficial designated observer may report all visual signals displayed by the R/C Signal Boat over the designated VHF channel (68). Information reported by the designated observer is provided as a courtesy to competitors and does not in any way alter the competitors' responsibility to observe the R/C visual signals that govern the conduct of the racing. Errors or omissions on the part of the designated observer will not be considered as grounds for redress.

18. SAIL NUMBERS

All required sails shall have clearly visible sail numbers. Sails with sail numbers other than those used for Check-In are not permitted unless registered with the R/C at Check-In. Failure to comply may result in a score of DNC. **This modifies RRS appendix A5.**

20. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded at the post race party to the top boats in all listed classes. In addition, a specialty award will be presented to the top CRA boats in each class. Trophies will be awarded at a later date for any class in which there is a protest pending that may affect the series standings for that class. Only current members of PHRF-San Diego Fleet are eligible for the PHRF Class trophy awards.



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21. POST RACE ACTIVITIES

All skippers and crew members are invited to the Post Race Party, Mt. Gay Hat pick-up, Crew Drawings and Trophy Ceremony at **Fiddler's Green Restaurant**, 2760 Shelter Island Dr., San Diego. Complimentary "Fiddler's Finger Food" while it lasts and happy-hour priced beverages will be available.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, 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 event. By participating in this event, 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.

This year's volunteer Chairs include:

Lee Pearce	CRA Commodore
John Dodge	CRA Vice Commodore
Brad Alberts	CRA Rear Commodore
Bob Randall	Race Committee
Rob Hicketier	Fleet Captain
John Balazs	PHRF Representative
Jor Saad	Protest Marshall
Susi Graff	Race Documents/Communications



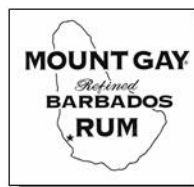
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COURSE TABLE



All races start and finish in the general vicinity of the waters off the mid-point of Harbor Island
 ALL Marks are to be rounded or passed to PORT unless followed by: "S" – round or pass to STARBOARD

Course #	Handicap Distance	Navigation Mark Descriptions:
1	X Z X FINISH 5.35	<p>"X" CRA YELLOW or GREEN Inflatable, South of the west end of Harbor Island "Z" CRA YELLOW or GREEN Inflatable, West of the Embarcadero, near Star of India FM19 Cement Fleet Mooring Buoy, SSE of the east end of Harbor Island</p>
2	X Z X 21 X FINISH 7.42	
3	X Z 19 Z FINISH 7.47	
4	X Z X Z FINISH 7.02	
5	X Z X 21 FM19 FINISH 6.04	
6	X 22 X FINISH 5.74	
7	X 23 X FINISH 6.86	
8	X 22 X 22 Z FINISH 8.18	
9	X 22 X Z FINISH 7.40	
10	19 Z FM19 19 FINISH 6.48	
11	19 FM19 19 FINISH 5.50	<p>Navigation Buoys: 5 SD 5, green channel buoy 9 SD 9, green channel buoy 11 SD 11, green channel buoy 14 SD 14, red channel buoy 16A SD 16A, red channel buoy 17 SD 17, green channel buoy 18 SD 18, red channel buoy 19 SD 19, green channel buoy 20 SD 20, red channel buoy 21 SD 21, green channel buoy 22 SD 22, red channel buoy 24 SD 24, red channel buoy 26 SD 26, red channel buoy 26A SD 26A, red channel buoy 28 SD 28, red channel buoy 30 SD 30, red channel buoy</p>
12	17 21 17 FINISH 8.06	
13	17 FM19 X 18 FINISH 7.24	
14	X 23 21 23 FINISH 8.25	
15	X 23 22 23 FINISH 6.30	
16	X 23 FINISH 5.19	
17	X 21 S 26 FINISH 8.77	
18	X 21 S 24 22 24 FINISH 7.82	
19	X 21 S 24 FINISH 5.99	
20	X 15 X 16 FINISH 8.01	
21	X 17 X 16 FINISH 6.88	
22	X 15 19 S FINISH 5.33	
23	23 21 23 FINISH 6.59	
24	24 21 24 FINISH 8.05	
25	24 Z 24 FINISH 7.07	
26	24 Z FM19 24 FINISH 8.02	
27	X 18 21 S 22 Z X FINISH 6.90	
28	X 18 21 S 23 Z X FINISH 7.90	
29	X 18 21 S 24 Z X FINISH 8.64	
30	X 18 Z FINISH 4.21	
31	X 14 Z FINISH 6.68	
32	X Z 19 15 18 Z FINISH 9.90	
33	X Z 19 15 18 24 Z FINISH 12.20	
34	X 23 18 24 Z FINISH 11.10	
35	X 21 S 22 X 26 22 S ZFINISH 13.20	
36	18 Z 15 FINISH 9.40	
37	17 Z 15 20 17 FINISH 13.10	
38	24 X 22 17 Z FINISH 11.70	
39	24 X 23 17 Z FINISH 12.90	
40	26 S 20 17 FINISH 10.90	
41	22 20 Z 15 FINISH 12.40	
42	X 15 18 S Z 19 15 18 S FINISH 12.10	
43	X 18 21 S 24 Z X 17 FINISH 11.10	