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2009 San Diego Bay Summer Beer Can Series
Cortez Racing Association/Silver Gate Yacht Club
Wednesday Evenings May 27-Aug 5, 2009
(except July 1)

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES:

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in current *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 is grounds for disqualification by the R/C without a hearing. See 13 Penalties. This modifies RRS 63.1.**
- 1.4 **Racing boats encountering non-racing craft shall conform to USCG Inland Rules, Part B, Rule 9. RRS 60.2, 63.1 and A5 are modified to add that the R/C may directly disqualify a yacht infringing Rule 9 without a hearing. See 13 Penalties.**
- 1.5 **Any R/C Vessel, including the pin or mark set boat displaying the R/C flag, is authorized to signal and direct any racing vessel or any class to alter course for clear compliance with 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 an anchored 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.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS--CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 2.1 Official notices and amendments will be available from either the R/C vessel per 3.1 below or online at www.cortezracing.com. Any notice posted online more than 24 hours before any race, will be considered applicable, and will not be distributed by the R/C boat. We strongly encourage all participants to check the website for any amendments or other notices to racers within 24 hours prior to any race.

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 27, 2009 and ending August 5, 2009. **There will be no racing Wednesday July 1.**
- 4.2 Number of races: One race per day will be sailed for all classes.

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4.3 The first warning each day is scheduled for 1750. Subsequent classes will start immediately following the first start.

5 CLASS FLAGS and SCHEDULED STARTING ORDER:

(Note: there are changes in the starting order from previous years) There may be changes in order or combined classes. All skippers must pay attention to hoisted course flags on the committee boat. Flag sequences will govern all starts.

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 (offshore from the ½ mi. Range Markers). For navigation, refer to NOAA CHART # 18733, San Diego Bay.

7 THE COURSES:

- 7.1 Attachment A shows the courses. **Do not use the Standard CRA Race Course Table or any other tables from other years or other races. They are different.**
- 7.2 The courses for **all** classes will be posted on a board on the R/C vessel no later than 1745. This modifies RRS Rule 27.1. This is being done to keep all racing vessels away from the starting area except during their start (see 10.3).

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). Physical check-in must occur while clearly displaying the boat's sail number and backstay pennant. Failure to properly display the above, and be acknowledged by the R/C will result in being scored DNS.

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8.2 On the water Check-in may commence when the L flag is on Hoist on the R/C Boat. Radio check-in (VHF68) is acceptable and will commence at 1715.

All Check-in will cease at the first warning.

NO check-ins will be acknowledged after the first warning (1750)

9 MARKS:

9.1 All marks will be as indicated on the course list, Attachment A.

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", in the area offshore from the ½ mile Range Markers on Harbor Island.

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. This is not just the starting line. Yachts in violation shall be scored DSQ without a hearing. See 13 Penalties. This modifies RRS 63.1.**

10.4 **After starting properly, a yacht shall not sail through the "Starting Line" except when finishing. Yachts in violation shall be scored DSQ without a hearing. See 13 Penalties. This modifies RRS 63.1.**

10.5 A yacht starting earlier than 30 seconds prior to (without properly re-starting), or later than 4 minutes after her starting signal, will be scored DNS. See 13 Penalties. This modifies RRS A3.

11 RECALLS:

11.1 **There will be no General Recalls.** This modifies RRS Rule 29.2.

11.2 As a courtesy, the R/C will attempt to hail by sail number on VHF radio channel 68 "On Course Side" (OCS) yachts as soon as possible after the start when all OCS yachts have been identified.

11.3 Failure of equipment to make a hail, failure to hear a hail, or delay in hailing will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).

11.4 Any boat called as OCS, due to crossing the starting line within 30 seconds prior to the start, that fails to properly restart, will be given a 3 minute penalty in lieu of DSQ. This modifies RRS 29.1, A3, and A4.2.

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 and 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.

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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.

13 PENALTIES:

13.1 RRS Rule 44.2 applies, with one 360° turn to include one tack and one jibe.

13.2 Violations of 1.3, 1.4, 10.3, 10.4 will be scored DSQ.

13.3 Violation of 11.4 will result in a 3 minute penalty as stated in 11.4.

13.4 Violation of 10.5 will be scored DNS.

13.5 Violation of 19.1 will be scored DNS or DNF, whichever is applicable.

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 R/C after finishing or 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 within 1 hour of the boat's finish time or time of withdrawal 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 (or arbitration) 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 modifies 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, as seems appropriate. 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

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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.

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 A2.

17.2 In addition, the name of the yacht in each class with the lowest score, with no throw-outs, and who participated in all 10 races between May 27 and August 5, 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 68.

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, may not be used at check-in or finishing. See 13 Penalties.

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 27, 2009	SGYC	July 8, 2009	Bali Hai Restaurant
June 3, 2009	Island Palms	July 15, 2009	SGYC
June 10, 2009	Island Palms	July 22, 2009	Bali Hai Restaurant
June 17, 2009	SGYC	July 29, 2009	Bali Hai Restaurant
June 24, 2009	SGYC	Aug. 5, 2009	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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2009 SUMMER BEER CAN SERIES COMMITTEE

Regatta Chairperson: Renee Hirsh

Cortez Racing Association Commodore: Lee Pearce

Silver Gate Yacht Club Liaison: Jo Ann Sedgwick

R/C Chairman: Bob Randall

Trophy Chairperson: Brad Alberts

Fleet Captain: Robbie Hicketier

Handicapper: John Balazs

Sponsorship Coordinator: Renee Hirsh/John Dodge

Website: Susi Graff

Scoring: Jo Ann Sedgwick/Martha Phillips

Scoring Software by Regatta Scoring Solutions/Regatta Network

Protest Committee: Colleen Cooke, Marshall

CLASS & PENNANTS CHANGED -- SEE AMMENDMENT #1

Attachment A COURSE LIST

Course #						Hdep. 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**.

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

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

Y A 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.

A An inflatable mark, approximately 100 yards to the south of the committee boat; the "pin" end of the starting line.