



Cortez Racing Association
A California Nonprofit Corporation
In partnership with Silver Gate Yacht Club
Presents the 33rd Annual Beer Can Series
San Diego, CA

A Weekly 10-Race Series - Wednesday Evenings May 30th thru August 1st – Except July 4th

2012 NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), 2009 – 2012, including US Sailing Prescriptions.
- 1.2 USCG “Navigation Rules, International-Inland” (www.navcen.uscg.gov/), and Class Rules of PHRF San Diego (www.phrfsandiego.org) will apply, except, under RRS 87, rules 6.4 (rating certificate) and 8 (MIR rule) of the PHRF class rules will not 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. PHRF class breaks will not be used.
- 1.4 RRS #35, 44.1, 60.2, 61.1(a), 62.1(a), 63.1, and Appendices A2, A5 will be changed and the changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats will be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 2.2 Sponsored class pennants will be provided to skippers and must be flown from the backstay of all yachts when checking in, while racing, and when finishing.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all members of organizations affiliated with US Sailing.
- 3.2 To be eligible for any race in this series, the yacht must meet the criteria of one of the classes described in #5.2. Yachts outside of these parameters wishing to compete will contact the Organizing Authority’s Handicapper c/o cortezracing2012@pobox.com.

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- 3.3 All yachts must have a means of propulsion and be able to avoid and stay clear of large vessels in the channel and/or military vessels.
- 3.4 All eligible boats must register on-line at www.cortezracing.com no later than 3:00pm on May 18, 2012 to avoid a late fee. Late registrations may be accepted without penalty at the Kick-Off Party if all required information is available for review and there are still vacancies.
- 3.5 Entries close at 5pm on the Monday before each of the first three races. No entries will be accepted after June 15, 2012.
- 3.6 Entries will be limited in number to a maximum of 145 yachts.
- 3.7 Identification on Sails for all entries must conform to RRS Appendix G.

4 ENTRY FEES

4.1 CRA & SGYC members: \$80.00 until May 18, 2012.

Other SDAYC members: \$200.00 until May 18, 2012.

Note: If you belong to any SDAYC club we waive CRA's \$75 initiation fee to join. You pay our \$100 annual dues plus this \$80 entry fee and you are then able to sail all other CRA races, except the charity benefit regattas, for free. Plus, you save \$20 right now on the Beer Can entry! This represents \$160 savings in entry fees through the remainder of this year!

Not a member of any SDAYC club: \$200.00 until May 18, 2012.

Note: You can join CRA for \$175 (\$75 one-time initiation plus \$100 annual dues) and pay the CRA member Beer Can fee of \$80 for total of \$255 but will not have to pay CRA race fees throughout the year. This is a \$135 savings over the remainder of the year!

4.2 Late entries from May 19 to June 15, 2012, will be accepted, based on vacancy, by paying an additional \$25 late fee for CRA & SGYC members, and a \$50 late fee for others.

5 CLASSES, CLASS PENNANTS, AND PENNANT COLORS

5.1 Class pennants will be included in skipper packets available for pick up as follows:

North Sails 2012 Kick-Off Party

2829 Historic Decatur Road, San Diego, 92106

Friday, May 18, 2012, from 6pm – 8pm, and thereafter from

SD Boatworks

2825 Dickens St., San Diego, 92106, beginning

Saturday, May 19, 2012; (619) 592-8682

5.2 The class structure shown below may be modified after all entries are received, to best balance the class sizes, and boat distributions, at the discretion of CRA BCS Committee. Yachts requesting a change in class will contact the Organizing Authority's Handicapper c/o cortezracing2012@pobox.com, for consideration. One design fleets may be considered, if requested, and if 5 boats sign up to constitute a class.

Class Information (Tentative) Spinnaker Fleets

Class	Pennant Color	Style/Type	General Criteria/RLC Rating
Class A	tbd	Performance Boats	LOA about 45' to 60' with handicaps under 0
Class B	tbd	Displacement Boats	LOA about 39' to 45' with handicaps 0 to 75
Class C	tbd	Performance Boats	LOA about 24' to 30' with handicaps 45 to 60
Class D	tbd	Performance Boats	J-105 One Design

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Class E	tbd	Displacement Boats	LOA 30' to 40' with handicaps 60 to 100
Class F	tbd	Displacement Boats	LOA 30' to 36' with handicaps 100 to 130
Class G	tbd	Displacement Boats	LOA 30' to 36' with handicaps 130 to 170
Class H	tbd	Displacement Boats	LOA 20' to 30' with handicaps 170+

Class Information (Tentative) Non-Spinnaker Fleets

Class I	tbd	Big Boats Non-Spin	LOA 35' to 50' with handicaps 75 to 150
Class J	tbd	Smaller Boats	Non-Spin LOA 20' to 35' with handicaps 150+

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 One race scheduled on each of the following Wednesdays: May 30, June 6, June 13, June 20, June 27, July 11, July 18, July 25, August 1, August 8. No race on July 4.
- 6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each Wednesday is **5:50pm.**

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The sailing instructions and course chart will be included in the skipper packets provided at the **North Sails 2012 Kick-Off Party.** See details at the end of this NOR.
- 7.2 The sailing instructions and course chart will be available after **5:00pm** on May 18, 2012 at www.cortezracing.com

8 VENUE

- 8.1 The starting area is in the vicinity of the ½ mile marker mid-Harbor Island.
- 8.2 The racing area covers the general locale known as San Diego Bay. For navigation, refer to NOAA Chart #18773 San Diego Bay.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

For all classes, rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 Ten races are scheduled in the series. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply, with 3 throwouts. The number of races abandoned by the R/C will NOT reduce the number of throw-outs. Boats entering after the series begins will have missed races count as throwouts. This modifies RRS Appendix A2.
- 10.3 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 yacht's first race.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to other boats. This restriction applies to mobile devices.

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12 PRIZES GALORE!

- 12.1 Race results will be announced at the after race meeting each week and posted at www.cortezracing.com. The location of the weekly post-race parties will be published in the Sailing Instructions, and published on the Series Schedule at www.cortezracing.com, and may be posted weekly on a placard aboard the Race Committee boat.
- 12.2 Sponsors generously donate prizes and weekly crew raffles. Banners of sponsors will be displayed on RC signal and support vessels. Weekly 1st place awards will include a case of *Ballast Point Brew*. 2nd place will include a bottle of *Mt. Gay Rum*. 1st place from one different class each week, from Class A to Class J, will receive a halyard from *Rig Works*.
- 12.3 All prizes not claimed at that night's party will be awarded to skippers (owners) in a drawing at the last after-race party on August 8th. Other than for pending protests, no awards, prizes, trophies etc., will be held over for individuals.

Prizes containing alcohol shall not be opened on premises of the party.

- 12.3 The coveted Beer Can Trophies will be awarded to series top contestants in each Class (with 3 throw-outs) at the After Race event following the last race in the series.
- 12.4 The winner of the series in each class (with 3 throw-outs) will have their boat name added to the perpetual "Beer Can Winner" trophy.
- 12.5 The name of the yacht in each class with the lowest score, with no throw-outs, and who participated in all 10 races, excluding those abandoned by the R/C, will be added to the "10 Race Class Overall Winner" perpetual trophy.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authorities will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after race or series.

14 POST RACE ACTIVITIES

Meet ASAP after the race for refreshments, results, and re-hashing of the race at the location of the weekly post-race parties to be published in the Sailing Instructions, on the Series Schedule at www.cortezracing.com, and likely posted weekly on a placard aboard the Race Committee boat.

SKIPPERS NOTICE

Skippers will be held responsible for any disorderly, gross, or unlawful misconduct on the part of their crew during post race activities. Violations of ABC regulations, which include providing alcohol to a minor, will subject the boat to penalties that may include disqualification (DGM). Any crewmember engaging in disorderly behavior will be ejected from the post race event. All alcoholic beverages must be purchased at the Host facility. You may not bring your own beverages or spirits or open alcohol prizes on site.

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MOUNT GAY HATS & BEER CAN T-SHIRTS

Skippers will receive one "San Diego B.C. Series 2012" souvenir Mount Gay Hat. Pick up of all hats must be in-person (skipper) at one of the first 3 race parties. All hats not claimed will be raffled to crew at the last after-race event.

Be sure to purchase T-Shirt sizes XXL and Small early as they are available only in very limited quantities and disappear quickly.

KICKOFF PARTY

A "Kickoff Party" will be held on Friday, May 18th, 2012, at North Sails Loft in Liberty Station.

The Kickoff Party sponsors are: *North Sails, Via Italia, and Ballast Point Brewery.*

Pickup race packets and pennants and get in the "mind set" for the racing.

2829 Historic Decatur Road, San Diego, 92106

Friday, May 18, 2012, from 6pm – 8pm



- Crew Raffle prizes sponsored by **Sunglass Optical Warehouse, Fiddler's Green Restaurant, Dorgan Yachts, and Weekly Sponsors.**
- Pin Boat sponsored by **J World.**
- Photo Boat sponsored by **West Marine.**
- Event photographer, *Cynthia Sinclair*, sponsored by **Flying Tigers - Harbor Sailboats.**
- Social Media by **J-World.**
- After Race Party Venues: **SWYC, SGYC, Bali Hai Restaurant**

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WEEKLY SPONSORS

<p>5-18</p> <p>KICK OFF PARTY!</p> <p>North Sails Liberty Station 6-8 PM</p> <p>Sponsored By:</p>   	<p>5-30</p> <p>RACE I</p> <p>Results & Party: Silver Gate Yacht Club</p> <p>Sponsored By:</p> 	<p>6-06</p> <p>RACE II</p> <p>Results & Party: South Western Yacht Club</p> <p>Sponsored By:</p> 	<p>6-13</p> <p>RACE III</p> <p>Results & Party: Bali Ha'i</p> <p>Sponsored By:</p> 
<p>6-20</p> <p>RACE IV</p> <p>Results & Party: Silver Gate Yacht Club</p> <p>Sponsored By:</p> 	<p>6-27</p> <p>RACE V</p> <p>Results & Party: Bali Ha'i</p> <p>Sponsored By:</p> 	<p>7-04</p> <p>Gone Crusin'! Happy 4th of July!</p>	<p>7-11</p> <p>RACE VI</p> <p>Results & Party: Bali Ha'i</p> <p>Sponsored By:</p> 
<p>7-18</p> <p>RACE VII</p> <p>Results & Party: Silver Gate Yacht Club</p> <p>Sponsored By:</p> 	<p>7-25</p> <p>RACE VIII</p> <p>Results & Party: South Western Yacht Club</p> <p>Sponsored By:</p> 	<p>8-01</p> <p>RACE IX</p> <p>Results & Party: Bali Ha'i</p> <p>Sponsored By:</p> 	<p>8-08</p> <p>RACE X</p> <p>Results & Party: Bali Ha'i</p> <p>Sponsored By:</p> 

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THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS, SERIES ORGANIZERS & RACE COMMITTEE:

Regatta Chairperson and Sponsor Coordinator: Renee Hirsh

PRO: Jo Ann Sedgwick

APRO: Joe Plymesser

CRA Commodore: Susi Graff

SGYC Commodore: Terry Brothers

Beer Can Series Committee: Renee Hirsh, Martha Phillips, Joe Saad, Lee Pearce

Protest Chair: Brad Alberts

Arbitrator & CRA Race Director: Colleen Cooke

Trophy Coordinator: Mike Dore

Handicapper: Jon Gardner

Website and Communications: Susi Graff

Signal Boat: Jim Lonergan with *Casa del Perro III*

Pin Boat: Vince Del Pidio

Photo & Safety Boat: Steve Bakalis with *Sea Hunt // Sea Trakker*

Additional Race Committee Volunteers: Pat Atkins, Peggy Crunican, Dave Hardy, Linda Blanchard, Margo, Pat Kissinger, Patty Adams, Russ Cardwell, Carol Herr, Christine Harvey, Terri Kliest

Race Committee Provisions: *Chris' Ono Grinds, Russo's Seaside Deli, Via Italian*

Race Committee Clothing: *Pt. Loma Outfitting*



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