



Cortez Racing Association
A California Nonprofit Corporation
In partnership with Silver Gate Yacht Club
Presents the 34th Annual Beer Can Series
San Diego, CA

A Weekly 10-Race Series - Wednesday Evenings May 29th thru August 7th – Except July 3rd

2013 NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including US Sailing Prescriptions, except US Sailing Prescriptions to Rules 60 and 63.2 will not apply.
- 1.2 USCG “Navigation Rules, International-Inland” (www.navcen.uscg.gov/) apply when a vessel that is sailing under the Racing Rules of Sailing meets a vessel that is not.
- 1.3 Class Rules of PHRF San Diego (www.phrfsandiego.org) will apply, including the requirement for each boat to have a current, valid PHRF certificate. However, Rule 8 (MIR rule) of the PHRF class rules will not apply. 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 Class Rules of the J-105 One Design Class will apply.
- 1.5 RRS #29.2, 35, 41(c), 44.1, 60.2, 61.1(b), 62.1(a), 63.1, and Appendices A2 and 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 Sponsor pennants will be provided to skippers and must be flown from the backstay of all yachts when checking in, while racing, and when finishing.



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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 cortezracing2013@pobox.com.
- 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 22, 2013 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 10, 2013.
- 3.6 Entries will be limited in number to a maximum of 125 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 22, 2013.
Other SDAYC members: \$200.00 until May 22, 2013.

Note: If you belong to any SDAYC club we waive CRA's \$75 initiation fee to join. You pay our \$120 annual dues plus this \$80 entry fee and you are then able to enter all other CRA races for the same price as entering the Beer Cans at \$200 and not becoming a member! What a deal! CRA members save \$305 in entry fees throughout the year! See our website for membership application information: www.cortezracing.org.

Not a member of any SDAYC club: \$200.00 until May 22, 2013.

Note: You can join CRA for \$195 (\$75 one-time initiation plus \$120 annual dues) and pay the CRA member Beer Can fee of \$80 for a total of \$275 but will not have to pay CRA race fees throughout the year. This is a \$140 savings in entry fees over the remainder of the year, plus a discount for the annual dinner and reciprocity with area clubs. See our website for membership application information: www.cortezracing.org.

- 4.2 Late entries from May 23 to June 10, 2013, will be accepted, based on availability, 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 Sponsor pennants will be included in skipper packets available for pick up as follows:

North Sails 2013 Kick-Off Party

2829 Historic Decatur Road, San Diego, 92106

Wednesday, May 22, 2013, from 6pm – 8pm, and thereafter from

Joe Saad Yacht Broker

1071 Shafter St., San Diego, 92106, beginning

Thursday, May 23, 2013; (619) 954-7711



- 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 cortezracing2013@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: (numeral pennants not provided)

Class	Numeral Pennant	Style/Type	General Criteria/RLC Rating
Class A	1	Performance Boats	LOA about 40' to 70', performance factor ≥ 3.5
Class B	2	Displacement Boats	LOA about 39' to 50' with handicaps 0 to 75
Class C	3	Performance Boats	LOA about 24' to 35', performance factor ≥ 3.5
Class D	4	Performance Boats	J-105 One Design
Class E	5	Displacement Boats	LOA 30' to 45' with handicaps 60 to 105
Class F	6	Displacement Boats	LOA 30' to 36' with handicaps 99 to 132
Class G	7	Displacement Boats	LOA 27' to 36' with handicaps 135+
Class H	8	Displacement Boats	LOA 20' to 26' with handicaps 170+

Class Information (Tentative) Non-Spinnaker Fleets

Class I	9	Big Boats Non-Spin	LOA 35' to 50' with handicaps 75 to 150
Class J	0	Smaller Non-Spin	LOA 20' to 35' with handicaps 150+

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 One race scheduled on each of the following Wednesdays: May 29, June 5, June 12, June 19, June 26, July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31, August 7. No race on July 3.
- 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 2013 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 22, 2013 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

- 9.1 For all classes, the first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing or Rule 31. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."
- 9.2 The provisions of Appendix T, rule T1 and T2, are in effect for this regatta and will be included in the sailing instructions.



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 throw-outs. 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 throw-outs. 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.

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 Weekly sponsors generously donate prizes for 1st and 3rd places and crew raffle prizes. Banners of sponsors will be displayed on RC signal and support vessels. In addition to the weekly sponsor awards, 1st place includes a case of *Ballast Point Brew*. 2nd place will be a bottle of *Mt. Gay Rum*. A weekly skipper's raffle for a halyard, GoPro camera, clutch or similar will be sponsored by *Rigworks*.
- 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 7th. Other than for pending protests, no awards, prizes, trophies etc., will be held over for individuals. Must be present to win!
Prizes containing alcohol shall not be opened on the premises of the party.
This will be considered a breach of Rule 69: Gross Misconduct.
- 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) and a Rule 69 hearing. Any crewmember engaging in disorderly behavior will be ejected from the post race event and their actions may be considered a breach of Rule 69: Gross Misconduct. 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.

MOUNT GAY HATS & BEER CAN T-SHIRTS

Skippers will receive one "San Diego B.C. Series 2013" 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 – NORTH SAILS LOFT – LIBERTY STATION

Wednesday, May 22, 2013 6 pm – 8 pm

A "Kickoff Party" will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at the North Sails Loft in Liberty Station - 2829 Historic Decatur Road, San Diego, 92106

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.



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Weekly Party Venues: Bali Hai, Southwestern Yacht Club, San Diego Yacht Club

**Race Committee Vessels: Jim Lonergan - *Casa del Perro III*
SDYC - *pin boat***

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