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2014

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Cortez Racing Association
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 In partnership with Silver Gate Yacht Club
 Presents the 35th Annual San Diego Bay Beer Can Series
 May 28th thru August 6th - Except July 2nd
2014 NOTICE OF RACE



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A Weekly 10-Race Series - Wednesday Evenings May 28th thru August 6th – Except July 2nd

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1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Rule T4.2 of Appendix T applies.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 Class Rules of PHRF San Diego (www.phrfsandiego.org) will apply. 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. PHRF-San Diego must issue each boat’s valid, current certificate. PHRF certificates from other areas will not be accepted.
- 1.5 Class Rules will apply to one-design classes (see NOR 5.2).
- 1.6 The following Rules will be modified in the sailing instructions: 27.1, 29.2, 35, 41(c), 44.1, 55, 56, 60.2, 61.1(a), 62.1(a), 63.1, A4, A5. In particular, RRS 44.1 will be changed as shown in NOR 9 (Penalty System). RRS 55 will be modified to allow discarding biodegradable bands when setting a sail.

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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. This changes Rule 56. Sponsor bow stickers will be provided and instructions will be included for their display.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all members of organizations affiliated with US Sailing.
- 3.2 To be eligible, yachts must have a current Rating Certificate from PHRF San Diego. Exceptions are boats racing as a one-design class.
- 3.3 All yachts must have a means of propulsion (e.g. engine or paddle) 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 16, 2014 to avoid a late fee.
- 3.5 Entries close at 5pm on the Monday before each of the first three races. No entries will be accepted after June 9, 2014.
- 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 16, 2014.

Other SDAYC members: \$200.00 until May 16, 2014.

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 \$340 in entry fees throughout the year! See our website for membership application information: www.cortezracing.org.

Not a member of any SDAYC club: \$275.00 until May 16, 2014.

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 \$200 savings in entry fees over the remainder of the year! The annual dinner and reciprocity with area clubs are included. See our website for membership application information: www.cortezracing.org.

- 4.2 Late entries from May 17 to June 9, 2014, will be accepted, based on availability, by paying an additional \$50 late fee.

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5 CLASSES AND PENNANTS

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

North Sails 2014 Kick-Off Party

2829 Historic Decatur Road, San Diego, 92106

Wednesday, May 21, 2014, from 6:00pm – 8:00pm, and thereafter from

Rigworks Inc. 2801 Carleton Street, San Diego, CA 92106

Shop: 619.223.3788 • Fax: 619.223.3099 8am - 5pm • M- F

- 5.2 The class breaks will be determined after entries are received, to best balance the class sizes and boat distributions, at the discretion of CRA Beer Can Steering Committee. One design fleets may be considered, if requested, and if 10 boats sign up to constitute a class.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 One race scheduled on each of the following Wednesdays: May 28, June 4, June 11, June 18, June 25, July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30, August 6. No race on July 2.
- 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 2014 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 21, 2014 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 Rule T2 of Appendix T is 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 Three races will be excluded. The number of races abandoned by the R/C will not affect the number of excluded races.
- 10.3 The rating on a boat’s certificate that is in effect at the time of a boat’s entry will apply to all races in the series regardless of whether the boat’s rating is changed during the series.

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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 as well as VHF radios.

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 door 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*. Rigworks will sponsor a weekly skippers' door prize for a halyard, GoPro camera, clutch or similar prize.
- 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 may 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 exclusions) at the after race event following the last race of the series.
- 12.4 The winner of the series in each class (with 3 exclusions) will have their boat name added to the perpetual "Beer Can Winner" trophy.
- 12.5 The name of the boat in each class with the lowest score with no exclusions who participated in all 10 races, excepting 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 FURTHER INFORMATION

Questions can be addressed to CRA's R/C Chair, Colleen Cooke, at sailorcookie@cox.net or (619)852-5010.

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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.

SKIPPER'S 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 2014" 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

A "Kickoff Party" will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2014, at the North Sails Loft in Liberty Station – 2829 Historic Decatur Rd., SD 92106
The Kickoff Party sponsors are: *North Sails, Solare, and Ballast Point Brewery.*

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Pick up race packets, pennants and stickers and get into the "mind set" for racing.

After May 21, pick up race packets, pennants and bow stickers at:

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

Regatta Co-Chairs and Sponsor Coordinators: Renee Hirsh & Joe Saad

Co-PROs: Joe Plymesser & Colleen Cooke

CRA Commodore: Mark Clement

SGYC Commodore: Cheryl Nielsen

Beer Can Series Committee: Renee Hirsh, Joe Saad, Martha Phillips, Colleen Cooke, Cynthia Sinclair, Cleve and Sandy Hardaker, Mark Clements, Susi Graff, Stephanie Thompson, Joe Plymesser

Protest Chair: Susi Graff

CRA Race Director: Colleen Cooke

Trophy Coordinator: Mike Dore

Handicapper: Jon Gardner

Website: Susi Graff

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

Pin Boat: SDYC's *Pista* handled by Gary Adler

Safety Boat: *Sea Trakker*

And Our Talented Group of Race Committee Volunteers!!

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