

Cortez Racing Association

Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Date: Thursday, November 6, 2025, Location: SWYC

1. Call to Order: 1833

Roll Call: *Keith Ericson, Dale Greaney, Colleen Cooke, Rich Chambers, Shelly Raming, Carolyn Sherman, Susi Graff, Margo, Jerry M Lewis, Toralf Strand*

2. Quorum – YES - *Article V: Section 7. Meetings: A regular meeting shall be held each month. Seven Officers shall constitute a quorum.*

3. Introduction of Guests: Connor Hancock – prospective Membership Director, Robert Capita, Project Blue Water Racing

4. Announcements: *NONE*

5. Review and Approve Minutes: October 2, 2025 – *approved YES unanimous*

6. Treasurer's Report to include Accounts Receivable - *reported bank balance – new canvas for DENNIS CONNER \$969.75 material only – labor donated by Doyle Sails*

7. Email Votes - NONE

8. Old Business

CRA Race Check List -

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18kLpicb_YzPcxa6udOI8pwK46ZLPEvoFu1lrSH9lAQ/edit?ts=569810eb#gid=2135070042

- a. Presentation by Robert Capita of Project Blue Water Racing concerning CRA joining with them to establish an organization for: [Promoting Affordable Accessible Sailboat Fleet Racing and Match Racing Opportunities in San Diego Bay](#) – see addendum – *discussion – establish a subcommittee: Dale, Toralf, Susi, Carolyn, Shelly, Conor, and Keith – consensus CRA is not ready to commit to this project although CRA is very supportive and wants to continue discussions with possibly making it happen in 2026*
- b. Halloween Regatta, 10/25 – *photographer chose not to take pictures of costumes at the after party – photographer claims she had not been paid for the previous regatta sponsored by Doyle Sails – Doyle Sails paid at the yacht club during the after party – otherwise great success*
- c. Fall Regatta, 11/15 – need trophies, photographer, and boat and driver for photographer – *photographer and boat are confirmed – need driver – Rich will look for a driver – sponsor working on trophies*
- d. Year End Regatta, 12/12 – need sponsor, trophies, photographer, boat and driver for photographer – *Margo needs to confirm Ullman Sails as sponsor*
- e. Winter Regatta, 1/8 – need sponsor, PRO, venue, food, drink, raffle prizes, trophies, photographer, boat and driver for photographer
- f. RC boat “Dennis Conner” – Colleen Cooke – *running well – Jerry helping often*
- g. Nominees for 2026 Board of Directors

Commodore: *Dale Greaney*

Vice Commodore: *Jerry Lewis*

Rear Commodore: *Chris Seidel*

Fleet Captain: *Toralf Strand*

Secretary: *Keith Ericson*

Treasurer: *Shelly Raming*

Communications Director: *Susi Graff*

Director at Large: *Renee Hirsh*

Director at Large Ways & Means: *Margo*

Junior Staff Commodore: *Chuck Bowers*

PHRF Representative: *Carolyn Sherman*

Membership Director: *Connor Hancock*

Race Committee Chair: *Colleen Cooke*

h. Annual Meeting/Holiday Party 12/3 – *Keith needs info to write the agenda – all have been asked – Shelly reports marines may not be in attendance because of government shut down*

i. Notice to membership about Annual Meeting and Nominees must go out 20 days in advance not later then 11/13/25 – *Susi on it*

9. New Business

a. Next Years Dues – *no change – vote YES unanimous*

b. Yachtsman of the year – *nominate Enrique Morales – Vote YES unanimous*

10. New Member applications sent by email for approval vote since the last meeting – NONE

11. New Member applications (in need of approval) – NONE

12. Directors Reports:

Commodore: *not present*

Vice Commodore: *no report*

Rear Commodore: *working on trophies for Annual Meeting*

Fleet Captain: *no report*

Secretary: *no report*

Treasurer: *do we owe SWYC for using Hazel Green – Colleen says No*

Communications Director: *no report*

Director at Large: *not present*

Director at Large Ways & Means: *no report*

Junior Staff Commodore: *no protests*

PHRF Representative: *no report*

Membership Director: *not present*

Race Committee Chair: *Dennis Conner is offering CRA his boat Menace – Colleen Cooke says no thanks – Vote to agree with Colleen – YES unanimous*

10. 2038 Adjourn

11. Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, December 4, 2025

Addendum



Formal Donation Proposal from Project Bluewater Racing to Cortez Racing Association

Promoting Affordable Accessible Sailboat Fleet Racing and Match Racing Opportunities in San Diego Bay

October 9, 2025

ATTN: Board of Directors
Cortez Racing Association

Introduction

On behalf of Project Bluewater Racing (PBWR) a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, we are pleased to submit this formal proposal outlining our intent to donate **\$50,000** to the Cortez Racing Association (CRA) before financial year end December 31, 2025.

Project Bluewater Racing is a San Diego based 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to empowering young adults through competitive sailboat racing, advancing marine science research, and leading sustainability initiatives that protect our marinas, harbors, and oceans. EIN Number: 20-1685136

PBWR recognizes CRA's longstanding commitment as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization to making sailboat racing affordable for the San Diego community. Our organizations share a vision of fostering education, inclusivity, and growth within the sport of sailing. We believe this partnership will further strengthen CRA's mission and extend meaningful opportunities for public participation on San Diego Bay.

Donation Details

The total donation of **\$50,000** is to be allocated as follows:

- \$10,000 to support CRA's general funds, ensuring the continuity and sustainability of your core programs and operations.

- \$5,000 dedicated to educational scholarships, specifically for individuals pursuing sailing training and related educational opportunities. This allocation intends to break down barriers for aspiring sailors and promote diversity in the sport.
- \$35,000 earmarked for the development and launch of a Public Access Match Racing program in San Diego Bay, aimed at providing access and education for participants of all experience levels to learn match racing skills.

Public Access Match Racing Program

The centerpiece of this proposal is the establishment of a Public Access Match Racing program. This initiative is designed to open the world of match racing to the broader San Diego community, encouraging participation from youth, adults, and underrepresented groups. Under this program, CRA will retain ownership of all assets procured through the donation, including vessels and related equipment. Project Bluewater Racing will assume responsibility for vessel management and provide experienced coaching staff to ensure the program's smooth operation and the highest standards of safety and instruction. All program activities will be conducted for the public benefit, in alignment with both organizations shared values.

Benefits and Community Impact

This donation is intended to bolster CRA's capacity to deliver on its mission of providing affordable sailboat racing in San Diego. By supporting general operations, funding educational scholarships, and launching the Public Access Match Racing program, this partnership will:

- Expand opportunities for community members to learn and compete in sailing.
- Provide public access to match racing, with an emphasis on inclusivity and education.
- Strengthen CRA's position as a leading non-profit in the region's sailing community.
- Deliver lasting benefits to the San Diego area by promoting healthy, outdoor recreation and fostering a sense of community on the water.
- Provide public access to a One Design match racing fleet with qualified coaching helping skippers and crews improve boat handling, enhancing safety for all racers.

Additional Considerations and Ideas

- Project Bluewater Racing considers the proposed donation to Cortez Racing Association ethical and compliant with IRS rules for non-profit contributions, benefiting both its members and the public.
- Cortez Racing Association would be responsible for overseeing the accounts used to process payments related to the donation from Project Bluewater Racing.
- Project Bluewater Racing would agree to manage scheduling and logistics of the Public Match Racing program and assume all legal liability.
- Project Bluewater Racing leadership will require Cortez Racing Association's assistance in lobbying local and state officials for grant funding for a Public Sailing Center located on San Diego Bay.
- Initial requirement for the Public Match Racing program would be for dock space and a parking space for the PBWR 26-foot maintenance trailer used for vessel and program management.

- PBWR will assign a person to collect data from marinas around San Diego Bay about logistical feasibility and will provide information necessary for evaluating the establishment of a Public Match Racing program base.
- It could be feasible for two J24 owners to lease their vessels to the Public Match Racing program. PBWR would install bow, corner bumpers and extension poles on the sterns for collision prevention.
- CRA could purchase/lease a small Whaler or RIB to serve as coach/umpire boat.

Conclusion and Next Steps

Project Bluewater Racing is excited to partner with the Cortez Racing Association in this endeavor. We respectfully request the CRA Board's consideration and approval of this proposal. Upon acceptance, we will coordinate with CRA leadership to finalize the donation, develop implementation timelines, and establish program guidelines to ensure transparency and the highest impact for all stakeholders. Thank you for your dedication to making sailboat racing accessible and affordable in San Diego. We look forward to working together to expand opportunities and strengthen the community through this important initiative.

Thank you,

Robert E. Capita
President/CEO
Project Bluewater Racing

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