



Cortez Racing Association

2009 San Diego Bay Summer Beer Can Series

Notice of Race

**A Weekly 10-Race Series - Wednesday Evenings
May 27th thru August 5th, 2009 – Except July 1st**

Class Information (Tentative)

Spinnaker Fleets

| Pennant | Class | Style | Type | General Criteria: (RLC Ratings) |
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| White | Class A | Performance | Boats | (LOA from about 30' to 60' with handicaps under about 60) |
| Black | Class B | Displacement | Boats | (LOA 34' to 60' with handicaps under about 60) |
| Hot Pink | Class G | Displacement | Boats | (LOA 34' to 60' with handicaps from about 60 to about 114) |
| Orange | Class C | Performance | Boats | (LOA 29' to 37' with handicaps from about 60 to about 117) |
| Yellow | Class D | Performance | Boats | (LOA 23' to 33' with handicaps from about 114 to about 177) |
| Green | Class E | Displacement | Boats | (LOA 27' to 38' with handicaps about 114 to about 177) |
| Blue | Class F | All remaining | Spinnaker Boats | with handicaps about 177 and above |

Non-Spinnaker Fleets

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| Black/Lt Blue (2) | Class H | Big | Boats | Boats with LOA 36' to 60' with handicaps below 120 |
| Green/Lt Blue (2) | Class I | Medium | Boats | All other Boats with handicaps 177 and below |
| Blue/Lt Blue (2) | Class J | Small | Boats | All Boats with handicaps above 177 |

This class structure may be modified after all entries are received, to best balance the class sizes, and boat distributions, at the discretion of CRA BCS Committee. One design fleets may be considered, if requested, and if enough boats sign up to constitute a class. This will reduce the remainder of the class, which will affect the class breaks.

- **RULES:** This Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2009 – 2012, including US Sailing Prescriptions. USCG "Navigation Rules, International-Inland", Bylaws and Class Rules of PHRF Southern California and PHRF San Diego, the Entry Form, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and any amendments hereto will apply.
- **ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible for any race in this series, the yacht must fit into one of the above-described classes, and hold a current San Diego or Southern California PHRF certificate, or make prior arrangements with CRA.
- **ENTRIES:** ONLINE ENTRY REQUIRED. Entering the series requires an ENTRY FORM & CORRECT FEE from every entry. The entry form can be found online on a link on the CRA website "the official notice board" www.cortezracing.com. NO Exceptions. Entries must be completed by 1700 hours May 20, 2009. **The RC Boat will NOT accept entries nor distribute Sailing Instructions.** See "ENTRY PROTOCOL".
- **Entries will be strictly limited to the first 125 (one hundred twenty-five) properly completed, fully paid, entries received.**
- **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** will be available for download from CRA's website www.cortezracing.com by May 13, 2009. Revised sailing instructions will be posted after all entries are received, and all class breaks have been finalized.
- **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:** All races will be on Wednesdays. **First Warning** at 1750. Locations of the weekly post-race parties will be published in the Sailing Instructions and may be posted weekly on a placard aboard the Race Committee boat.
- **STARTING and RACING AREAS:** The STARTING AREA for all races will be near the center of Harbor Island. The RACING AREA covers the general locale known as North San Diego Bay.
- **MOUNT GAY HATS & AWARDS:** "Skipper Hat Pick-Up" will be during any of the first 3 after race parties. Weekly Sponsor Prizes will be awarded and there will be a Crew Raffle at many after-race parties. Series Trophies will be presented at the final party on August 5th.

Information - Race Committee Chair: Bob Randall CRA PHRF Handicapper: John Balasz
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CORTEZ RACING ASSOCIATION
2009 SUMMER BEER CAN SERIES
ENTRY PROTOCOL

Before Race Day:

1. Complete online registration at www.cortezracing.com (see link). Entry forms must be completely filled out by Wednesday, May 20, 2009, and accompanied by payment for the appropriate amount.
2. **All entries MUST be completed by 1700 hours May 20. Entries limited to 125.**

The Committee Boat Will NOT Accept Entries nor Hand Out Sailing Instructions.

NOTE: Just in case you're not a member of US Sailing, remember that they are the National Authority for our sport, providing us with rules, information, national regattas and general support. Consider joining: 1-800-US SAIL1. They will send you the rule book when you join!

ENTRY FEES

CRA & SGYC members: **\$75.00**

Non-CRA or non-SGYC members, but members of other SDAYC clubs: **\$200.00**

(Note: If you belong to any SDAYC club you can join CRA for \$75 and pay the CRA member Beer Can fee of \$75 and therefore save \$50).

Not a member of any SDAYC club: **\$200**

(Note: You can join CRA for \$150 (\$75 one-time initiation plus \$75 annual dues) and pay the CRA member Beer Can fee of \$75 for total of \$225 but will not have to pay CRA fees throughout the year).

PRIZES

- 1st Place Weekly : A variety of shirts, hats, bags, and gift certificates from local sponsors will be awarded to the skippers (owners) each week. All prizes not claimed at that night's party, will be awarded to skippers (owners) by a drawing at the last after-race party.
- Weekly Award: CRA will award a bottle of Mount Gay Rum to one boat in each of the 10 classes, in a manner to be announced at each after-race party. (This award may not be available to classes with low participation.) Rum may not be opened at the party.
- Raffle August 6. Prizes from local sponsors will be awarded to the owners of each boat by a random drawing. Each skipper will have one entry in the drawing for each completed race plus bonus entries will be awarded for finishing 1st, 2nd, 3rd in each class (3,2,1 additional entries respectively). Owner or Skipper must be present to win.

MOUNT GAY HATS & BEER CAN T-SHIRTS

Skippers will receive one "San Diego B.C. Series 2009" 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.

SKIPPERS NOTICE

Skippers will be held responsible for any disorderly or unlawful conduct 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 (DSQ). Any crew member 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 nor open Mt. Gay Rum prizes on site.