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The Dennis Conner
ALMOST

Around the Coronado Isles Race

A PHRF-SD and CRA

High Points Championship Event

Saturday, September 20, 2014

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RACING RULES:

- 1.1 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 Class Rules of PHRF Southern California will apply to Classes #1-7. Rules of any other class entered as a class will apply.
- 1.4 This is a PHRF Category 3 event. The list of Standard Equipment required for this race may be found in Appendix B of the PHRF Class Rules and By-Laws: <http://www.phrfsocal.org/classrules/2009RULESandBYLAWS.pdf>.
- 1.5 PHRF "RLC" ratings will be used to score this race. PHRF non-spinnaker offsets will not be used for scoring.
- 1.6 The PHRF MIR rule is not in effect for this event.
- 1.7 Amendments to these Standard Sailing Instructions will be distributed using the CRA web site (www.cortezracing.com) and will be available at the R/C Boat on race day(s) when code flags "L" and "A" are on hoist during Race Check-In.
- 1.8 Racing boats encountering non-racing craft shall conform to 1.2 above, USCG Navigation Rules, International-Inland. Be advised that no vessel has the "right-of-way" over a large ship in the deep-water channel. USCG Navigational Rule 9 will be strictly enforced. **All competitors are asked to observe USCG Navigational Rule 9, which in part reads "A vessel shall not cross a narrow channel or fairway if such crossing impedes the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within such channel or fairway."** Further, USCG Navigational Rule 34, in part reads "...When vessels in sight of one another...is in doubt whether sufficient action is being taken by the other to avoid collision, the vessel in doubt shall immediately indicate such doubt by giving at least five short and rapid blasts on the (horn)." *Any boat participating in a CRA race that is identified in any complaint from the Coast Guard, Harbor Pilot or commercial vessel captain that has sounded 5 horns will be presumed to have infringed this instruction.*
- 1.9 Per RRS 42.3(h), competitors may use an engine or other propulsion method to avoid situations in 1.8 provided they gain no significant advantage in the race.
- 1.10 NAVAL and CRUISE SHIP PROTECTION ZONE: No vessel is allowed within 100 yards of NAVAL and CRUISE SHIP traffic.
- 1.11 RRS 55 TRASH DISPOSAL is changed to add the following sentence to the rule: 'However, discarding biodegradable bands when setting a sail is permitted.'
- 1.12 Sailing Instructions 1.11, 6.2, 7.3, 7.4, 8.3, 9.1, and 11.2 modify the RRS.

2. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 2.1 One race is scheduled.
- 2.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is **10:55 AM**.

3. ENTRIES & CHECK-IN:

- 3.1 All eligible boats will have entered on-line at www.cortezracing.com, no later than **5pm** on Friday, September 19, 2014.
- 3.2 This regatta requires an entry fee of \$40 from non-CRA members. No charge for CRA members.
- 3.3 Late entries will only be accepted from CRA members. Late entrants may not check in by radio, but must provide to the R/C, in writing, the owner's name, DOB and zip code, boat name and type, sail number, class, RLC rating, and contact information to complete their entry.
- 3.4 Yachts will have completed their "Check-In" when they check-in with and are acknowledged by the R/C, while clearly displaying their sail number and backstay pennant. Check-In will commence when the "L" flag is hoisted. Visual and radio check-in (VHF 68) are acceptable. All yachts must check-in prior to one minute before the warning signal for their class. No check-in will occur after one minute before or during a starting sequence for any class.

4. CLASSES, CLASS FLAGS AND STARTING ORDER:

4.1 A designated pennant, matching the class, must be flown from the backstay of all yachts while checking in, while racing, and while finishing.

4.2 The starting order is as follows except that classes PHRF 6 & 7 will combine their starts for purposes of CRA scoring:

Class		Pennant	
SDCatA	Non-Spin	Green	
PHRF 7	Non-Spin	#7	} combined start
PHRF 6	Non-Spin	#6	
PHRF 5	Spinnaker	#5	
PHRF 4	Spinnaker	#4	
PHRF 3	Spinnaker	#3	
PHRF 2	Spinnaker	#2	
PHRF 1	Spinnaker	#1	
Multi-Hulls	All	#8	

4.3 In the absence of any class, all other class starts will be moved up accordingly. The Race Committee may combine classes dependent upon the number of boats coming to the starting area. Note the reverse starting order.

5. THE START AND RACING AREAS:

5.1 The starting area will be in the vicinity of San Diego Channel Buoy #9.

5.2 The Racing Area covers the general locale known as San Diego Bay and the Pacific Ocean. For navigation, refer to NOAA Chart #18765.

5.3 The "L" flag, when on hoist, indicates the R/C is "On Station" for race Check-In procedures.

5.4 The Starting Line will lie between a staff with an orange flag on the R/C vessel and a nearby-inflated tetrahedron.

5.5 An inflated distance buoy may be streaming from the R/C vessel and this buoy is considered part of the R/C vessel. For purposes of RRS 31.1 (Touching A Mark), this buoy is to be considered a permanent part of the starting mark. If the Race Committee boat is damaged as a result of a boat breaking a rule, that boat shall pay for the repairs.

5.6 Yachts whose Class Warning Signals have not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and vessels attempting to start.

5.7 All classes will be started in accordance with RRS 26. To signal a class start, one minute prior to the warning the R/C may sound 5 long horn blasts as a courtesy. It is the intention of the RC that classes start **at least 10 minutes apart**. This time may increase dependent upon the prevailing conditions. Expect warning signals to be made at times that are multiples of 5. It is the responsibility of a yacht to start at her signaled start time.

6. RECALLS:

6.1 Individual Recalls will be signaled by a horn blast as the long sound signal, in accordance with RRS 29.1. As a courtesy, the R/C will attempt to hail boats "On Course Side" (OCS) as soon as possible over a loud hailer and/or on VHF 68, but it is the responsibility of each yacht to start properly.

6.2 Failure of electronic equipment, failure to hear a hail, order of hail, or delay in hailing will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1 (a).

6.3 A R/C assist vessel may be stationed near the Pin Buoy end of the starting line and is also authorized to identify and hail premature starters.

7. COURSE:

7.1 The course for Classes 1-4 and Multi-hulls will be:

Start at SD 9

Round SD 6 to port

Round TG-1 (32°38.58'N 117°10.78'W) to starboard

Leave SD Bay Approach Lighted Whistle Buoy (32°37'20.192"N 117°14'45.128"W) to starboard

Round Waypoint **DC** (32°39.00'N 117°26.00'W) to port

Leave SD Bay Approach Lighted Whistle Buoy to port

Round TG-1 to port

Round SD 6 to starboard

Finish between SD 9 and SD 10.

Approximate distance for handicap purposes will be 34.3nm.

7.2 The course for Classes 5-7 and SDCatAs will be:

Start at SD 9

Leave SD Bay Approach Lighted Whistle Buoy (32°37'20.192"N 117°14'45.128"W) to starboard

Round Waypoint **DC** (32°39.00'N 117°26.00'W) to port

Leave SD Bay Approach Lighted Whistle Buoy to port

Finish between SD 9 and SD 10.

Approximate distance for handicap purposes will be 25.6nm.

7.3 Waypoint **DC**

A *waypoint* is a position, other than a mark, described by latitude and longitude coordinates.

For both courses:

The Waypoint DC shall be left to port when rounding, and when rounding the waypoint to port, a yacht shall pass through a rounding quadrant between bearing lines **0** degrees and **270** degrees magnetic to the waypoint.

Evidence of rounding the "virtual" mark must be taken and may be requested by the Race Officer. This evidence may include photographic evidence of the boat's GPS showing its position at the mark, or the boat's chart plotter track showing the boat rounding the "virtual" mark, for example. The onus of proof of having rounded the WAYPOINT mark will be with each yacht.

7.3 Rule 28 Sailing The Course is changed as follows:

28.1 A boat shall *start*, sail the course described in the sailing instructions and *finish*. While doing so, she may leave on either side a *mark* or a *waypoint* that does not begin, bound or end the leg she is sailing. After *finishing* she need not cross the finish line completely.

28.2 A string representing a boat's track from the time she begins to approach the starting line from its pre-start side to *start* until she *finishes* shall, when draw taut,

- a. pass each *mark* or *waypoint* on the required side and in the correct order, and
- b. touch each rounding *mark*, or *waypoint*.

She may correct any errors to comply with this rule, provided she has not finished.

7.4 Room to pass a waypoint

a) When rule 20 applies, SI 7.4b and 7.4c do not.

b) When overlapped boats are approaching a waypoint to pass it on the required side the outside boat shall give the inside boat room to pass the waypoint unless the outside boat has been unable to do so from the time the overlap began;

c) If the inside boat has reasonable doubt that she has room to pass the waypoint, she may hail the outside boat accordingly. The outside boat shall give the inside boat additional space unless she is unable to do so.

8. THE FINISH:

- 8.1 The finish line will be *between* SD buoys 9 and 10.
- 8.2 There will be no RC Boat on station at the finish. The skipper shall take the time when the boat crosses through the above described finish line (GPS Time) and send an e-mail to sailorcookie@cox.net or a text to (619)852-5010 and report: **Sail #:**_____, **Boat Name:**____, **Class:** _____ **Finish Time (GPS):** hr:_____ min:_____ sec:_____, **Name and telephone number** _____, **The sail number and the time ahead of or behind the nearest finishing yacht(s)**_____.
- 8.3 Finishing information must be reported within 3 hours of a boat's finish. Failure to comply with this SI may result in a score of DNF. This modifies RRS Appendix A5.

9. TIME LIMIT:

- 9.1 Yachts not finished by 6:00 AM Sunday will be scored DNF. This modifies RRS 35.
- 9.2 A boat that retires from a race, or chooses not to compete after checking in, must notify the R/C. Call **(619) 852-5010** to report retirement and provide Sail #, Boat Name, plus owner's name and telephone number. Failure to do this may result in rejection of entry for future CRA races.

10. SCORING:

- 10.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 10.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

11. PROTESTS:

- 11.1 Protests shall be initiated in compliance with Rule 61.
- 11.2 Competitors intending to protest another boat(s) are required to inform the R/C by phone **(619-852-5010)** or e-mail (sailorcookie@cox.net) within two hours of finishing or retiring from the race course area until 10 PM, otherwise after 8:30 AM on Sunday. Skippers must provide the R/C with the sail number(s) or name(s) of the protested boat(s). This modifies RRS 61.1(a), Protest Requirements.
- 11.3 Protests may be written on a standard US Sailing Protest Form and sent to sailorcookie@cox.net or (619)852-5010. Protests will be scheduled for a later date. This constitutes the notice required by RRS 63.2, Time and Place of the Hearing.

12. PENALTIES:

RRS 44 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT will NOT be changed for this race.

13. RESPONSIBILITIES, SAFETY & PERSONAL FLOTATION:

- 13.1 It is the sole responsibility of the skipper of each yacht to decide whether or not to start and/or continue to race.
- 13.2 After the starting sequence is complete, the R/C vessel will make every attempt to monitor VHF channel 68.
- 13.3 Notwithstanding any safety requirements, the ultimate safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner or charterer. He/she must do his/her best to ensure that the yacht is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. He/she must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He/she must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed, and that crewmembers know where it is stowed and how it is used.
- 13.4 While racing, each competitor will be required to have onboard and accessible, a "wearable" PFD. The use of PFDs by individuals and skippers is encouraged at all times. If in the opinion of the R/C conditions warrant the use of PFDs, the R/C will signal the "Y" flag accompanied by multiple rapid horn blasts, indicating RRS 40 is in affect.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

15. RACE RESULTS & TROPHY AWARDS:

- 15.1 Race results will be published on the CRA web site (www.cortezracing.com).
- 15.2 Regatta prizes will be awarded using the listed procedure: one prize in each class of 4 yachts, two for 5-7 yachts, three for 8 or more, based on the number of finishers in the class.
- 15.3 The winner of each class will have their name engraved on the "*SD Boatworks Perpetual Trophy*", donated by SD Boatworks
- 15.4 Trophies will be awarded at the CRA Annual Members' Meeting.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 4, Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.