

Cortez Racing Association Minutes of Annual Meeting/Holiday Party, December 3, 2025, at Portuguese Hall

Call to Order 1915

1. Commodore, Chuck Bowers, welcomed members and called Annual Meeting to order
2. Commodore, Chuck Bowers, offered special thanks to **Project Blue Water Racing** for their generous donation to help CRA continue to provide services to the sailing community
3. Commodore, Chuck Bowers, offered special thanks to **Safe Harbor Marinas** for their generous sponsorship to help CRA continue to provide services to the sailing community

Thanks to the generous support of these two organizations membership dues for 2026 will not need to be increased

4. Commodore, Chuck Bowers, offered thanks to **the Navy** for accepting our donations for Toys for Tots
5. Commodore, Chuck Bowers, offered thanks all of this year's **Sponsors**

Bali Hai Restaurant, Cynthia Sinclair Photography, Doyle Sails, Driscoll Boat Works, Harbor Sailboats, Harbor Town Pub, Koehler Kraft, Mount Gay, North Sails, Rigworks, San Diego Yacht Club, SD Boatworks, SD Sailing Supply/Downwind Marine, Silver Gate Yacht Club, Skipper's Remedy, South Coast Yachts, Southwestern Yacht Club, SUNMUD Sunscreen, UK Sailmakers, Ullman Sails, and Sea Cloud

6. Race Committee Chair – Colleen Cooke – presented our **Race Committee Volunteers**

Rich Chambers, Shelly Raming, Sarah Alexander, Daniel Haynes, Veronica Garcia, Christina Omiatek, Vince Teran, and Barrett Canfield

7. Fleet Captain – Toralf Strand, presented awards to the winners of the **Dennis Conner Around the Coronados Race**

- Multi Hull - First: **UnEven Keel, Mark Berdan**
- J24 – First: **Kudzu 3 Jerry M Lewis**
- PHRF Non-Spinnaker – Second: **Mistress, William Lafleur**; First: **Windseeker, Carolyn Sherman and Dennis Pennell**
- ORC Sport Boats - First: **Troublespot, Oliver Michaelis**
- ORC 1 - Second: **Precepts II, Drew Belk and Roger Floyd**; First: **El Sueno, Brad Alberts**
- ORC 3 - Second: **Geronimo, Gene Pitkin and Steve Carter**; First: **Maleficent, Christopher Bennett**
- ORC 4 - Third: **Razzberries, Mike Schrager and Henry Chesnutt**; Second: **Vamos, Jack Kingston**; First: **Rhumb Runner, Chuck Bowers and Pete Colantuono**
- ORR Big Boats - First: **Massai, Robert Capita**

8. Fleet Captain – Toralf Strand, presented awards to those who **participated in all races**

- **Rhumb Runner, Chuck Bowers; Wharf Rat, Christian Seidel; Kudzu 3, Jerry M Lewis**

9. Rear Commodore – Jerry M Lewis, presented awards to **2025 High-Point Champions**

- Spinnaker Fleet: **Al Na'ir, Enrique Mereles; Rhumb Runner, Chuck Bowers; Razzberries/Blind Squirrel, Mike Schrager and Henry Chesnutt; Pelican, Dale Greaney**
- Sport Boat Fleet: **Thunderstruck, Gerry O'Malley**
- J24 Fleet: **Wharf Rat, Christian Seidel**

10. Chuck Bowers, Commodore, presented award to **CRA Yachtsman of the Year**

Enrique Mereles

11. Chuck Bowers, Commodore, presented award to **Sportsman of The Year**

Rod Messinger

12. Commodore, Chuck Bowers, presented members of the **2025 Board of Directors**

- **Commodore – Chuck Bowers**
- **Vice Commodore – Dale Greaney**
- **Rear Commodore – Jerry M Lewis**
- **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**
- **PHRF Representative – Carolyn Sherman**
- **Membership Director – Lynsi Gibbons**
- **Race Committee Chair – Colleen Cooke**
- **Junior Staff Commodore – Rich Chambers**

13. Commodore, Chuck Bowers, conducted vote for **Board of Directors for 2026** - Members may submit additional nominees before the vote

Nominated by current Board:

- **Commodore: Dale Greaney**
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- **Membership Director: Connor Hancock**
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Vote YES unanimous

14. Commodore Elect Dale Greaney, presented members of the **2026 Board of Directors**

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15. 2015 Adjourn