

PUERTO VALLARTA 2018



San Diego to Vallarta International Yacht Race

Mar 2-10, 2018
NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANIZING and RATING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The San Diego to Vallarta International Yacht Race will take place Mar 2-10, 2018.
- 1.2. San Diego Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority (OA).
- 1.3. Offshore Racing Association is the Rating Authority for the Offshore Racing Rule (hereafter "ORR") Racing Divisions.
- 1.4. The term Skipper as used herein is defined as the person, whether or not the owner of the boat, who is designated on the entry form as "Skipper" and who is the person in charge (RRS 46) of the boat during the race. The Skipper is responsible for the boat, its handling and safety, the conduct of its crew before and after, as well as during the race, and compliance with the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions or other identified race documents.

2. RULES

- 2.1. This race will be governed by the *rules* as described in The Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS");
- 2.2. For monohulls, the US Safety Equipment Regulations, (hereafter "USSER"), US Ocean level requirements, Effective 1/1/2017, as modified by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. NOR Addendum #1 will provide a list of all USSER requirements and will include the modifications made by this NOR;
- 2.3. For multihulls, the Ocean Racing Catamaran Association (ORCA) Racing Requirements, as approved by the ORCA BoD 10/20/13, Sections 6, 7 and 8, will be in effect for all multihull competitors, as modified by this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. NOR Addendum #2 will provide a copy of all ORCA requirements and references to modifications made by this NOR;
- 2.4. No claim is made or implied that observance of these safety requirements will prevent injury, death, or loss of property. Neither the establishment of these safety regulations, their use by race organizers, nor the inspection or absence of inspection of a boat for compliance with these safety regulations in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the person in charge, as per RRS 46, who shall ensure that the boat is seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew with sufficient ability and experience to face adverse conditions. S/he shall be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. S/he shall ensure that all safety equipment is at all times properly maintained and safely stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used. See USSER 1.2 and ORCA 5.6
- 2.5. Relevant class rules for boats competing in a subclass (i.e. Fast 50 or WC 70);
- 2.6. Advertising on a boat shall comply with WS Regulation 20 for Category A events;

- 2.7. The Offshore Racing Rule (“ORR”) as modified by this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions;
- 2.8. Any procedures referenced in the Communication and Finish Section of the Skippers Handbook;
- 2.9. Transponders will be used for race tracking and will be required to be carried and transmitting for the entire duration of the race. While boats will not be responsible for the rental fee, they are required to enter into a rental agreement with the transponder rental company and agree to be responsible for up to \$1000 for their unit if lost or destroyed.

3. ALTERATIONS OF RACING RULES

- 3.1. For determination of the right of way between contestants, Part 2 of the racing rules shall govern, except between sunset and sunrise, the following shall be substituted for RRS 17: “When two boats are on the same tack and within three of the larger boat’s overall length of each other, the overtaking boat shall keep clear and neither boat shall alter course toward the other.”
- 3.2. RRS 35 Time Limit: Boats not finishing by 1600, Pacific Standard Time on Saturday, March 10, 2018 shall be scored Did Not Finish unless the RC extends the time limit.
- 3.3. RRS 50.2 Spinnaker Poles; Whisker Poles and RRS 50.3 Use of Outriggers will be modified to allow the use of fixed or retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits for the purpose of setting sails.
- 3.4. Movement of sails not in use while racing is allowed; however all gear and sails not being flown must remain within a boat’s lifelines. This modifies RRS 51 Movable Ballast only as to the movement of sails.
- 3.5. RRS 51 Movable Ballast and RRS 52 Manual Power are modified to permit the positioning of hull appendages, specifically adjustable keels and water ballast, and other control devices powered by hydraulic or electric power on boats so designed and so rated by the handicap authority. All such movable ballast systems shall be capable of manual operation if powered systems are inoperable. All other boats shall comply with RRS 51 and RRS 52.
- 3.6. Yachts may apply for a waiver of RRS 52 such that power and stored energy are permitted for sail hoisting, trimming, and adjusting. Full information on all forms of stored energy sail hoisting, trimming, and adjusting shall be submitted with the final rating data. The Rating Authority will estimate the benefit of these features and adjust the ratings accordingly.
- 3.7. RRS 55 will be modified to allow the disposal of biodegradable material used to band spinnakers.
- 3.8. RRS 62 Redress: RRS 62.1 is modified by adding the following: (e) “being directed by a Government Authority to deviate from her proper course.”
- 3.9. US SAILING Prescriptions to 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 3.10. There is no limitation on the number of spinnakers and staysails carried. Per ORR rule 10.02.2, this modifies ORR rule 10.02.1.
- 3.11. There is no limitation on crew weight. This modifies ORR rule 4.02. Per RRS 87, ORR has issued SDYC permission (1/20/17) to make this change.

4. ADVERTISING

- 4.1. Advertising is unrestricted subject to WS Reg. 20.2 and 20.3.



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5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1. This race is open to all ocean racing boats 30' LOA or greater whose skipper is a member of a club or other organization affiliated with either US SAILING, their National Authority, or the WS.
- 5.2. Eligible boats will be divided into divisions and scored by their ORR ratings. Multihulls will sail in one division and scored by their ORCA rating.
- 5.3. To be eligible to race, each boat shall possess a current 2018 ORR certificate. Application, data, and any alterations to their hull, spar, sails or other equipment configurations that may affect their rating certificate from prior years shall be made available to the rating authority (US Sailing) no later than February 9, 2018.
- 5.4. Certificates may be obtained by downloading an application from <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/offshore-big-boats/orr/orr-rating/>, emailing a request to Offshore@ussailing.org or contacting the US Sailing Offshore Office at (401) 683-0800 ext 628.
- 5.5. In addition any group of four or more boats, desiring to race as a class, such as PHRF, IRC or One-Design (J160, Farr 40, etc.) may submit a written petition to the organizing authority for acceptance as a class. Such petitions must be in the hands of the Organizing Authority by January 5, 2018.
- 5.6. In addition any group of three or more boats, desiring to race as a subclass within a division (WC 70s, Fast 50s, etc.), may submit a written petition to the organizing authority for acceptance. Such petitions must be in the hands of the Organizing Authority by January 5, 2018.
- 5.7. The minimum crew on any boat shall be 4.
- 5.8. Individual boats, or boats accepted as a class whose class rules or configuration prevents her from complying with some of the requirements of this NOR, may petition the Organizing Authority for waivers. Justification of any deviation and alternative means of compliance should accompany petitions, and should accompany a request to establish a class.

6. ENTRY AND FEES

- 6.1. Entry shall be made on line at the SDYC event website: pvrace.com
- 6.2. The following is included in entry fee:
 - Kick Off Cocktail reception and party
 - Hosted breakfast for Skipper's and Navigators at the Skipper's meeting
 - Race Tracking Services
 - Customs Officials on site
 - Race Blog / Photo updates / Live tracking/scoring (Yellowbrick)
 - Competitor's binder
 - Awards dinner w/ 2 complimentary tickets
- 6.3. Entries received by Friday, September 1, 2017 will be \$900.
- 6.4. Entries received between Saturday, September 2, 2017 and Friday, January 19, 2018 will be \$1075.
- 6.5. Entries received after Friday, January 19, 2018 will be \$1275.
- 6.6. No entries will be accepted after Friday, February 2, 2018.



- 6.7. Requests for refunds will be granted if received by 1700, Tuesday, January 2, 2018.
- 6.8. A boat is not eligible to start this race until **ALL** of the following has been submitted:
 - Subject to RRS 78.2, a copy of the boat’s current Rating Certificate which has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate Rating Authority.
 - Prior to starting each owner/charterer shall ensure that the Sailing Office has an accurate crew list complete with names, passport #s, addresses, e-mails, and telephone numbers.
 - Each crew member is required to complete an online waiver and submit a copy of their passport to the Sailing Office.
 - One photograph (digital only) of their boat suitable for print reproduction on the event website, any media releases and distribution upon request by government authorities.

7. QUESTIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS:

- 7.1. Any questions regarding the Notice of Race, Entry, Eligibility or Sailing Instructions including interpretations of published rules and amendments must be submitted in writing to:
 - Sailing Office, San Diego Yacht Club, 1011 Anchorage Lane, San Diego, CA 92106
 - Via e-mail to: sailing@sdyc.org
 Submissions must be made prior to 1700 Friday, February 16, 2018.

8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Friday, September 1, 2017 Early entry fee of \$900 closed
 - Tuesday, January 2, 2018 @ 1700 Withdrawals with 100% Refunds - Closed
 - Friday, January 5, 2018 Petition to establish additional classes closed
 - Friday, January 19, 2018 Entry fee of \$1075 closed
 - Friday, February 2, 2018 Race entry closes, provisional SIs posted
 - Friday, February 9, 2018..... Any rating data due to Rating Authority
 - Friday, February 9, 2018 All fees, photos and documents due
 - Friday, February 16, 2018 @ 1700..... Request for interpretations of NOR/SI’s due
 - Friday, February 23, 2018 @ 1700 Official Sailing Instructions & class breaks available
 - Friday, March 2, 2018 @ 0800 Reception and Skippers Meeting I
 - Friday, March 2, 2018 @ 1200 Provisional START I
 - Saturday, March 3, 2018 @ 0800 Reception and Skippers Meeting II
 - Saturday, March 3, 2018 @ 1200 Provisional START II
 - Saturday March 10, 2018 @ 1800 Awards Dinner
- MEXORC Start dates will be provided when available*

9. RATING CERTIFICATES

- 9.1. A rating certificate approved by the Rating Authority representing the boat's configuration for this race must be submitted to the Organizing Authority prior to the close of entries at 1700, Friday, February 9, 2018.
- 9.2. In lieu of above, certificates issued by the boat's National Authority or a statement from the Executive Director of those classes racing as a class that the boat is a current member of the class must be submitted prior to 1700, Friday, February 2, 2018.
- 9.3. In the event that a boat's National Authority, Class Association or Rating Authority is unable to approve a Rating Certificate by 1700, Friday, February 2, 2018, the Organizing Authority may make other arrangements such as they consider most equitable.

10. INSPECTIONS

- 10.1. All boats are subject USSERs Regulation 1.3 – Inspection. Resolution of any problems regarding required safety equipment, minimum accommodations, eligibility of crew members etc., will be determined by the Organizing Authority and the Rating Authority.

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available Friday, February 23, 2018. Provisional SIs may be posted earlier.

12. COURSE

- 12.1. The Start will be located in the vicinity of SD Channel Buoy #17.
- 12.2. The Finish will be located off Punta Mita, Nayarit, Mexico.
- 12.3. The handicap course distance is 1000 nautical miles.
- 12.4. Race Headquarters will be located in the Sailing Office of San Diego Yacht Club prior to Monday, March 5, 2018.
- 12.5. Race Headquarters will be located in the vicinity of the destination marina from 1400, Monday, March 5, 2018, until 1600, Saturday, March 10, 2018.

13. CLASSES AND SCORING

- 13.1. Provisional Class Breaks will be determined as soon as possible after the close of entries Friday, February 2, 2018. Official class breaks will be posted Friday, February 23, 2018.
- 13.2. Scoring for monohulls will be figured using ORR Time on Time and will be based on the PV wind matrix established by the Rating Authority and agreed upon by the OA. A provisional matrix will be posted as an attachment to this NOR.
- 13.3. Scoring for multihulls will be figured using ORCA Time on Time.

14. ALTERATIONS TO SAFETY EQUIPMENT

14.1. For Monohulls, USSER "US Ocean" requirements will be in effect except as modified by this NOR and/or the Sailing Instructions. Specifically:

- USSER 3.11 (Sat phone in waterproof container) is required.
- USSER 3.21 (Display of sail numbers independent of sail) is deleted.
- USSER 3.33.1 and 3.33.2 (Mainsails for bad weather/emergency) are deleted and replaced with: A boat shall have mainsail reefing equipment capable of reducing the effective luff of the main to $0.70 * P$ OR a storm trysail which can be set independently of the main boom, has an area less than 17.5% of $E * P$, and which is capable of being attached to the mast.
- USSER 3.33.3 and 3.33.4 (Headsails for bad weather/emergency) are deleted and replaced with: A boat shall have a storm jib of area not greater than 5% height of the foretriangle squared, with luff maximum length 65% height of the foretriangle OR a heavy-weather jib of area not greater than 13.5% height of the foretriangle squared and without reef points. (attachment independent of luff groove device).
- USSER 3.9 (AIS transceiver) is not a requirement, but is encouraged.

14.2. For Multihulls, ORCA Safety requirements will be in effect except as modified by this NOR and/or the Sailing Instructions. Specifically:

- Delete ORCA 7.37 and replace with:
"All boats shall carry adequate inflatable life raft(s) designed for saving life at sea with designed capacity for containing the entire crew and capable of taking crew off under adverse sea conditions."
- ORCA 8.43 is modified to require all boats to carry a satellite phone.
- Add ORCA 8.5: "Annually, two thirds of the boat's racing crew shall practice man overboard procedures appropriate for the boat's size and speed."
- (AIS transceiver) is not a requirement, but is encouraged.
- Add ORCA 8.6: "At least 30% of those aboard the boat, but not fewer than two members of the crew, unless racing single handed, including the person in charge, shall have attended a one day or two day US Sailing Safety at Sea Seminar within the last 5 years, or other courses as accepted by US Sailing."

14.3. For all boats, the OA encourages the wearing of harnesses/lifejackets between sundown and sunrise, and whenever conditions warrant, or as directed by the person in charge of the boat.

15. PENALTIES

- 15.1. RRS 61.1 (b) is changed so that any boat being protested by the Race Committee for an infraction will be notified of the protest within 24 hours after the time the boat finishes the race.
- 15.2. The first sentence of RRS 64.1 is changed to “When the protest committee decides that a boat that is a party to a protest hearing has broken a rule and is not exonerated, it may impose some other penalty in lieu of disqualification, or impose no penalty at all.”
- 15.3. For infractions of rules contained exclusively in the Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race, in lieu of disqualification the protest committee may penalize a boat by adding zero to three places to her corrected time finish position, except if the infraction caused injury or damage to another boat which in any way affected the racing ability of that boat, the offending boat shall be disqualified.
- 15.4. Any boat that willfully reports a false position, impedes the transmission of tracker position reports, or remains unreported for an extended period of time may be considered gross misconduct and a report will be filed with the protest committee pursuant to RRS 69.2.
- 15.5. For infractions of RRSs 29.1 and/or 31 (OCS or touching a mark) which are not exonerated, in lieu of disqualification the protest committee may penalize a boat by adding one place to her corrected time finish position.
- 15.6. For infractions of rules in Part 2 (When boats meet) and Part 6 (Entry / Qualification) of the RRS, or noncompliance with required emergency equipment, in lieu of disqualification the protest committee may penalize a boat by adding enough time to her elapsed time, so that her corrected time position in her division may be worse than her actual finishing position, except:
 - if the infraction caused injury or damage to another boat which in any way affects the racing ability of that boat, the offending boat shall be disqualified.
- 15.7. For infractions of rules other than those describe herein, in lieu of disqualification the protest committee may assign a time penalty to be added to the boat’s corrected time except:
 - if an infraction of RRS 41 was committed to insure the safety of a boat on this race, the protest committee may elect to not assess a penalty.
- 15.8. When a boat is penalized, all calculations for any race position will use the adjusted times or places prescribed by the protest committee.

16. TROPHIES

- 16.1. Trophies will be awarded for First on Elapsed Time-Overall, First on Corrected Time-Overall ORR.
- 16.2. Trophies for any petitioned or level-rated classes and for each ORR Racing division will be determined by corrected time and based on the number of entrants.
- 16.3. A variety of special recognition trophies will also be awarded.

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17. FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1. For further information please contact the following:

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