



# NOTICE OF RACE

MARCH 20-26, 2015

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## NEWPORT BEACH TO CABO SAN LUCAS INTERNATIONAL YACHT RACE

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### 1. GENERAL

- 1.1. Newport Harbor Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority ("OA") for the 2015 Newport Beach to Cabo San Lucas International Yacht Race ("Cabo Race"). The OA invites owners and charterers of eligible boats to enter under the conditions of this Notice of Race ("NOR").
- 1.2. US Sailing Offshore Office is the Rating Authority ("RA") for the Offshore Racing Rule ("ORR") for boats entered in the ORR division.
- 1.3. PHRF of Southern California ("PHRF") is the Rating Authority ("RA") for boats entered in the PHRF division.
- 1.4. The term Skipper as used herein is defined as the person, whether or not the owner of the boat, is designated on the application for entry--and if the boat is subsequently entered in the race, on the entry form--as "Skipper" and who is the person in charge of the boat during the race. The Skipper is responsible for the boat; its handling and safety; the conduct of its crew before, during, and after the race, and compliance with the rules.
- 1.5. The term Competitor as used herein is defined as any person who will be aboard an entered boat during the race. A boat's crew is the full complement of Competitors including the Skipper.
- 1.6. All times given in this Notice of Race are in Pacific Daylight Time (UTC-7) unless otherwise noted.

### 2. RULES

- 2.1. All boats in the Cabo Race will be governed by the *rules* as described in The Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS") and the current regulations for Race Category 2 Monohulls in the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations ("OSR").
- 2.2. Advertising on a boat shall comply with the requirements of ISAF Regulation 20 for Category A.

### 3. ALTERATIONS TO THE RULES

- 3.1. The following changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions and will apply to all boats.
  - 3.1.1. RRS Part 2, When Vessels Meet, will be replaced between the hours of local sunset and local sunrise by "Part B—Steering and Sailing Rules," of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea ("IRPCAS").
  - 3.1.2. Rule 35, Time Limit will be modified to end the race at 1700 on Thursday, March 26, 2015.
  - 3.1.3. Rule 50.2 Spinnaker Poles; Whisker Poles and Rule 50.3 Use of Outriggers will be modified to allow the use of fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.
  - 3.1.4. Rule 51, Movable Ballast will be modified to allow the movement of sails that are not set.

- 3.1.5. Rule 51, Movable Ballast, and Rule 52 Manual Power will be modified to allow the positioning of movable ballast by power on boats as designed and as rated by the RA. All movable ballast systems shall be capable of manual operation if powered systems are inoperable
- 3.1.6. Rule 55 will be modified to allow for the use of biodegradable sail stops.
- 3.1.7. Rule 62, Redress, will be modified to allow for interference in the race by a Government Authority.
- 3.1.8. OSR—Inboard Propulsion will be modified to allow an outboard engine to substitute for an inboard engine, provided that the engine, associated tanks, and fuel supply systems are securely fastened and meet with the requirements of OSR 3.28.3.
- 3.1.9. OSR 3.29 will be modified to require boats to carry a VHF transceiver with a transmit power of 25 watts. The modifications will also require that if the regular antenna of a boat's radio depends on the boat's mast or backstay, an emergency antenna shall be carried.
- 3.1.10. OSR 3.29.1 (n) will be modified to remove the requirement for an AIS transponder.
- 3.1.11. OSR 4.26.4 will be modified to allow boats to reef the mainsail in lieu of carrying a storm trysail, and to carry either a storm jib or a heavy-weather jib.
- 3.1.12. OSR Appendix A, Part 1, 3 "Markings on Liferrafts" is deleted.
- 3.2. The following changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions and will only apply to boats competing in the ORR division.
  - 3.2.1. ORR 4.02 will be modified to remove any limitation on crew weight.
  - 3.2.2. ORR 10.02.1 will be modified to remove any limitation the number of spinnakers and staysails that may be carried.

#### **4. INSPECTIONS**

All boats are subject to ISAF Offshore Regulation 2.02—Inspection. If an inspection is required, it will be carried out according to OSR, Appendix C, Standard Inspection Card as modified by the SI. Decisions made by the OA, RC and the RA regarding any measurement or equipment dispute that arises from an inspection shall be final.

#### **5. ELIGIBILITY**

- 5.1. The race is open to all monohull boats that have either a valid 2015 ORR rating certificate or a valid 2015 PHRF certificate with a RLC base rating between -12 and +75 inclusive.

##### **5.2. General Requirements**

A boat shall:

- be single-hulled and self-righting;
- be built in accordance with the OSR Part 1, Section 3.03.1;
- have an overall length ("LOA") not less than 9.0 meters, and a waterline length ("LWL") not less than 7.3 meters;
- comply with the OSR Part 1 for Race Category 2;
- have a reasonable expectation of completing the race by the finish time limit
- have a minimum crew of four (4) persons, except for any double handed special class (to be defined as needed).

5.3. Handicapped Rating Certificates

5.3.1. Each boat shall have a valid rating certificate issued by her appropriate RA and submitted to the OA by 3/8/2015.

5.3.2. All boats must have received their rating certificate by 3/8/15. Any changes requested of the RA after this date will be subject to a \$500 late fee payable to the OA.

5.3.3. ORR Ratings

5.3.3.1. The OA requires that ORR boats submit measurement data to the RA by 2/22/15. Exceptions may be granted at the discretion of the OA and may be subject to a penalty of ten (10) minutes of elapsed time for every business day past the data submission due date (2/22/15) the final measurement data is submitted.

5.3.3.2. Each boat will be given a “Cabo Rating” expressed as seconds-per-mile and will be formulated from her ORR measurements and a wind matrix established by the RA and agreed upon by the OA.

5.4. Insurance

The owner or charterer of a boat entered in the race shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat that is current when racing, with a sum insured of not less than \$500,000 USD.

5.5. Determination of Eligibility

A decision of the OA or the Race Committee as to any matter listed in NOR 5, including whether a boat and her crew meet the eligibility criteria for entry in the race, is final and binding and shall not be grounds for a request for redress.

**6. ENTRY**

6.1. Eligible boats may enter by completing the on-line entry form at [www.NHYCcaborace.com](http://www.NHYCcaborace.com) and by paying the \$1000 entry fee on or before 2/1/15 to avoid a \$250 late fee penalty. No entry will be accepted after 3/1/15. No refund will be issued if a boat withdraws on or after 2/1/15.

6.2. Transponders will be used for daily position reports. Boats are not responsible for a rental fee, but are required to enter into a rental agreement with the service provider. A security deposit will be required and will be refunded in full upon return of the undamaged transponder.

6.3. Additional Entry Requirements

Subject to acceptance of an entry by the OA, an applicant shall supply the following additional items to the OA by their associated due date.

Digital photograph of the boat	1700hrs 3/8/15
Valid Offshore Racing Rule (ORR) certificate	1700hrs 3/8/15
Proof of Insurance	1700hrs 3/8/15
All Crew Entries – submitted electronically	1700hrs 3/18/15
Submit data to OA for communications contact while afloat	1700hrs 3/18/15

## 7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Safety at Sea Seminar @ NHYC	TBA 1/15
Boat Check-In & Transponder Pick-up @ NHYC	1300-1730 hrs 3/19/15
Competitors' Meeting & Send Off Fiesta @ NHYC	1800 hrs 3/19/15
PHRF Fleet Warning Signal	1300 hrs 3/20/15
ORR Fleet Warning Signal	1300 hrs 3/21/15
Trophy Presentation	1800 hrs 3/26/15

## 8. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

8.1. The Official Notice Board is a page bearing the same name on the race website, <http://www.NHYCcaborace.com>.

### 8.2. Amendments to the NOR

The OA reserves the right to amend this notice. The OA will post amendments on the Official Notice Board on the race website. If appropriate, copies of amendments will be placed on supplementary notice board at NHYC.

### 8.3. Sailing Instructions

The Race Committee will issue the SI on Friday, March 6, 2015 at 1200 hrs.

### 8.4. Competitors' Briefing and Boat Check-In

8.4.1. Each boat is required to have a representative check in with the OA on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at NHYC between the hours of 1300-1730 hrs. A boat that fails to meet this requirement will not be eligible to race.

8.4.2. The race committee will conduct a competitors' race briefing at NHYC Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 1800 hrs.

## 9. COURSE

The Cabo Race will start in the Pacific Ocean near Newport Beach, California, USA and finish in the Pacific Ocean near Cabo San Lucas, Baja California Sur, MEX. The rhumb line distance is approximately 800 nautical miles. The exact start and finish locations will be described in detail in the SI.

## 10. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT

10.1. All boats will be required to have the following communication equipment onboard while racing:

- VHF transceiver, refer to 3.1.9;
- equipment able to send and receive e-mail;
- position transponder, supplied by the OA;
- Satellite telephone and/ or SSB transceiver of at least 80 watts P.E.P. in the 2.0 to 9.0 MHz range, capable of transmitting and receiving on 2182.0, 2096.5, and 4146.0 KHz.

10.2. Communication restrictions

With respect to rule 41 – Outside Help, attention is drawn to USSA Question 93 from the US Sailing Appeals Committee. This interpretation clarifies the application of rule 41 and governs competitor's actions during the race.

## **11. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

- 11.1. Rule 44.2, One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalty, will apply when a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 from her preparatory signal until she starts.
- 11.2. Rule 44.3, Scoring Penalty, will apply for breaking a rule of Part 2 after a boat has started. A time penalty will be assessed to the infringing boat's elapsed time. This change will appear in full in the SI.

## **12. SCORING**

A boat's corrected time will be calculated using the Time on Time scoring method with a boat's appropriate rating. The boat with the lowest corrected time in each division will be scored first and so on.

## **13. TROPHY PRESENTATION**

- 13.1. A trophy presentation is scheduled for 1800 hrs Thursday, March 26, at the Baja Cantina Beach Restaurant on El Medano Beach, Cabo San Lucas.
- 13.2. One take-home trophy will be awarded to each of the first three finishers, scored on corrected time, in each division/class.
- 13.3. Perpetual Trophies
  - State of California Governor's Perpetual Trophy – First ORR boat to finish (elapsed time)
  - H. H. Ayres Perpetual Trophy. – Overall ORR Division winner (corrected time)
  - Miguel Aleman Trophy – Winner of ORR Class A (corrected time)
  - The Mayor's Trophy – Winner of ORR Class B (corrected time)
  - NHYC Cabo San Lucas Race Perpetual Trophy – Winner of ORR Class C (corrected time)
  - James Webster Gaboon – Winner of ORR Class D (corrected time)
  - PHRF Overall Winner (corrected time)

## **14. DISCLAIMER**

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, RA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host clubs, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this race. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## 15. GENERAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the Notice of Race, Entry, Eligibility or Sailing Instructions, including interpretations of published rules and amendments, must be submitted in writing to the OA via email.

For further information please contact: Jenn Lancaster | NHYC Race Director

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### NOTICE OF RACE ADDENDUM A: MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

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#### 1. MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

- 1.1. The conditions of entry include a requirement that the owner or charterer of the boat and all crew members:
  - 1.1.1. acknowledge that the OA owns all media rights to the Cabo Race and may exercise those rights as it sees fit; and
  - 1.1.2. grant the OA the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images, and biographical information relating to the crew and photographs, video footage, and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during, and after the race; along with
  - 1.1.3. a prohibition on the use of any form of positioning system, other than that supplied or authorized by the OA, for the purpose of posting a boat's position or other information to any internet site.
- 1.2. Crew members of boats may, prior to, during, and after the race, speak or provide material to any media representatives accredited by the OA, regarding the race and the prospects, performance, or strategy of boats entered or participating in the race, subject to any comments and any material not undermining or interfering with, or having a detrimental impact on, the OA and its officers and employees, the RC, the protest committee, measurers, or current or former sponsors of the OA. The OA may revoke this approval with respect to a boat, any of its crew members, or a media representative at any time.
- 1.3. Entrants must acknowledge and accept the media restrictions referred to herein on the entry form. Crew members must grant the rights referred to herein by signing a disclaimer and acknowledgement of rights form, as supplied by the OA.
- 1.4. Any breach of these conditions may, at the discretion of the OA or RC, lead to the rejection of an application for entry, the cancellation of an entry, or the disqualification of a boat (see rule 76.1). This does not limit the right of the OA to take any other action it sees fit to enforce compliance with these conditions.