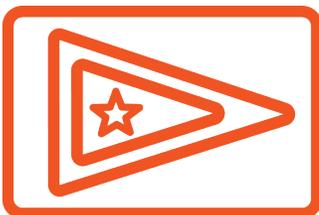


PUERTO VALLARTA 2020



**San Diego to Vallarta
International Yacht Race**

**March 5-13, 2020
NOTICE OF RACE**

1. ORGANIZING and RATING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The San Diego to Vallarta International Yacht Race will take place Mar 5-13, 2020.
- 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. The notation [NP] in a rule in the NoR or SI means it shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The notation [DP] in a rule in the NoR or SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This modifies RRS 64.1.
- 2.3. For both monohulls and multihulls, the US Safety Equipment Regulations, (hereafter "USSER"), US Ocean level requirements, Effective 1/1/2019, as modified by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

- 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 also USSER 1.2.
- 2.5. Relevant class rules for boats competing in any subclass;
- 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. 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 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.
- 3.3. 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.
- 3.4. 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.

- 3.5. 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.
- 3.6. RRS 55 will be modified to allow the disposal of biodegradable material used to band spinnakers.
- 3.7. 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."
- 3.8. US SAILING Prescriptions to 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 3.9. 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.
- 3.10. There is no limitation on crew weight. This modifies ORR rule 4.02. Per RRS 87, ORR has issued SDYC permission to make this change.

4. ADVERTISING

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

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. To be eligible to race, each boat shall possess prior to starting, a current 2020 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 14, 2020.
- 5.3. 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.
- 5.4. Eligible boats will be divided into divisions and scored by their ORR ratings. Multihulls will sail in one division and scored by their ORR-MH rating.
- 5.5. In addition, any group of four or more boats, desiring to race as a subclass within a division (One Design (ex. J/160), 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 10, 2020.

- 5.6. The minimum crew on any boat shall be 4.
- 5.7. 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 / Scoring
- Competitor's USB Drive
- Trophy Party w/ 2 complimentary tickets

6.3. The entry fee is as follows:

LOA Range	Standard Entry Fees (until 1/10/20)	Late Entry Fee (1/11/20 – 2/7/20)
30-41	\$20/ft	\$24/ft
42 – 59	\$22/ft	\$26/ft
60-70	\$28/ft	\$32/ft
71+	\$32/ft	\$36/ft

- 6.4. Entries received by Friday, January 10, 2019 will be charged the standard fee per foot of length overall (LOA) as shown in 6.3.
- 6.5. Entries received between Saturday, January 11, 2020 thru Friday, February 7, 2020 will be charged the late fee per foot of length overall (LOA) as shown in 6.3.
- 6.6. Requests for refunds will be granted if received by 1700, Friday, January 10, 2020.
- 6.7. No entries will be accepted after Friday, February 7, 2020 unless approved by the organizing authority.



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, via e-mail to: sailing@sdyc.org
- Submissions must be made prior to 1700 **Friday**, February 21, 2020.

8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Friday, January 10, 2020Standard entry fee closed**
- Friday, January 10, 2020.....Withdrawals with 100% refunds closed**
- Friday, January 10, 2020Petition to establish additional classes closed**
- Friday, February 7, 2020 Race entry closed, provisional SIs posted**
- Friday, February 14, 2018Any rating data due to Rating Authority**
- Friday, February 14, 2020All fees, photos and documents due**
- Friday, February 14, 2020Request for interpretations of NOR/SI’s due**
- Friday, February 21, 2018Post Official Sailing Instructions & class breaks**
- Thursday, March 5, 2020 @ 1800 Kick Off Party**
- Friday, March 6, 2020 @ 0800Reception and Skippers Meeting I**
- Friday, March 6, 2020 @ 1200 *Provisional START I**
- Saturday, March 7, 2020 @ 0800.....Reception and Skippers Meeting II**
- Saturday, March 7, 2020 @ 1200..... *Provisional START II**
- Friday, March 13, 2020 @ 1800 Trophy Presentation**

****START Dates and times are provisional. Additional dates or times may be added to best facilitate timely arrivals for all entries.***

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 14, 2020.
- 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 7, 2020.
- 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 7, 2020, 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 21, 2020. 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 a virtual finish gate located off Punta Mita, Nayarit, Mexico.
- 12.3. The approximate rhumb-line course distance is 1050 nautical miles.
- 12.4. Race Headquarters will be located in the Sailing Office of San Diego Yacht Club prior to Monday, March 9, 2020.
- 12.5. Race Headquarters will be located in the vicinity of the destination marina from 1400, Monday, March 9, 2020, until 1600, Saturday, March 13, 2020.

13. CLASSES AND SCORING

- 13.1. Provisional Class Breaks will be determined as soon as possible after the close of entries Friday, February 7, 2020. Official class breaks will be posted Friday, February 21, 2020.
- 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 ORR-MH Time on Time.

14. ALTERATIONS TO SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- 14.1. For all boats, USSER "US Ocean" requirements will be in effect except as modified by this NOR and/or the Sailing Instructions. Specifically:
 - a) USSER 3.8.3 is deleted and replaced with "A boat shall have a satellite phone with waterproof protection which may be fixed or handheld.
 - b) **SER** 3.9 is modified to add: All boats shall operate AIS (Rx + Tx) from the time they leave the dock until 2 HOURS after crossing the starting line and from the time when a boat is approximately 25 nm from the finish line until they are at the dock. Any vessel retiring from the race, or requesting outside assistance shall operate their AIS as described from as soon as possible until such time as they have reached safe harbor. [NP/DP]
 - c) USSER 3.21 (Display of sail numbers independent of sail) is deleted.
 - d) 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.
 - e) 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).
- 14.2. 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.

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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.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1. For further information please contact the following:

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