

COASTAL CUP 2009

June 17th and 18th, 2009

Sponsored by: Encinal Yacht Club, Alameda, CA

Sailing Instructions

San Francisco to Santa Catalina Island

- 1.0 RULES** The Race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012* (RRS), the Prescriptions of US Sailing, The Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions and any Rules as they are modified by these Sailing Instructions. Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the Steering and Sailing Rules from International Rules for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) shall replace Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing. Competitors are advised that non-competing boats are not governed by RRS and that IRPCAS governs meetings with non-competing boats.
- 2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Encinal Yacht Club, 1251 Pacific Marina, Alameda, California 94501, and on the Encinal Yacht Club Web Page at: <http://www.encinal.org/pageResource/coastalcup/2009/coastalCup.html>
- 3.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of starts will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. Postings will be on the official Notice Board and on the Encinal web site and announced on channel 72 in the hour preceding the warning signal when each yacht checks in before the race.
- 4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE** Signals made ashore will displayed on the race deck of St. Francis Yacht Club, the location of the start line for the race.
- 5.0 MINIMUM EQUIPMENT:**
- 5.1** Boats must comply with the United States Coast Guard's requirements for recreational vessels, RRS 1.2, and minimum additional equipment prescribed by her Class Association and ISAF Special Regulations Governing Offshore and Oceanic Racing including US Sailing prescriptions for Category 2 race minimum requirements, and as modified by these sailing instructions and the Notice of Race. Each vessel shall carry an operable GPS, 2 portable VHF radios, 406 EPIRB, transponder and a satellite phone (Transponder and Global Star are included in the entry fee). The satellite phones are to be used for daily check-ins to the race committee and for emergency only.
 - 5.2** The provided transponder shall be mounted on each boat in such a way as to provide a clear view of the sky so that the transponder may communication with the satellite systems.
 - 5.3** The race committee or their delegate may perform an equipment inspection to ensure compliance with the Minimum Equipment List at any time.
 - 5.4** The provided transponder and Globalstar phone must be returned to the Race Committee in Avalon or Encinal Yacht Club, 1251 Pacific Marina, Alameda, CA 94501 no later than 1200 hours on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2009 or late fees may apply.
- 6.0 ELIGIBILITY:** Ocean qualified vessels with a closed cabin, mono-hulled with a minimum overall length of 20 feet and a minimum displacement of 2,000 pounds empty.
- 7.0 DECISION TO RACE:** As stated in RRS 4, a boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing.
- 8.0 SAIL NUMBERS:** All mainsails and headsails larger than 125% must carry sail numbers identifying the vessel. The number on the mainsail, all headsails and spinnakers must be the same as on the entry form.

9.0 CHECK-IN

- 9.1 PRIOR TO START:** All yachts are required to check in by VHF radio during a period starting one hour prior to the warning signal and ending ten minutes prior to the warning signal on the morning of their start. Check-in at the start must be made by VHF Ch 72. No other method of check-in will be accepted. No check-ins will be acknowledged after this period until the completion of all starting sequences.
- 9.2 CHECK-IN DURING THE RACE -- DAILY ROLL CALLS:** Each yacht is required to check-in twice a day while on the course. Check-in periods will begin at 0700 hours and again at 1700 hours and will last one hour. **Each yacht is to use its Global Star satellite phone to check-in to 510 823-5175 or 510-504-4076** and report GPS reported position at the hour of 0700 PDT and 1700 PDT to *the race committee. The check in is mandatory.*
- 9.3 RELAY:** A yacht unable to make its participation report directly may relay her position by any practicable means to another yacht which may relay the report to the RC by voice on Global Star Phone or VHF. Commencing one-half hour before the roll call, all yachts shall monitor VHF 72 for possible relays of position or emergency traffic. Willful disregard of a position relay request is grounds for disqualification.
- 9.4 MONITORING:** All yachts are required to monitor VHF Channel 72 commencing one half hour before each roll call through one-half hour following the end of the reporting hour to relay any positions or other information unable to be transmitted by Global Star by the reporting yacht. This roll call is for the Race Committee to gather any position reports missed by a yacht's being unable to report by Global Star phone. Any yacht failing to assist in providing a report that is heard by them on VHF Channel 72 is subject to disqualification on protest by the yacht seeking assistance to report its position.
- 9.5 MISSED CHECK-IN:** For each report that the RC does not receive a given yacht's daily position report (directly or by relay) by voice on Global Star Phone or VHF before the close of the roll call period, 20 minutes shall be added to the yacht's finish time. These are mandatory and may be assessed without a hearing. This modifies RRS 63.1.
- 9.6 FALSE REPORTS:** A willful false position report is grounds for disqualification.

9.0 STARTING LINE: The starting area will be off the St. Francis Yacht Club Race Deck. The Start Line shall be a line between an orange marker on the St Francis race deck and buoy Mark 'A'.

10.0 THE START: Races will be started using RRS 26.

10.1 STARTING SEQUENCE: There will be two (2) starting dates: The first warning signal for certain slower boats will be at 0955 on Wednesday, June 17th, 2009; The first warning signal for all remaining divisions will be at 1100 on Thursday, June 18th, 2009. The complete start sequences will be defined in Appendix A which will be posted on the Encinal YC website prior to the skippers meeting at 1800 hours Tuesday June 16, 2009. Yachts starting more than 20 minutes after their signaled start shall contact the Race Committee on VHF channel 72 in order to validate their participation.

11.0 RESTRICTED AREAS:

- A1** The "H" beam 200 yards west of St. Francis YC and Anita Rock Buoy must be left to port.
B1 The south tower of the Golden Gate Bridge and Seal Rock at Land's End must be left to port.

12.0 POSTPONEMENT: See definition of "AP" in RRS Race Signals. One minute after ending a postponement period, the Warning signal will be made signifying resumption of the regular sequence. Boats will then start in the order indicated. If lengthy postponements occur, the RC may call on channel 72 to advise which fleet will be next in the start sequence.

13.0 RECALLS:

- A1 INDIVIDUAL RECALL:** In addition to RRS 29.2 for RRS 29.1, or 30.1, RC may also hail over early boats by radio.
B1 GENERAL RECALL: Change RRS 29.3 to read: when recalled, all boats of the starting group will restart at the next starting sequence. The First Substitute will be dropped one minute before a new Warning Signal is made for the restart. If there is a second or additional General Recall, The First Substitute will again be dropped one minute before a new Warning Signal.

14.0 THE FINISH:

- 14.1 Per the Finish Instruction in Appendix B**, the Coastal Cup Race will finish off of West End, Santa Catalina Island. The Race finish will be a GPS finish with the finish time being as indicated on the competitors GPS as a MOB reading when they calculate the competing vessel is at the finish Point.
- 14.2** The finish "POINT" will be **N 33 30.00 x W 118 36.00**. The finish POINT location is approximately 1.5 nautical miles off-shore from West End, on an approximate heading of 013 True / 0 Magnetic. Depth is approximately 160 fathoms. This location is approximately 18 nautical miles WNW of the town of Avalon. The finish "ZONE" will be a circle around the finish Point, the **radius** of which shall be **0.03** nautical miles (182.28 Ft.), thus yielding a finish ZONE with a diameter of 0.06 nautical miles (364.57 Ft.). A vessel will be determined to have finished the race upon **entering** the finish ZONE. The finish ZONE may be entered on any point of sail and on any heading.
- 14.3** Each Skipper, or Skippers' representative, will have a working GPS with a MOB capability, coordinated to that of the Race Committee at the mandatory Skippers' meeting. Upon entering the finish ZONE, as determined by the competitor, the Skipper's GPS shall be marked with the MOB facility showing time, latitude and longitude. The Skippers' GPS, along with a **Declaration of Finish Time per Appendix C**, signed by the Skipper and each member of the crew, shall be turned into the Race Committee in Avalon, who will record the displayed time on the GPS as the vessels' finish time. Skippers / vessels not proceeding to Avalon, after finishing the race, must contact the Race Committee and advise the Race Committee of the time shown on the GPS within four (4) hours of finishing the race, either by VHF radio, cell phone or land phone. A Race Committee telephone number will be provided. The GPS must be kept in safe keeping, in an unaltered state, by the Skipper and subsequently displayed to the Encinal Yacht Club Race Committee on request, along with the signed Declaration of Agreement, within ten (10) days of finishing the race unless prior arrangements have been made with the Race Committee Chairman
- 14.4** All yachts are required to contact the Race Committee by either VHF, Globalstar or cell phone approximately 1 hour prior to their finish. CONTACT NUMBERS: VHF Channel 72, Telephone **510 823-5175 or 510-504-4076**

15.0 SCORING SYSTEM: (See Amendment A for changes) The Low Point Scoring Systems RRS A4 will be used. Yachts will be handicapped using the "Pacific Cup Rating System", and scored Time on Distance. For scoring purposes the course length is **360.0 NM**. Ties shall be broken in accordance with A7.

16.0 TIME LIMIT: Yachts not finishing by 0900 hrs on Tuesday June 23rd, 2009 shall be scored DNF.

17.0 YACHTS WITHDRAWING: Yachts withdrawing **MUST NOTIFY THE RACE COMMITTEE** of their withdrawal by contacting the Race Committee at the earliest opportunity. Failure to notify the Race Committee will cause said yacht to incur **all expenses** associated with search and rescue efforts by the Race Committee, United States Coast Guard and all other involved SARS personnel and resources.

19.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 19.1** Protest/Redress hearings and protocol have been changed to permit telephonic and webbased communications, as a means of attendance at any Coastal Cup Protest or Request for Redress hearing by a party or witnesses in accordance with the following protocols. This change is due to the use of a GPS based finishing procedure and the distances that have to be traveled by competitors in the Coastal Cup.
- 19.2** A boat intending to file a protest shall notify the race committee on VHF Channel 72, via cell phone, or Satellite Phone to the Race Committee at 510 823-5175 or 510-504-4076, within one hour after finishing, indicating the name and sail number of the yacht protested and if the protested yacht has been notified of said protest. Upon acknowledgment of the protest report by the Race Committee, the protesting yacht may strike her protest flag. At the next roll call after receiving the protest report from the protesting yacht, the Race Committee shall advise the protested yacht of the pending protest. Such notification by the Race Committee shall not relieve the protesting yacht of its obligation under RRS 61.1(a) to inform the protested yacht at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.3** Protest/Redress forms are available at regatta headquarters in Avalon, the Encinal Yacht Club Office in Alameda, California or Encinal Yacht Club's website at <http://www.encinal.org/> in PDF format. Completed Protests or Request for Redress forms shall be signed and delivered to the race committee via facsimile or via scanned PDF sent e-mail to vicecommodore@encinal.org, no later than 1700 hours, 3 days after the finish date of the protesting yacht. This changes RRS 61.1(a). 61.3 and 62.2.

- 19.4** Any yacht being protested or subject to Redress action by the Race Committee will be notified of the protest and the alleged infraction within 48 hours after the time the Protest/Request for Redress deadline via e-mail with an attached copy of the Protest.
- 19.5** Notices will be posted on the Encinal Yacht Club website to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Approximate hearing times will be posted. The protest Committee will hear protest in the approximate order of submission. The physical location of the hearings is to be Encinal Yacht Club, 1251 Pacific Marina, Alameda, CA 94501, Telephone: 510.522.3272 and Fax: 510.865.8630.
- 19.6** The hearings will be held on the second Thursday after the race is completed.
- 19.7** The hearing(s) may be attended by competitors and witnesses in person, via telephone conference call or via Skype VOIP free internet service. Skype is preferred by the Protest Committee. Any party or witness attending via telephone or via the internet VOIP protocol, is expected to have copies of Protest forms and the ability to show and see diagrams of the incident via any methodology that can distribute the forms or facsimiles thereof to the Protest Committee and other attending competitors.
- 19.8** A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered to Encinal Yacht Club via e-mail no later than 1700 hours the day following the day the requesting party was informed of the decision of the Protest Committee. This changes rule 66.
- 19.9** A Request for Redress from a protest committee decision shall be delivered to Encinal Yacht Club via e-mail no later than 1700 hours the day following the day the requesting party was informed of the decision of the Protest Committee. This changes rule 62.2.
- 19.10** Upon appropriate request of a party, the decision of the Protest Committee shall be posted on the Encinal Yacht Club's Coastal Cup Web Page.

20.0 ADVERTISING: No advertising which exceeds that allowed in ISAF REG 20 Category A is permitted.

21.0 ON THE WATER COMMUNICATIONS: RRS 25 is amended to allow for on-the-water radio communications between the RC and racing boats on VHF radio channel 72 and Globalstar telephones.

22.0 TROPHIES: Subject to Yachts on the course, trophies will be awarded at 1800 hours on Saturday, June 20th, 2009 at the post race awards ceremony at the Descanso Beach Club. Please see this website (http://www.visitcatalinaisland.com/avalon/dini_descansoBeach.php) for more information on the Descanso Beach Club. The following trophies will be presented:

Elapsed Time Record Holder Trophy will be awarded to the yacht finishing in the shortest elapsed time in the regattas history. The present record is 32 hours 52 minutes, and 41 seconds. The trophy representing the record holder is to be displayed at the winning skipper's yacht club according to the Deed of Gift. A keeper trophy will be awarded to the skipper.

The Coastal Cup Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the first overall yacht on corrected time in the PHRF Division. It is to be displayed at the winning skipper's yacht club according to the Deed of Gift. A keeper trophy will be awarded to the skipper. Second, Third, and Fourth place trophies will be awarded for corrected overall time in the PHRF Division.

IRC Trophy will be awarded to the first overall yacht on corrected time in the IRC Division.

First Encinal Yacht Club Boat to Finish on corrected PHRF time will be awarded the Edward J. Milano Memorial Perpetual Trophy. The trophy will be kept at the Encinal Yacht Club and the skipper will receive a keeper trophy.

Carl Schumacher Perpetual Trophy will be presented to the Schumacher designed yacht with the fastest corrected PHRF time. The trophy will be kept at the Encinal Yacht Club and the skipper will receive a keeper trophy.

MORA Trophy will be awarded to the first overall yacht on corrected PHRF time under 31ft

23.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Competitors participate in the Coastal Cup entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 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 Coastal Cup race.

24.0 INSURANCE: Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per event or the equivalent.