

**Coastal Cup 2016**  
**May 29 to June 1, 2016**

**Monterey Bay to Santa Barbara**

**Organizing Authority: Encinal Yacht Club, Alameda, CA**  
**Co-Sponsor: Santa Barbara Yacht Club, Santa Barbara, CA**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

(Dated March 3, 2016)

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), with US Sailing prescriptions, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. **In addition:**  
For monohulls, by the US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) at the Coastal Level, with modifications specified by Addendum 1 of this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions;  
For multihulls, by the Ocean Racing Catamaran Association (ORCA) Racing Requirements, effective June 10, 2010, Ocean level, including Sections 6, 7, and 8 (available as Addendum 2);  
For boats racing One Design, by their class rules.  
All boats must comply with the U.S. Coast Guard Requirements for recreational vessels.
- 1.2 Prospective monohull and multihull competitors are advised to carefully read and comply with the USSER Man Overboard (4.2) and Safety at Sea Training (4.3.2) requirements. Certificates of completion of an approved Safety at Sea seminar shall be submitted to the Race Committee if requested. The skipper must also document in the boat's log that a Man Overboard drill satisfying USSER 4.2 has been practiced in 2016 prior to the start of the race. In addition, the Race Committee strongly suggests that at least one (1) crew person hold a Certificate for Adult CPR/AED and Standard First Aid Certificate, as issued by the US Red Cross.

**Note:** The Pacific Cup Yacht Club is hosting a qualifying one-day Safety at Sea seminar at Encinal Yacht Club on May 14, 2016, with an optional second day of ISAF training on May 15, 2016; see <https://pacificcup.org/16/sas-encinal> for information. For other Safety at Sea seminar locations, such as one at the Santa Barbara Yacht Club on May 30, 2016, see the [ussailing.org](http://ussailing.org) website.

- 1.3 For monohulls, attention is drawn to the following specific requirements of Addendum 1:  
A life raft shall be required for this race per USSER 3.39. *Competitors may petition the Race Committee to accept other life raft designs that have an inspection certificate valid through June 3, 2016.*  
Note that use of a satellite transponder shall be required, and its rental fee is included in the entry fee of the race. See Addendum 1, Item 9.0. For California Offshore Race Week (CORW) boats, these trackers will be issued prior to the start of the Spinnaker Cup as will be described in an addendum to the CORW Sailing Instructions. For racers not entered in the CORW, trackers will be provided in

Monterey on May 28, 2016. Transponders shall be mounted in accordance with manufacturers' instructions; mounting is subject to inspection.

A satellite phone shall be carried by each boat for safety reasons. See Addendum 1, Item 9.1. **Note:** These devices will not be supplied by the Race Committee; each boat shall provide its own unit.

1.4 For multihulls, the following changes to the ORCA Bylaws shall apply:

ORCA 7.37 shall be replaced 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 condition."

ORCA 8.43 is modified to require all boats to carry either a satellite phone or a satellite-based text messenger capable of sending messages to the Race Committee and United States Coast Guard.

ORCA 8.5: "The use of a satellite transponder shall be required, and its rental fee is included in the entry fee of the race." See Section 1.3 above for details regarding the issuance of these trackers.

ORCA 8.6: "Two GPS positioning devices are required; both with the ability to set a position and to accurately show the time of setting that position."

1.5 No single set of requirements can guarantee the safety of a boat or anticipate every exception that might arise due to a boat's configuration. The person in charge may request, in writing, a waiver from the Organizing Authority if their boat cannot meet these requirements, yet has an equivalent way of meeting the intent of the requirement. The Organizing Authority has the sole power to grant an exception to these requirements.

**2. INSPECTIONS:** All boats are subject to inspection for compliance with the rules immediately upon finishing. The Race Committee will inspect approximately 20% of the finishers, chosen randomly or with cause. Inspection checklists and procedures will be in an appendix of the Sailing Instructions.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

3.1 The race is open to all ocean-qualified monohull vessels with a closed cabin, a minimum overall length of 23 feet- 9 inches and a minimum displacement of 1800 pounds empty. Monohull vessels must possess a valid Northern California PHRF Downwind rating, or a valid ORR certificate, or both. The race is also open to all ocean-qualified multihull vessels having a minimum 31 foot length at water line (as per ORCA Section 8) and having a valid ORCA certificate. All vessels are subject to acceptance by the Race Committee.

3.2 The **entry deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>**. The Entry Fee is \$300.00 for boats entering the Coastal Cup as a single race; this fee is discounted for boats entering the California Offshore Race Week as described in the separate CORW NOR available at [www.offshoreraceweek.com](http://www.offshoreraceweek.com). Registration will be provided by jibeset, [www.jibeset.net](http://www.jibeset.net), under the link to the California Offshore Race Week. Links to the registration site are also provided at the Coastal Cup web page, <http://www.encinal.org>, as well as through the CORW website [www.offshoreraceweek.com](http://www.offshoreraceweek.com).

### **4. DIVISIONS:**

4.1 Entries may be under PHRF, ORR, ORCA, or One-Design (requires five or more entries). Other specialty classes including single and double-handed divisions, as well as a cruising division, are encouraged and may be formed at the discretion of the Race Committee. Final division splits will be issued by 1700 on Thursday, May 26, 2016.

## 5. SCHEDULE:

5.1 There will be a **mandatory** Skipper's Meeting **at 0900 on Sunday, May 29** at the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club. **Each boat entered MUST be represented at this meeting, or must have arranged with the PRO for a personal Skipper's Meeting.** A skipper who is unable to attend shall appoint a representative, who shall be a member of the crew, and shall notify the Race Committee or Principal Race Officer of this appointment.

All entrants shall have submitted a completed and signed crew list during the registration process, and any additions to the crew list must be made no later than the Skipper's Meeting. An on-the-water check in for the race will verify crew aboard, and no sailor may be present on the boat that is not listed on the crew list. Boats violating this provision shall be scored DNS.

5.2 **Starts:** There will be several starts during the afternoon of Sunday, May 29. The goal of the Race Committee is to have all boats arrive at the western end of the Santa Barbara Channel, south of Point Conception, during the morning of Monday, May 30, at a time when there is likely to be sufficient wind to sail the remainder of the course, and this consideration will dictate each fleet's starting time. The scheduled starting times for each fleet will be announced at the 0900 Skipper's Meeting, however the first warning shall not be made prior to 1155 on Sunday, May 29.

6. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Will be available in the Spring at <http://www.encinal.org>.

7. **THE COURSE:** The course is between Monterey Bay and Santa Barbara.

7.1 The race will start between the Coastal Cup Committee Boat and buoy '7' located approximately 1 nm ENE of the Monterey Harbor Entrance.

7.2 The finish shall be approximately 11 nm SW of the Santa Barbara buoy "SB" along the line at 119 deg 50 min W longitude that connects Mark P, located at 34 deg 16 min N latitude, and Mark S, located at 34 deg 15.8 min N latitude, leaving Mark P to port. There will be no committee boat on station, and boats shall record their own GPS finish time. Boats shall notify the Race Committee of their finish time at their earliest convenience. Additionally, upon crossing the finish line, boats shall set a waypoint on a GPS device, such as a Man Overboard waypoint, that details the GPS position of the boat and the time the waypoint was set; the Race Committee may ask to see this information to verify the reported finish time, and if this information is not made available, the Race Committee may protest a boat's finish time.

It is recognized that winds can become light near inshore, and the Race Committee has chosen to finish this race offshore in the Santa Barbara Channel where winds are more reliable.

7.3 The approximate course length is 204 nm.

8. **SCORING:** The low point scoring system, RRS Rule A2, will apply. The time-on-time handicap system will be used, with the formula for the time correction factor given by:

$$\text{TCF} = 600 / (\text{NC PHRF Downwind Rating})$$

Note that the California Offshore Race Week will rescore the Coastal Cup using time correction factors derived from ORR ratings. See the CORW NOR for further details.

9. **BERTHING:** If racing in the California Offshore Race Week, berthing arrangements in Monterey Harbor are typically handled at the conclusion of the Spinnaker Cup by the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club. Alternatively, see [www.offshoreraceweek.com/logistics](http://www.offshoreraceweek.com/logistics) for information on obtaining a berth in Monterey Harbor if not racing in the Spinnaker Cup.

For boats seeking berthing in Santa Barbara, check the box on the jibset entry form requesting berthing, and supply the dates berthing is requested for, and the Race Committee will work with Santa Barbara Harbor to obtain reserved berthing. Individuals cannot obtain advanced reservations at Santa Barbara Harbor as berthing arrangements typically must be made *upon arrival* in Santa Barbara by hailing the harbor master on VHF Channel 12.

10. **TROPHIES:** An awards ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1 to be held at the Santa Barbara Yacht Club. The Race Committee reserves the right to change the date and/or time of the awards ceremony.

Awards will be given based on the number of entries in each division: First and Second place for five or more entries; First, Second and Third place for seven or more entries. The following trophies will also be awarded:

**The Coastal Cup Perpetual Trophy** will be awarded to the first overall monohull on corrected time in the Downwind PHRF Division. It is to be displayed at the winning skipper's yacht club for a year according to the Deed of Gift. A keeper trophy will be awarded to the skipper.

**The Edward J. Milano Memorial Perpetual Trophy** will be awarded to the first Encinal Yacht Club boat to finish on Downwind PHRF corrected time. The trophy will be kept at the Encinal Yacht Club and the skipper will receive a keeper trophy.

**The Line Honors Perpetual Trophy** will be presented to the first boat to finish on uncorrected time. All boats entered in the Coastal Cup, whether entered under Downwind PHRF, ORR, or ORCA, are eligible for this 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 boat with the fastest Downwind PHRF corrected time. The trophy will be kept at the Encinal Yacht Club and the skipper will receive a keeper trophy.

11. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate in the Coastal Cup entirely at their own risk; see RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the race.
12. **INSURANCE:** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per incident.
13. **FURTHER INFORMATION:** Please contact Principal Race Officer Doug Perry, at 510-867-8064 (text messages also received), or email [vicecommodore@encinal.org](mailto:vicecommodore@encinal.org).