

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

Sailing Instructions

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, and by the Notice of Race (NOR) dated March 3, 2016, these Sailing Instructions, by the U. S. Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER, available at www.ussailing.org) at the Coastal level, as modified in Addendum 1 of the NOR, and 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 Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the rules of Part 2 of the RRS are replaced with the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS). Competitors are reminded that non-competing boats are not governed by the RRS and that IRPCAS governs meetings with non-competing boats.
- 1.3 RRS 51 is modified for this race to allow the movement of sails that are not set around the boat.

2 MINIMUM EQUIPMENT AND INSPECTION

Competitors are reminded of Section 2 of the Notice of Race, which states that the race committee may inspect boats immediately upon completion of the race for compliance with the safety rules as outlined in Section 1 of the Notice of Race. See Appendix A for a checklist of items that must be present on a boat for it to pass inspection. Boats that do not pass inspection will be protested by the Race Committee, and penalties as severe as DSQ will be assessed by the Race Committee depending on the violation.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board adjacent to the bar at Encinal Yacht Club. Additionally, the Race Committee will post all such notices on the Coastal Cup website at <http://www.encinal.org/pageResource/coastalcup/2016/coastalCup.php>.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTION

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 2100 PDT on the day before it will take effect, according to Section 3 of these SIs. Any changes so posted will be communicated to each boat by the race committee at the mandatory Skipper's Meeting, which will be held at 0900 on Sunday, May 29 at the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the race deck of the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club.

6 CHECK-IN AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 6.1 **CHECK-IN PRIOR TO START:** All boats are required to check in by VHF radio on the race day starting at 1000 and ending at the latter of 1145 or 10 minute before the first warning signal. Check-in must be made by VHF Ch 69; no other method of check-in will be accepted.

Check-ins for any late boats will resume after completion of the starting sequence, and no such late boats may cross the starting line until checked in. **Failure to check-in with the Race Committee will result in disqualification from the race, this changes RRS A5.**

Each competitor shall acknowledge the Race Committee's check-in to ensure two-way radio communications. In addition, any changes in crew shall be reported to the Race Committee during check-in, stating name, gender, address, cell phone number and emergency contact information. **ALL CREW ABOARD MUST BE LISTED AS CREW IN JIBESSET; CREW CHANGES CAN BE MADE AS LATE AS THE MANDATORY SKIPPERS MEETING AT 0900 ON SUNDAY MAY 29 (SEE SECTION 4 OF THE SIs).**

7 CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS

There will be six classes – Flags A, C, D, E, F, and G – for this race. See Appendix B for you boat's class assignment.

8 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 8.1 The first warning is scheduled to be at 1155 on Sunday, May 29, 2016, for class flag F. The slower boats will start first, with subsequent classes starting at ten minute intervals. The following is the **anticipated** start times for the six classes:

1155	Warning for Class/Flag F
1200	Start for Class/Flag F
1205	Warning for Class/Flag E
1210	Start for Class/Flag E
1215	Warning for Class/Flag D
1220	Start for Class/Flag D
1225	Warning for Class/Flag C
1230	Start for Class/Flag C
1235	Warning for Class/Flag A
1240	Start for Class/Flag A
1245	Warning for Class/Flag G
1250	Start for Class/Flag G

Actual start times may vary from the above schedule, and will be signalled by the committee boat. The Race Committee will attempt to announce the starting sequence on VHF 69.

9 RACING AREA

The racing area includes Monterey Bay, the Santa Barbara Channel, and the coastal waters of California. The course length is approximately 204 nautical miles.

10 STARTING LINE

The Starting Line shall be a line between an orange marker on the Coastal Cup Race Committee boat and buoy '7' located approximately 1 nm ENE of the Monterey Harbor Entrance.

11 COURSE

- 11.1 The course will be in navigable waters from the start to the finish line, leaving Government Buoys R "4" Fl R 4s BELL (off Pt. Cabrillo) and R "2" Fl R 6s BELL (off POINT PINOS) to port.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish line 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. All coordinates are in standard WGS 84 world geodetic system.

There will be no committee boat on station, and boats shall record their own GPS finish time on the finish sheet of Appendix C, and shall present their finish sheet to the Race Committee at their earliest opportunity once on shore. **ADDITIONALLY, UPON CROSSING THE FINISH LINE, BOATS SHALL RECORD THEIR LOCATION AND FINISH TIME ELECTRONICALLY, AS BY SETTING A WAYPOINT ON A GPS NAVIGATIONAL DEVICE. THE RACE COMMITTEE MAY ASK TO SEE THIS INFORMATION TO VERIFY THE REPORTED FINISH TIME, AND IF THIS INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE THE RACE COMMITTEE MAY PROTEST A BOAT'S FINISH TIME.**

14 THE SCORING SYSTEM

The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS A4, will be used. Boats will be handicapped and scored using their Northern California PHRF Downwind rating, as described in the Notice of Race.

15 TIME LIMIT

Boats that have not finished by 1200 PDT on Wednesday, June 1 2016, shall be scored DNF.

16 BOATS WITHDRAWING

Boats 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 boat 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. The Race Committee can be reached by calling or texting +1 408 482 3693, or by other means of contacting the Race Committee. Boats must receive verbal acknowledgement by the Race Committee of their withdrawal.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protest/Redress hearings and protocol have been changed to permit telephonic and web-based 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:
- 17.2 A boat intending to file a protest shall notify the race committee on VHF Channel 69, via text message, cell phone, or sat phone to the Race Committee at (408) 482 3693 within one hour after finishing. They shall indicate the name and sail number of the boat protested and if the protested boat has been notified of said protest. The Race Committee shall not relieve the protesting boat of its obligation under RRS 61.1(a) to inform the protested boat at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 17.3 Protest/Redress forms are available at regatta headquarters at the Santa Barbara Yacht Club, the Encinal Yacht Club Office in Alameda, or at U.S. Sailing. Completed Protests or Request for Redress forms shall be signed and delivered to the Race Committee in person, via facsimile, or via scanned PDF sent e-mail to vicecommodore@encinal.org, no later than 1700 hours PDT on June 1, 2016. This changes RRS 61.1(a), 61.3 and 62.2.
- 17.4 Any boat 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 of the Protest/Request for Redress deadline via e-mail with an attached copy of the Protest.
- 17.5 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 protests 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.
- 17.6 The hearings will be held on the second Thursday after the race is completed.
- 17.7 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.
- 17.8 A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered to Encinal Yacht Club via e-mail to vicecommodore@encinal.org no later than 1700 hours PDT the day following the day the requesting party was informed of the decision of the Protest Committee. This changes rule 66.
- 17.9 A Request for Redress from a protest committee decision shall be delivered to Encinal Yacht Club via e-mail to vicecommodore@encinal.org no later than 1700 hours PTD the day following the day the requesting party was informed of the decision of the Protest Committee. This changes rule 62.2.
- 17.10 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.

APPENDIX A: SAFETY CHECK LIST

US Sailing, Encinal Yacht Club, and this Race Committee consider the safety of crew to be of paramount importance. To this end, numerous safety requirements have been put in place for this race, including those described in Section 1 of the Notice of Race. While the race committee requires all boats to comply with the safety requirements, note that according to USSER 1.2

The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable 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 bad weather. 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.

As one means of ensuring compliance with the Rules, and pursuant to Sections 2 of the Notice of Race and of these Sailing Instructions, which includes USSER 1.3, the Race Committee may inspect boats immediately after they finish; failure to pass inspection will result in a protest by the Race Committee.

If inspected, the following items must be presented to the race committee. References to relevant sections within the USSER document are provided for your convenience.

- 1) Documentation by the skipper in the boat’s log stating that a Man Overboard drill satisfying USSER 4.2 has been practiced in 2016 prior to the start of this race.
- 2) A life raft, as required by Rule 1.3 of the Notice of Race, and USSER 3.39.
- 3) An EPIRB or a Personal Locator Beacon, as required by USSER 3.16.2.
- 4) A life jacket for each crew member, which shall be compatible with a safety harness for use with a safety tether, as required by USSER 3.1.1
- 5) Jack lines, in place, as required by USSER 3.2.1.
- 6) A Coast Guard approved throwable device, as required by USSER 3.7.4.
- 7) An electronic means of recording the position of a man overboard, as required by USSER 3.15.

APPENDIX B: CLASS BREAKDOWN

Boats are in classes as defined on the jibeset website. For your reference, the classes include the following boats:

Boats racing in Class A include:

VELOS, BUONA SERA, FOX, VARUNA, and ASZHOU

Boats racing in Class C include:

HORIZON, PREVAIL, LUCKY DUCK, and DECEPTION

Boats racing in Class D include:

SYMMETRY, OUTSIDER, TIMESHAYER, ASTRA, BLUEFLASH, and LOCO-MOTIVE

Boats racing in Class E include:

AZURE, STAR FIRE, LOCA MOTION, ESCAPADE, PEACEMAKER, and PLUS SIXTEEN

Boats racing in Class F include:

WHITE TRASH, SNAFU, MAS!, TEQUILA MOCKINGBIRD, MOONLIGHT, and SPADEFOOT

Boats racing in Class G include:

ORION and CHIM CHIM

APPENDIX C: FINISH SHEET

BOAT NAME: _____

SAIL NUMBER: _____

FINISH LINE:
Mark P **Between:**
Mark S **119 deg 50 min W, 34 deg 16 min N, WGS 84**
 119 deg 50 min W, 34 deg 15.8 min N, WGS 84

FINISH TIME: _____ **GPS TIME**

Present to Coastal Cup Race Committee at earliest convenience once ashore.