

Coastal Cup 2017
May 29 to 31, 2017

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, by the Notice of Race (NOR, available on www.offshoreraceweek.com), by these Sailing Instructions, 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 1, *Rules*, of the Notice of Race, and Section 4, *Safety*, which states that the race committee may inspect boats before and/or immediately upon completion of the race for compliance with the safety rules.

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/2017/coastalCup.php> as well as on California Offshore Race Week website at <http://www.offshoreraceweek.com>. Any notices will also be presented at the mandatory Skipper's Meeting at the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club on Sunday, May 28 at 1630.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTION

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 1630 PDT on the day before it will take effect, according to Section 5, *Schedule*, of the NOR, and of Section 3 of these SIs.

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 according to the instruction of Section 11, *Radio Communications*, of the NOR (VHF 65A).

Failure to check-in with the Race Committee will result in disqualification from the race. This changes RRS A5.

- 6.2 CHECK-IN PRIOR TO FINISH: No check-in is required prior to the Finish; this changes Section 11, *Radio Communications*, of the NOR.

7 CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS

Class Divisions and flags will be posted in Appendix B by 2200 Friday, May 26, 2017.

8 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 8.1 The first warning is scheduled to be at 1155 on Monday, May 29, 2017. The slower boats will start first, with subsequent classes starting at ten minute intervals. Because Race Committee flags can be difficult to see, the Race Committee will attempt to announce the starting sequence on VHF 65A.

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 A, 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 2200 PDT on Wednesday, May 31 2017, 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 +1 510 867 8064, 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 65A, via text message, cell phone, or sat phone to the Race Committee at +1 510 867 8064 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, 2017. 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: FINISH SHEET

BOAT NAME:

SAIL NUMBER:

FINISH LINE:

Mark P
Mark S

Between:

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.