



2018 Commodores' Challenge Regatta

PHRF San Diego Class 4

San Diego, California

Saturday, April 14th, 2018

Hosted by Southwestern Yacht Club (SWYC)

In honor of Staff Commodore James Lonergan

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2017-2020 will govern the series, including U.S. SAILING Prescriptions, and PHRF Southern California Class Rules, and the individual race Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Each competing yacht must be skippered by the Commodore of the Club for which the yacht is competing.
 - 1.2.1. For each race in this series, the current Commodore of the club for which the yacht is competing must be at the helm for the race start and thereafter for the entire race, except for one five minute helm break, if necessary.
- 1.3. All competing sailors shall have a World Sailing classification under World Sailing Regulation 22. Each team may have no more than one World Sailing Group 3 sailor. A breach of this instruction is not open to protest by competitors but is subject to action by OA. See: <http://www.sailing.org/classification/index.php>
- 1.4. Each crew shall consist of sailors who are members of the Commodore's yacht club, including the club Commodore, and 50% or more of those persons shall be members of the Commodore's yacht club who hold flag memberships.
- 1.5. **NAVAL PROTECTION ZONE:** The Naval Protection Zone is a 500 yard regulated area of water surrounding all US Naval Vessels which are greater than 100 feet in length. All vessels within 500 yards of a US Naval Vessel greater than 100 feet in length shall operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain safe course and speed and shall proceed as directed by any official patrol. **NO VESSEL IS ALLOWED WITHIN 100 YARDS OF A LARGE US NAVAL VESSEL.** These zones are permanently in effect. (33 C.F.R. 165.2030)
- 1.6. RRS rule 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: "However, discarding biodegradable bands when setting a sail is permitted." Racers remain responsible for compliance with all applicable state and federal laws. Federal law defines marine debris as "any persistent solid material that is manufactured or processed and directly or indirectly, intentionally or unintentionally, disposed of or abandoned into the marine environment" (33 USC 1956).

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. Each Yacht Club holding membership in the San Diego Association of Yacht Clubs may enter one qualifying yacht.

- 2.2. To be eligible, yachts must have a current Rating Certificate from PHRF San Diego or a current PHRF Southern California Rating Certificate in rating band between +90 through +137 with LOA < 42' (Class 4).
- 2.3. Yachts possessing both PHRF Southern California and PHRF San Diego certificates shall be scored with their PHRF San Diego rating.
3. ENTRY
 - 3.1. **Timely entries shall be submitted on-line via the SWYC website (<http://www.southwesternyc.org>) no later than 1700 hours Thursday, April 12th, 2018.**
 - 3.2. There is no fee for entering this regatta.
4. CLASS
 - 4.1. The regatta is for yachts with PHRF Rating Band between +90 and +137, with LOA < 42', as assigned by PHRF San Diego (Class 4).
5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
 - 5.1. The first warning signal will be at 1155 hours on Saturday, April 14th, 2018, with the first start at 1200 hours. Race #2 will follow Race #1 as closely as possible.
6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
 - 6.1. Sailing Instructions will be available via the SWYC website.
 - 6.2. Notices to competitors will be posted on the RC bulletin board adjacent to the SWYC office no later than 0900 hours on the day of the event.
7. COURSES
 - 7.1. Race #1 will be held in the Coronado Roads, and will be a "Gold Cup" course. The start will be in the vicinity of Mooring Buoy FM1. After starting, yachts will round the windward mark, the wing mark, the leeward mark, the windward mark, then finish at the starting line. All roundings are to Port.
 - 7.2. Race #2 will start in the Coronado Roads in the vicinity of Mooring Buoy FM1. After starting, yachts will leave the windward mark to Starboard, leave San Diego Bay Buoy #6 to Starboard, and finish in the Shelter Island Basin off Southwestern Yacht Club.
8. SCORING
 - 8.1. Competitors shall be handicapped according to their "Buoy" ratings for Race #1.
 - 8.2. Competitors shall be handicapped according to their "RLC" ratings for Race #2.
 - 8.3. The Regatta will be scored with Low-point Scoring System as provided in Appendix A of the RRS with Section A9 in effect. There will be no throw outs. This modifies RRS Appendix A2.
 - 8.4. All races started and finished by the Race Committee shall constitute the series.
 - 8.5. As the Organizing Authority, Southwestern Yacht Club shall be responsible for all Race and Series scoring.
9. SAFETY
 - 9.1. It is the sole responsibility of the skipper of each yacht to decide whether or not to start and/or continue to race.
 - 9.2. 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 sailed by an experienced crew with sufficient ability and experience to face bad weather. The person in charge shall be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails, and all gear. The person in charge 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 used.

- 9.3. The US Sailing's Safety at Sea Committee describes the gear recommended to be used on sailboats when racing. US Nearshore requirements can be found here:
http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/Offshore/SAS/US_SER_2017.0.pdf.
- 10. AWARDS
 - 10.1. The Staff Commodore James Lonergan Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the first place yacht on corrected time at the Southwestern Yacht Club Opening Day ceremony on April 22nd, 2018.
 - 10.2. All competitors are invited to enjoy the hospitality of Southwestern Yacht Club at the end of the day's racing.
- 11. FURTHER INFORMATION
 - 12.1 Regatta Chair Carolyn Sherman cmaidn@yahoo.com
 - 12.2 Principal Race Officer Chris Brzezinski rcchair@southwesternyc.org
 - 12.3 SWYC Office 619-222-0438