



2023 Pusser's Rum San Diego Fall EZ Race

Saturday, September 30, 2023
Entry Deadline is 1800 Friday, Sept 29th, 2023

Notice of Race

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VHF69 for all communications

1. RULES

- 1.1. The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. When a boat sailing under the RRS meets a boat that is not, she shall comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.
- 1.3. All racers shall adhere to the defined Naval Protection Zone (33 C.F.R. 165.2030).
- 1.4. Sail numbers on all sails flown must comply with US Sailing RRS for size, contrast, and general placement. They must also agree with the numbers indicated on the entry form.
- 1.5. Boats that **go aground, get caught in kelp or need to move to avoid a vessel outlined in Section 1.8** below may use their engines provided the boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race. This modifies and includes RRS 42.3.
- 1.6. [DP] Discarding biodegradable bands into the water when setting a spinnaker may be less than disqualification. Racers remain responsible for compliance with RRS 47, all applicable state, and federal laws.
- 1.7. This event shall also be governed by the ORA class rules. www.offshoreracingrule.org
- 1.8. [DP] NAVAL and CRUISE SHIP PROTECTION ZONE: A naval protection zone exists in a radius of 500 yards (CFR 165.2015) around U.S. naval vessels greater than 100 feet in length, except when the large naval vessel is moored or anchored within a restricted area. All vessels within a naval vessel protection zone shall operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain a safe course and shall proceed as directed by an official patrol, and when within such zone, no vessel is allowed within 100 yards of a large U.S. naval vessel (CFR 165.2030). No vessel is allowed within 100 yards of a cruise ship (CFR 165.1108).

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the race website prior to 18:00 hours on Friday.

- 2.2. Website: **www.nextsailor.com**

3. CHANGES IN NOR & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. **Ashore:** Any change in the Sailing Instructions for race will be posted on the Race website no later than 1800 hours on Friday, Sept 29th, 2023
- 3.2. **Afloat:** Any change in the Sailing Instructions made afloat will be communicated via **VHF Channel 69**.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1. The race is scheduled for **Saturday, Sept 30, 2023**. Time of the **First Warning will be 11:55 hours**.

5. CLASSES, CLASS FLAGS AND STARTING ORDER

- 5.1. The three classes will include Racer, Racer/Cruiser, True Cruiser. If there are more than 5 boats from any one design fleet, they will receive their own start
- 5.2. Class flags will be displayed from the yacht's backstay and be provided by the yacht's owner. Boats without a backstay shall display their pennants in a prominent manner on the stern. All yachts must display the class flag of the class they are assigned to for the race.

6. CHECK-IN

- 6.1. For Saturday's race, eligible yachts complete their entry by checking in with the RC boat prior to the First Warning signal. Yachts checking in shall pass the RC boat to starboard (*if one is present*) and hail with **sail number & class**. Check-in will be complete only when RC responds. RADIO CHECK-IN is also permitted. Yachts are considered checked in when RC confirms via **VHF 69**.
- 6.2. If the RC is ashore, **CHECK-IN will be via VHF 69**.
- 6.3. Check-in **will not be accepted during start sequences** after the Warning.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The racing area is between North San Diego Bay, Buoy 17 Start/Finish area and offshore near the Coronado Roads area.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. All classes will sail the same course (all marks to be left to port unless specified):

8.2. **Course 1: APPROX 12 nm**

- ï Start in the vicinity of Buoy 17
 - ï Round Buoy SD-8 to port
 - ï Round TG-1 to port
 - ï Round Buoy SD-8 to *starboard*.
 - ï Finish between Buoy 17 and the RC boat, taking Buoy 17 to port.
- Approx Course Length: Distance for handicap purposes is 12 nautical miles
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8.3. **Course 2: APPROX 6 nm**

- ï **Start** in the vicinity of **Buoy 17**
 - ï Round Buoy SD-16 to port
 - ï Round Buoy SD-19 to *starboard*
 - ï Round FM-19 to *starboard*
 - ï Round Buoy SD-22 to port
 - ï Round FM-19 to port
 - ï Finish between Buoy 17 and the RC boat, taking Buoy 17 to port
- Approx Course Length: Distance for handicap purposes is 6.0 nautical miles

9. THE START

- 9.1. All classes will sail the same course.
- 9.2. The RC will display a '1' or '2' from their location.

Start: between the RC inflatable dingy taken to starboard and Buoy 17 at the port end.

ALTERNATE: between an orange flag ashore near the south end of Shelter Island and Buoy 17 at the port end

- ï The start will be conducted in accordance with RRS 26, except as modified by these sailing instructions.
- ï The first Warning Signal is scheduled for 11:55 a.m. The first start is scheduled for 12:00 p.m.
- ï Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. Yachts not in their Warning period and observed obstructing fellow racers may be penalized by the RC without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

10. RECALLS

- 10.1. Individual recalls shall be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1 *except there may be not flags. Listens for horns and VFH 69 Transmission of OCS boats.* The RC may attempt to notify premature starters either by loud hailer or VHF Channel 69. The failure of any boat to hear her hail, the timing of the hail, and/or the order of the hail Shall Not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 10.2. General Recalls will be pursuant to RRS 29.2 *Listen to VHF 69 for all OCS notifications.*
- 10.3. Horns may be substituted for start flags with the RC ashore:
 - ï 5 horns 1:00 prior to the 11:55 am Warning
 - ï 1 horn at the 5:00 Warning
 - ï 1 horn at the 4:00 Prep
 - ï 1 horn at the 1:00 Prep down
 - ï 2 horns at the Class start

NOTE: this horn sequence could be used on the RC in the absence of flags. Monitor VHF69

- 10.4. Under World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01, change the definition Start as follows: Start A boat starts when her hull having been entirely on the pre- start side of the starting line, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either
 - (a) at or after her starting signal, or
 - (b) during the last 15 seconds before her starting signal.
- 10.5. When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition Start, she may return to the pre-start side of the line to comply with item (a) of the definition of Start, but, if she does not, she shall receive a Scoring Penalty calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c).

11. WITHDRAWAL

- 11.1. A yacht that retires from the race must notify the RC before leaving the course, or call the RC on VHF 69 or (401) 219-8370. Failure to do so shall result in disqualification from this race and possible rejection of entry for subsequent races.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. A proper finish will be inside San Diego Bay between **Buoy 17 to port and the RC vessel to starboard or orange flag ashore to starboard.**

NOTE 1: If there will be no RC Boat on station at the finish location. The skipper shall take the time when the boat crosses the above described finish line (GPS Time) and send an e-mail report to marc@socalyrg.com or text to (401) 219-8370 within 30 minutes of finishing.

Report in your email: Please ensure your **boat name is in the subject line of the email!**

Sail #:_, Boat Name:_, Class:_,

Finish Time (GPS): hr:___min:___sec:_____, Your name and telephone number _____,

The sail number and the time ahead of and behind the nearest finishing boat(s)_____.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM:

- 13.1. RRS V1, *Penalty at the Time of the Incident*, shall apply.
- 13.2. RRS V2, *Penalty Taken After a Race*, shall apply.

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1. Boats finishing after 16:00 hours will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This modifies RRS 35.

15. PROTESTS

- 15.1. Protests shall be initiated in compliance with RRS 61, except as amended by these Sailing Instructions.
- 15.2. A boat intending to protest shall report her intentions and the boat(s) being protested to the RC boat on station/VHF69 ashore upon finishing or retiring and obtain RC acknowledgment. Radio reports of protests are only accepted from boats that are retiring from the race.
- 15.3. Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt immediately following the race or at a later date and time as coordinated by the Protest Chairman.

16. PROTEST ARBITRATION

- 16.1. Arbitration will be available according to Appendix T for breaches of rules of Part 2 where there is no damage or injury. Protests not resolved through arbitration or Request for Redress will be referred to the Protest Committee for hearing.

17. SCORING FOR EACH RACE

- 17.1. This series shall be scored as provided in the Notice of Race.

18. SAFETY

- 18.1. Yachts shall comply with the Race Safety Requirements listed in the Notice of Race and and those required by the USCG.
- 18.2. The **Race Committee (RC) shall monitor VHF Channels 69**. Each yacht shall monitor VHF Channel 69 from the time the boat checks in with the RC until clear of the start line. Should a yacht need to contact RC after the start, the yacht should hail the RC on VHF Channel 69; RC will then acknowledge and request the hailing yacht switch and answer on VHF Channel 69 for all non-emergency communication.
- 18.3. Any EMERGENCY transmissions should be made to the USCG on VHF16

19. PRIZES

- 19.1. The top three (3) boats in each class will receive trophies.

20. POST RACE ACTIVITIES

- 20.1. TBD.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 21.1. See RRS rule 3, decision to race. By starting this race, the owner/skipper (Person in Charge) accepts all responsibility for the safety of their boat & crew, and 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 regatta. Para 21