



San Diego Ocean Race Series

February 27, 28 & March 1, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE / SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Amended

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. All competitors are required to observe USCG Navigational Rule 9, which in part reads “A vessel shall not cross a narrow channel or fairway if such crossing impedes the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within such channel or fairway.” The RC may protest a boat infringing this instruction. **[DP]**
- 1.3. The accidental discharge of biodegradable sail bands when setting a sail will not be grounds for DSQ under RRS 47. **[DP]**
- 1.4. SER Coastal (no liferaft) rules are in effect. °
- 1.5. There is no limitation on the number of spinnakers and staysails carried. This modifies Offshore Racing Rule (ORR) regulation 10.02.1.
- 1.6. There is no limitation on crew weight. This modifies ORR rule 4.02.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1. The series is open to all boats registered for the canceled Puerto Vallarta regatta.
- 2.2. This event will be a paperless regatta. All information will be available for review via the official notice board online at www.sdyc.org/ocean-racing-series.
- 2.3. This series will utilize the ORR handicaps based on offshore certificates issued for the 2026 PV Race.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. The official notice board is located online at www.sdyc.org/ocean-racing-series.
- 3.2. There will be a skippers’ briefing at 10am Friday on the Sailwash Lawn.
- 3.3. If you have any questions, please email them to sailing@sdyc.org prior to the skippers’ briefing.
- 3.4. Per RRS 90.2 (c) any changes to the SIs may be made on the water on VHF 69 between 1100 and 1150 the day of the race.

4. CLASSES

- 4.1. The class breaks will be determined after entries are confirmed to best balance the class sizes and boat distributions and will be done at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 4.2. Class breaks will be posted with start times no later than Thursday at 1700 on the official notice board, www.sdyc.org/ocean-racing-series.

5. CHECK-IN

- 5.1. There is no radio check-in required.

6. COURSES

- 6.1. The Courses will be as described in “Course Chart” Attachment to these SIs.



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- 6.2. The Start area each day will be in the vicinity of Channel Buoy SD 17.
- 6.3. For Saturday, the Finish area will be between south end of the Pier on Shelter Island and an inflatable green tetrahedron. For Friday and Sunday, boats' virtual finishes will be in the vicinity of SD 3 and SD 4 and recorded based on Lat/Long position data from YB Trackers.

7. START

- 7.1. All boats will start together.
- 7.2. The warning signal for the start will be at 1155.
- 7.3. The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel and a green tetrahedron. $32^{\circ} 42'.5n / 117^{\circ} 13'.830w$ x $32^{\circ} 42'.4n / 117^{\circ} 13'.765w$

8. FINISH

- 8.1. The finish line for race 1 "Mini-Mex" and race 3 "Longitude Race" will be a virtual finish line in the vicinity of SD 3 and SD 4 and as reported by each boat's YB Tracker when it crosses the virtual finish line extending between Lat/Lon described in Course Chart.
- 8.2. A boat's YB Tracker will automatically transmit a lat/lon and **PST** time when it crosses the finish line. This data will be used to determine a boat's finish time. **[NP/DP]**
- 8.3. The finish line for race 2 "Welcome to San Diego" will be between Lat/Lon described in Course Chart.
- 8.4. Boats are required to legibly document their latitude crossing for race 3, and for each race finish time/position with a photo or screen shot of their navigation equipment showing Pacific Standard Time (from GPS), and simultaneously the lat/lon of their boat at that point. This image shall be emailed to sailing@sdyc.org and sdycsailing@gmail.com as soon as possible, but no later than one (1) hours after finishing. Please be sure to include the Boat Name in the subject line of your email. Send your reported finish time in the body of the email.

9. RECALLS

- 9.1. As a courtesy, RC will hail boats OCS by radio on VHF 69 using her sail number. Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for redress.

10. TIME LIMIT

- 10.1. The time limit each day will be as follows:
 - 10.1.1. No Time Limit (but if you sail past 1800, you'll miss the party)
 - 10.1.2. 1700 for Saturday
 - 10.1.3. 1600 for Sunday
- 10.2. Boats not finished by the time limit will be scored DNF.





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11. PENALTIES/PROTEST

- 11.1. The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.' (Appendix V1)
- 11.2. A boat that may have broken one or more of the rules of Part 2 or rule 31 may take a 30% Scoring Penalty before a protest hearing involving the incident begins (Appendix V2).
- 11.3. In the unlikely event of an altercation on the water that cannot be resolved with good humor, humility, or education, Appendix T will apply.
- 11.4. An arbitration meeting will be held prior to the protest hearing for each incident resulting in a *protest* by a boat that may have broken one or more of the rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in accord with Appendix T.
- 11.5. Protests shall be delivered online. A clear photo of both sides of a Request for Hearing form, or electronic form from the US Sailing Rules App, shall be emailed to Protests@sdyc.org no later than one (1) hour after finishing the race.
- 11.6. Any boats identified in a protest will be notified via their registered email or phone number.

12. WITHDRAWAL

- 12.1. A boat intending to withdraw from racing shall attempt to notify any RC vessel, by hail or VHF 69, of her withdrawal before leaving the race area, and if not successful, shall notify the race committee by email at sdycsailing@gmail.com.

13. SCORING / AWARDS

- 13.1. Three races are scheduled in the series. Each race will be scored separately, and there will be an overall prize for the best series score.
- 13.2. The Low Point Scoring System in RRS Appendix A will apply. Boats shall be scored in class only. No races will be excluded.

14. CONDUCT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 14.1. Skippers will be held responsible for any disorderly, gross, or unlawful misconduct on the part of their crew during post-race activities.
- 14.2. Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authorities will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after race or series.

15. CONTACT DETAILS

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Course Chart

Friday: Mini-Mex

All Classes will start together and sail the same course. Approximate course distance: 30nm.

- Start near SD Channel Buoy 17,
- Leave North Coronado Island to port,
- Finish line is between the Lat/Lon $32^{\circ} 38'.220n / 117^{\circ} 14'.217w$ (approx.. SD 3) and $32^{\circ} 38'.037n / 117^{\circ} 13'.317w$ (approx.. SD4).
- Boat's finish time will be taken from the YB tracker report when it crosses the virtual finish gate.

Saturday: Welcome to San Diego

All Classes will start together and sail the same course. Approximate course distance: 20 nm.

- Start near SD Channel buoy "17",
- SD Channel entrance buoy "SD" to port,
- SD Channel buoy "4" to port,
- One (1) Coronado Bridge support pier rounded either direction (center pier #19 or pier to either side (#18 or #20)) as traffic or tactics dictate,
- Finish line is at Shelter Island pier:
South-end Pier side: $32^{\circ} 42'.670n / 117^{\circ} 13'.701w$ – Channel side: $32^{\circ} 42'.538n / 117^{\circ} 13'.552w$

Sunday: Longitude Race

All Classes will start together. Approximate course distance will vary for each class, from 10 to 20 nm.

- Start near SD Channel Buoy 17,
- SD Channel entrance buoy "SD" to starboard,
- Cross the specified Longitude and document per SI 8.4.
 - **Class ORR A: $117^{\circ} 30'w$ [est 31.7nm]**
 - **Class ORR B: $117^{\circ} 26'w$ [est 25.2nm]**
- SD Channel entrance buoy "SD" to port,
- Finish line is between the Lat/Lon $32^{\circ} 38'.220n / 117^{\circ} 14'.217w$ (approx.. SD 3) and $32^{\circ} 38'.037n / 117^{\circ} 13'.317w$ (approx.. SD4).
- Boat's finish time will be taken from the YB tracker report when it crosses the virtual finish gate.