



2010 San Diego to Puerto Vallarta International Yacht Race

February 18 – 27, 2010

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANIZING and RATING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The 2010 San Diego to Puerto Vallarta race will take place February 18 – 27, 2010.
- 1.2. San Diego Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority (OA).
- 1.3. US SAILING Offshore Office is the Rating Authority for the Offshore Racing Rule (hereafter "ORR") Racing Divisions.
- 1.4. The term Skipper as used herein is defined as the person, whether or not the owner of the boat, who is designated on the entry form as "Skipper" and who is the person in charge of the boat during the race. The Skipper is responsible for the boat, its handling and safety, the conduct of its crew before and after, as well as during the race, and compliance with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

2. RULES

This race will be governed by:

- 2.1. The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, ("RRS");
- 2.2. Regulations for Race Category 2, Monohulls, in the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, 2008-2009 ("OSR") as modified by this Notice Of Race and Sailing Instructions;
- 2.3. The Offshore Racing Rule ("ORR") as modified by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions;
- 2.4. With respect to RRS 41 – Outside Help, attention is called to NOR Section 17;
- 2.5. Transponders may be used for race tracking. If they are made available, they will be required to be carried. While boats will not be responsible for the rental fee, they are required to enter into a rental agreement with the transponder rental company and post a refundable equipment security/damage deposit.

3. ALTERATIONS OF RACING RULES

- 3.1. RRS 35 Time Limit: Boats not finishing by 1600, Pacific Standard Time on Saturday, February 27, 2010 shall be scored Did Not Finish unless the RC extends the time limit.
- 3.2. RRS 62 Redress: RRS 62.1 is modified by adding the following: (e) "being directed by a Government Authority to deviate from her proper course."
- 3.3. RRS 64.1 Penalties and Exoneration: the Protest Committee may assign a penalty other than disqualification for an infringement of the rules.
- 3.4. RRS 51 Movable Ballast and RRS 52 Manual Power are modified to permit the positioning of hull appendages, specifically adjustable keels and water ballast, and other control devices powered by hydraulic or electric power on boats so designed and so rated by the handicap authority. All such movable ballast systems or shall be capable of manual operation if powered systems are inoperable. All other boats shall comply with RRS 51 and RRS 52.
- 3.5. RRS 54 – Forestays and Headsail Tacks, is modified to allow the temporary removal of the forestay to facilitate a gybe. The forestay shall be reattached at the first opportunity after the gybe is complete.
- 3.6. There is no limitation on the number of spinnakers and staysails carried. This modifies Offshore Racing Rule regulation 10.02.1.

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4. EQUIPMENT RULES

- 4.1. All boats will be required to meet the equipment requirements of the **2008-2009 ISAF Special Regulations Governing Offshore and Oceanic Equipment and Preparation, including US SAILING prescriptions** for a **Category 2** race.

US SAILING Offshore Category 2 Reference sites: www.ussailing.org/safety/isaf_new.asp

New 2008-09 changes at: www.ussailing.org/safety/ISAF/0809_changes.asp

ISAF Offshore Category 2 Reference site:

[www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSR2008_Mo2_181207-\[4342\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSR2008_Mo2_181207-[4342].pdf)

- 4.2. Copies of the full text of the **Special Regulations** are available from the store at www.ussailing.org or your favorite marine bookstore.

5. ADVERTISING

- 5.1. Advertising is unrestricted subject to ISAF Reg. 20.2 and 20.3.

6. ELIGIBILITY

- 6.1. This race is open to all ocean racing boats whose owner or charterer is a member of a club or other organization affiliated with either US SAILING, their National Authority, or the ISAF.
- 6.2. Eligible boat's attention is called to Offshore Regulation 1.02.1 which in part reads: "The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner, or owner's representative who must do his best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather." Safety Requirements shall be as stated in NOR Section 2 and NOR Section 17.
- 6.3. To be eligible to race in the ORR Division, each boat shall possess, by February 5, 2010, a current and verified ORR certificate reflecting the boats anticipated racing configuration issued by US SAILING. Certificates may be obtained by downloading an application from www.ussailing.org/offshore/ORR/howtoapply.asp, emailing a request to Offshore@ussailing.org or contacting Dan Nowlan at the US SAILING Offshore Office at (401) 683-0800 ext 664.
- 6.4. Notwithstanding any of the above; any group of five or more boats, desiring to race as a separate class, may submit a written petition to the organizing authority for acceptance as a class. Such petitions must be in the hands of the Organizing Authority by January 4, 2010.
- 6.5. Notwithstanding any of the above; any group of three or more boats, desiring to race as a class within a class, may submit a written petition to the organizing authority for acceptance. Such petitions must be in the hands of the Organizing Authority by January 4, 2010.
- 6.6. Individual boats, or boats accepted as a class whose class rules or configuration prevent her from complying with some of the requirements of this NOR Section 6, may petition the Organizing Authority for waivers. Justification of any deviation and alternative means of compliance should accompany petitions, and should accompany a request to establish a class.
- 6.7. The minimum crew on any boat shall be 4.
- 6.8. Manufacturer classes (Beneteau, J-Boats, Swan, etc.) with 5 or more entries will race for Manufacturer's Class trophies.

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7. ENTRY AND FEES

7.1. Entry shall be made on line at the SDYC event website: www.sdyc.org/pv

7.2. Entry Fee is \$975 for all boats in all classes, subject to discounts and late fees.

The following is included in entry fee:

- Six tickets to a hosted Mexican Fiesta and Calcutta
- Six tickets to the Kick Off Breakfast
- Welcome Party
- Six tickets to the Awards Fiesta and Dinner

7.3. Entries received prior to 1700, Monday, November 1, 2009 will receive a \$100 discount.

7.4. Entries received after 1700, Friday, January 8, 2010 will be assessed a \$250 late fee.

7.5. Entries close at 1700, Monday, February 1, 2010.

7.6. Requests for refunds will be granted if received by 1700, Monday, February 1, 2010.

7.7. A boat is not eligible to start this race until **ALL** of the following has been submitted:

- A copy of the boat's current ORR Rating Certificate which has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate Rating Authority.
- Each crew member is required to show a valid passport.
- Prior to starting each owner/charterer shall ensure that the Sailing office has an accurate crew list complete with names, passport #s, addresses, e-mails, and telephone numbers.
- One photograph (digital only) of their boat suitable for print reproduction.

8. QUESTIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS:

8.1. Any questions regarding the Notice of Race, Entry, Eligibility or Sailing Instructions including interpretations of published rules and amendments must be submitted to:

- PV10, c/o Sailing Office, 1011 Anchorage Lane, San Diego, CA 92106
- Via e-mail to: sailing@sdyc.org

Submissions must be made prior to 1700 Monday, February 1, 2010.

9. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 1, 2009 @ 1700.....Early entry discount of \$100 closed

Monday, January 4, 2010 @ 1700.....Petition to establish additional classes closed

Monday, January 4, 2010 @ 1700.....Provisional SIs and class breaks posted

Monday, January 4, 2010 @ 1700.....Request for interpretations of NOR/SI's due

Friday, January 8, 2010 @ 1700.....Late entry fee of \$250 imposed

Monday, February 1, 2010 @ 1700Race Entries close

Monday, February 1, 2010 @ 1700Withdraws with 100% Refunds - Closed

Friday, February 5, 2010 @ 1700All fees, photos and documents due

Friday, February 5, 2010 @ 1700Final ORR rating & certificates due

Friday, February 5, 2010 @ 1700Official Sailing Instructions available

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Saturday, February 13, 2010 @ 1200.....Registration Packets - available Thursday

Thursday, February 18, 2010.....Breakfast @730, Skipper's Meeting @ 0830

Thursday, February 18, 2010.....**START - ORR Division 4**

Friday, February 19, 2010.....Mexican Send Off Fiesta /Calcutta @ 1830

Saturday, February 20, 2010**START - ORR Divisions 3, 2 & 1**

Saturday, February 20, 2010Breakfast @ 0730, Skipper's Meeting @ 0830

Saturday, February 27, 2010Awards Fiesta - Paradise Village, Nuevo Vallarta

Poolside margaritas, buffet, awards, live music, and dancing @ 1830 – 2200

Vallarta Yacht Club and MEXORC Start dates will be provided later.

10. RATING CERTIFICATES

- 10.1. A rating certificate representing the boat's configuration for this race and **approved by** the Rating Authority must be submitted to the Organizing Authority prior to the close of entries at 1700, February 1, 2010.
- 10.2. Certificates issued by the boat's National Authority or a statement from the Executive Director of those classes racing as a class that the boat is a current member of the class must be submitted prior to 1700, February 5, 2010.
- 10.3. In the event that a boat's National Authority, Class Association or Rating Authority is unable to approve a Rating Certificate by 1700, February 5, 2010, the Organizing Authority may make other arrangements such as they consider most equitable.

11. INSPECTIONS

- 11.1. All boats are subject ISAF Offshore Regulation 2.02 – Inspection. If an inspection is called for, they will be carried out according to ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, Appendix C, Standard Inspection Card as modified by NOR Section 16. Resolution of any problems regarding required safety equipment, minimum accommodations, eligibility of crew members etc., will be made by the Organizing Authority and the Rating Authority.

12. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available February 5, 2010. Provisional SIs may be posted earlier.

13. COURSE

- 13.1. The Start will be located in the vicinity of SD Channel Buoy #17, in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.
- 13.2. The Finish will be located off Punta Mita, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.
- 13.3. The handicap course distance is 1000 nautical miles.

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- 13.4. Race Headquarters will be located in the Sailing Office of San Diego Yacht Club prior to Wednesday, February 22, 2010.
- 13.5. Race Headquarters will be located in the Paradise Village Beach Resort and Spa located at the entrance to Nuevo Vallarta Harbor from Wednesday, February 24, 2008 until Saturday, February 27, 2010.

14. DIVISIONS AND SCORING

- 14.1. Divisions will be determined after the close of entries on February 5, 2010. Provisional division breaks may be posted earlier.
- 14.2. Scoring will be figured using ORR Time on Time and will be based on the PV wind matrix established by the Rating Authority and agreed upon by the OA. A provisional matrix will be posted as an attachment to this NOR when available.

15. SAFETY –

- 15.1. For specific Category 2 information, visit: www.rorc.org/specialregulations/mo2.htm.
- 15.2. *The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Submissions 2008 are in effect for this race. The Organizing Authority wishes to call attention to Section I, which states:*

1.02.1) The Safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner, or owner's representative who must do his best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. He must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used.

1.02.2) Neither the establishment of these Special Regulations, their use by Race Organizers, nor the inspection of a boat under these Special Regulations in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner or owner's representative.

1.02.3) Decision to race – The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

16. SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- 16.1. Safety regulation and required equipment will be as specified in the 2008-2009 US Edition of the ISAF Special Regulations Governing Offshore and Oceanic Equipment and Preparation including US SAILING Prescriptions for a Category 2 Race, as modified below: *(Paragraph numbers herein refer to the above underlined publication.)*

3.28.1 INBOARD PROPULSION is amended to include 3.28.1.1 "A propulsion engine shall be provided, either in accordance with 3.28.1 above, or as an outboard engine with associated tanks and fuel supply systems, all securely fastened, provided it meets with the requirements of 3.28.3."

3.29 COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, EPFS (Electronic Position Fixing System) is modified to read as follows: *Add "(g)* If other means of reliably receiving, transmitting or communicating a boats position or weather bulletins are to be used, those individual boats

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must submit in writing a communications plan by February 16, 2010, to be approved by the Organizing Authority, and be successfully demonstrated 48 hours prior to their assigned class start."

4.23 PYROTECHNIC SIGNALS - is modified to read as follows: "4.23 Pyrotechnic signals conforming to SOLAS Regulations, Chapter III Visual Signals not more than 4 years old, **or** current USCG approved pyrotechnic signals, stowed in water-proof container(s) as indicated below. SOLAS signals are recommended."

Red Parachute Flares - 4 * Red Hand Flares – 4 * Orange Smoke - 2

ORC Appendix A, Part 1, 2.0 (i) is modified to read "USCG approved red hand-held distress flares may be substituted for the SOLAS flares."

ORC Appendix A, Part 1, 3.0 "Markings on Liferrafts" is waived

4.26.4 STORM AND HEAVY WEATHER SAILS - is modified to read as follows: "One storm trysail, capable of being attached to the mast, of suitable design and strength for the purpose with an area not greater than $0.175 * P(\text{mainsail luff length}) * E(\text{mainsail foot length})$ **OR** mainsail reefing equipment capable of reducing the effective luff of the main to $0.70 * P$ (the maximum mainsail luff length).

For the purpose of this race, instead of a storm jib, the organizers will require a headsail of an area not greater than 13.5% height of the foretriangle squared and without reef points.

SECTION 5 – PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

Add the following paragraph:

5.01.6 – is modified to read as follows: A harness **OR** lifejacket shall be worn when on deck between the hours of sunset and sunrise; when alone on deck; when reefed; when true wind speed is 25 knots or above; when visibility is less than 1 nm.

SECTION 6 – TRAINING – THIS SECTION IS ADVISORY ONLY.

Please refer to Section 6 and Appendix D for requirements and information on Safety Training and Man Overboard Practice.

Visit your local chandlery or call US SAILING at 1-800-US-SAIL-1 to obtain a copy of the 2008-2009 US Edition of the ISAF Special Regulations Governing Offshore and Oceanic Equipment and Preparation including US SAILING Prescriptions

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17. COMMUNICATION RESTRICTIONS

- 17.1. With respect to RRS 41 – Outside Help, attention is drawn to USSA Question 93 from the USSA Appeals Committee. This interpretation clarifies the application of RRS 41 and governs competitor's actions during the race. It is available on the US SAILING website at www.ussailing.org/appeals/supplements/05-08/Question_93.pdf
- 17.2. Except during an emergency, boats are restricted from receiving any data with respect to the performance or location of competitors other than that acquired by scheduled roll calls and transmissions from race committee. **Boats are specifically prohibited from accessing the race tracking website or information derived there from.** This modifies RRS 41. SDYC may make roll call data available to all competitors on a SDYC web site. Details of this will be in the sailing instructions.

18. TROPHIES

- 18.1. Trophies will be awarded for First on Elapsed Time-Overall and First on Corrected Time-Overall.
- 18.2. Trophies for any petitioned or level-rated classes and for each ORR Racing class will be determined by corrected time and based on the number of entrants.
- 18.3. A variety of special recognition trophies will also be awarded.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1. For further information please contact the following:
Jeff Johnson * *Regatta Manager* * Email: sailing@sdyc.org
San Diego Yacht Club, 1011 Anchorage Lane, San Diego CA 92106
Ph: 619.758.6310 * Fax: 619.758.6339 * Website: www.sdyc.org
- 19.2. PV Regatta Co Chairs:
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