



2008 San Diego to Puerto Vallarta International Yacht Race

February 20 – March 1, 2008

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANIZING and RATING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. San Diego Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority
- 1.2. US Sailing Offshore Office is the Rating Authority for the Offshore Racing Rule (hereafter "ORR") Racing Divisions
- 1.3. PHRF of Southern California is the Rating Authority for the Performance Cruising Divisions.

2. RULES

This race will be governed by:

- the current Racing Rules of Sailing, and as they apply:
 - the 2006-2007 US Edition of the ISAF Special Regulations Governing Offshore Equipment & Preparation w/ US SAILING Prescriptions for a Category 2 Race
 - Offshore Racing Rule (Offshore Racing Association 2007) (hereafter "ORR").
 - the 2007 PHRF of Southern California Rules for a Category 1 Race
- except as any of these are altered by this Notice of Race or by the Sailing Instructions.
- With respect to RRS 41 – Outside Help, attention is called to NOR Section 17.

3. EQUIPMENT RULES

All boats will be required to meet the equipment requirements of the 2006-2007 US Edition of the ISAF Special Regulations Governing Offshore and Oceanic Equipment & Preparation including US Sailing Prescriptions for a **Category 2** race.

For specific Category 2 information, visit: http://www.ussailing.org/safety/isaf_new.asp or http://www.sailing.org/offshore/2007/OSR2007_Mo2_270607.pdf

Copies of the full text are available from the store at www.ussailing.org or your favorite marine bookstore.

4. ALTERATIONS OF RACING RULES

- 4.1. RRS 35 Time Limit: Yachts not finishing by 1600, Pacific Standard Time on Saturday, March 1, 2008 shall be scored as Did Not Finish unless the RC extends this time limit.
- 4.2. 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."
- 4.3. RRS 64.1 Penalties and Exoneration: the Protest Committee may assign a penalty other than disqualification for an infringement of the rules listed in NOR Section 2 RULES.
- 4.4. RRS 51 Movable Ballast and RRS 52 Manual Power are modified to permit the positioning of hull appendages, specifically adjustable keels, or water ballast by hydraulic or electric power on boats so designed and so rated by the handicap authority. All movable ballast systems shall be capable of manual operation if powered systems are inoperable. All other boats shall comply with RRS 51 and RRS 52.
- 4.5. 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.
- 4.6. RRS 52 – Manual Power, and RRS 42.1 – Propulsion – Basic Rule are modified for the Performance Cruising Division specifically to permit the use of engine propulsion and powered winches as documented by the crew and reported to the Race Committee.



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5. ADVERTISING

5.1. This race is classified as a Category C Event in accordance with ISAF Reg. 20. Advertising must conform to ISAF Reg. 20.

6. ELIGIBILITY

- 6.1. This race is open to all Ocean Racing/Cruising yachts 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 yacht's attention is called to Offshore Regulation 1.02.1 which in part reads: "The safety of a yacht 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 yacht 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 yacht shall possess, by February 1, 2008, a valid and current measurement verified ORR certificate reflecting the boats anticipated racing configuration issued by US Sailing. Certificates may be obtained by downloading an application from <http://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. To be eligible to race in PHRF Performance Cruising Division, each yacht shall possess, by February 1, 2008, a valid rating certificate endorsed by PHRF Southern California, with an PHRF SoCal Base OWC rating of not greater than 144.
- 6.5. Notwithstanding any of the above; any group of five or more yachts, 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, 2008.
- 6.6. Notwithstanding any of the above; any group of three or more yachts, 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, 2008. Individual yachts, or yachts 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 such a petition, and should accompany any request to establish a class.
- 6.7. The minimum crew on any yacht shall be 4.
- 6.8. Yachts racing in the Performance Cruising Division or as a class may request a waiver of the minimum crew limit of four from the Organizing Authority. Such a request shall be submitted in accordance with NOR Section 6.6.
- 6.9. One Design Classes with 5 or more will receive a \$100 discount per boat & race for class trophies (subject to petition for additional classes)
- 6.10. 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

- 7.1. Entry shall be made on line at the San Diego Yacht Club Race Info website (www.sdyc.org/pv)
Entries close at 1700, February 1, 2008. An early entry that must later withdraw will receive a full refund if her withdrawal is received by 1700, February 8, 2008.
- 7.2. Entries received after January 4, 2008 will be assessed a \$200 late fee.
- 7.3. Payment for entry fees shall be made to the San Diego Yacht Club.
- 7.4. A yacht is not eligible to start this race until ALL of the following has been submitted:
 - 7.4.1. A copy of the boat’s current ORR or PHRF Rating Certificate which has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate Rating Authority.
 - 7.4.2. Each crew member is required to have a valid passport.
 - 7.4.3. Prior to starting each owner/charterer shall ensure that the Sailing office has an accurate crew list complete with names, passport #s, addresses, address, telephone numbers, and experience.
 - 7.4.4. One photograph (film or digital) of the yacht suitable for print reproduction.

8. QUESTIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS:

Any questions regarding the Notice of Race, Entry, Eligibility or Sailing Instructions including interpretations of published rules and amendments must be made in writing to:
 PV08 Organizing Authority, Sailing Office, 1011 Anchorage Lane, San Diego, CA 92106
 Or send e-mail to: sailing@sdyc.org.
 Above must be submitted prior to 1700 Friday, February 1, 2008.

9. FEES

- 9.1. Entry fee is payable to San Diego Yacht Club.
- 9.2. Fees due are as follows:

	<i>Prior to Nov 2, 2007</i>	<i>Nov 2, 2007 to Jan. 4, 2008</i>
Monohull 60' and over.....	\$875	\$975
Monohull 46' to 59'	\$775	\$875
Monohull 39' to 45'	\$725	\$825
Monohull up to 38'	\$675	\$775

Entries received after Jan. 4 will be assessed a \$200 late fee.

One Design Classes with 5 or more will receive a \$100 discount per boat & race for class trophies (subject to petition for additional classes)

Included in Entry Fee:

- Kick Off Breakfast for skipper and crew
- Hosted Mexican Fiesta and Calcutta for Skipper and Crew
 - Vallarta YC Open House
 - Welcome Party
- Awards Fiesta Dinner for skipper and crew



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10. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Friday, November 2, 2007 @ 1700 hrs Early Bird Entry Deadline
- Tuesday, January 4, 2008 @ 1700 hrs Petitions to establish additional classes – Closed
- Tuesday, January 4, 2008 @ 1700 hrs Provisional SIs and class breaks posted.
- Friday, January 4, 2008 @ 1700 hrs..... Late Entry fees imposed
- Friday, February 1, 2008 @ 1700 hrs.....Request for interpretations of NOR/SI's/etc. - Due
- Friday, February 1, 2008 @ 1700 hrs.....All Fees, documents, photos, crew lists, etc. - Due
- Friday, February 1, 2008 @ 1700 hrs..... Approved ORR & PHRF Certificates Due
- Friday, February 1, 2008 @ 1700 hrs..... Withdraws with 100% Refunds - Closed
- Friday, February 1, 2008 @ 1700 hrs.....Official Sailing Instructions - Available
- Friday, February 1, 2008 @ 1700 hrs.....Race Entry Closed.
- Saturday, February 16, 2008 @ 1200 hrs Registration Packets - Available
- Wednesday, February 20, 2008..... CRUISER SEND OFF PARTY – SDYC @ 1830
- Thursday, February 21, 2008 START - Performance Cruising Class
Skipper's Meeting @ 0830, Breakfast 0730 - 1000
- Friday, February 22, 2008..... MEXICAN SEND OFF FIESTA / CALCUTTA – SDYC @ 1830
- Saturday, February 23, 2008 START - ORR Division 3
Skipper's Meeting @ 0830, Breakfast 0730 - 1000
- Sunday, February 24, 2008..... START - ORR Division 2 & Division 1
Skipper's Meeting @ 0830, Breakfast 0730 - 1000
- Thursday, February 28, 2008 Vallarta Yacht Club Open House, Nuevo Vallarta
1700 – 1900
- Friday, February 29, 2008 Welcome Party – Vallarta Y.C. , Nuevo Vallarta
@ 1730 – 2000
- Saturday, March 1, 2008 Awards Fiesta - Paradise Village, Nuevo Vallarta
Poolside margaritas, live band, tequila welcome, Mexican
Seafood Buffet, awards, dancing, & fireworks @ 1830 - 2200
- Sunday, March 2, 2008Yacht Club Challenge Race in J-80 @ Vallarta Y.C. / MEXORC Prep



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10. RATING CERTIFICATES

- 10.1. A rating certificate representing the yacht's configuration for this race and **approved by** its division's Rating Authority must be submitted to the Organizing Authority prior to the close of entries at 1700, February 1, 2008.
- 10.2. Certificates issued by the yacht's National Authority or a statement from the Executive Director of those classes racing as a class that the yacht is a current member of the class must be submitted prior to 1700, February 1, 2008.
- 10.3. In the event that a yacht's National Authority, Class Association or Rating Authority is unable to **approve a Rating Certificate** by 1700, February 1, 2008, the Organizing Authority may make other arrangements such as they consider most equitable.

11. INSPECTIONS

All yachts 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 1, 2008. 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.
- 13.4. Race Headquarters will be located in the Sailing Office of San Diego Yacht Club prior to Wednesday, February 27, 2008.
- 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 27, 2008 until Saturday, March 1, 2008,

14. DIVISIONS AND SCORING

- 14.1. Divisions will be determined after the close of entries on February 1, 2008. Provisional division breaks may be posted earlier.
- 14.2. Scoring for ORR will be calculated using a 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.
- 14.3. Scoring for the Performance Handicap Divisions will be calculated by the Southern California PHRF Off Wind Course (OWC) Base Handicap Ratings.



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15. SAFETY –

- For specific Category 2 information, visit: <http://www.rorc.org/specialregulations/mo2.htm>.
- *The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations 2006-2007 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 yacht 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 yacht 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 yacht 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 yacht'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 2006-2007 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 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 yachts position or weather bulletins are to be used, those individual yachts must submit in writing a communications plan by February 16, 2008, to be approved by the Organizing Authority, and be successfully demonstrated 48 hours prior to their assigned class start."*



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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:

- a) between the hours of sunset and sunrise
- b) when alone on deck
- c) when reefed
- d) when true wind speed is 25 knots or above
- e) 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 2006-2007 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 http://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.

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

For further information please contact the following:

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