

WELCOME to the 2010 Inaugural NHYC / SDYC ISLANDS RACE!!

Great parties, an offshore overnight race taking us around our own beautiful Lower Channel Islands (Catalina and San Clemente), wind (if it will be windy anywhere it will be offshore in March), a course that will test various points of sail, class racing where possible, easy and understandable ratings (think Hot Rum Series), US-based race logistics, first-to-finish and first-overall historic perpetual trophies rededicated by SDYC and NHYC to the Islands Race, dates that feed into our next races and a Saturday finish/party so we all have a Sunday to recover.

Please join us!

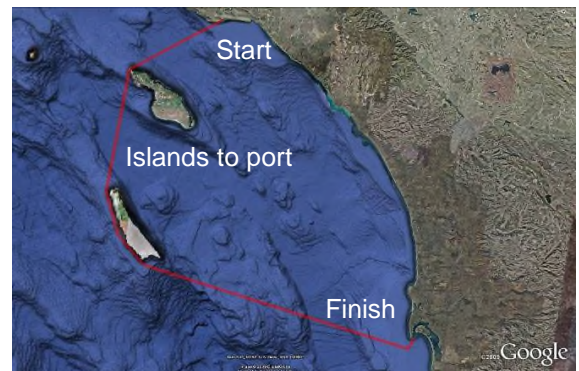
- Dates** Friday, March 12th through Saturday, March 13th
- Weekend before SDYC NOOD Regatta, docking available at SDYC for following week for those sailing in the NOOD
 - Weekend before Balboa Yacht Club 2010 Cabo Race

- Rating Rule** PHRF of Southern California
- The NOR allows the organizers to review and adjust ratings as appropriate to ensure ratings are reasonable and consistent between boats and rating areas

- Agenda** Thursday, March 11th
- 6pm Skippers Meeting
 - 5pm – 8 pm, Cocktail Party (munchies), Newport Harbor Yacht Club

- Friday, March 12th
- Start in Long Beach
 - Starts staggered 11am – 1pm, by class

- Saturday, March 13th
- Finish San Diego – 5pm
 - Party San Diego Yacht Club, 6pm – 11pm
 - Drinks, dinner, awards, music and dancing



Course Approximately 129 nautical miles

- Trophies** First to Finish
- Perpetual trophy from SDYC
 - Starts will be staggered with slower divisions going first so that all boats will have a chance at this trophy

- First Overall
- Free For All San Diego Trophy
 - Dedicated by Admiral (that's what the trophy says) Albert Soiland in 1924
 - Rededicated by NHYC
 - Holds 2 quarts comfortably with appropriate handles (!!!)

Plus, awards by division

Weather Using weather information provided by US Navy Marine Weather folks friendly to the OA, we determined that March has consistently the best offshore sailing conditions with the highest average windspeeds

Official Notice of Race Attached. Enjoy! Once you've read the particulars, please submit your application for entry.



March 12-13, 2010

NOTICE OF RACE

Newport Harbor Yacht Club
San Diego Yacht Club

1 GENERAL

Newport Harbor Yacht Club ("NHYC") and San Diego Yacht Club ("SDYC") are the Organizing Authority ("OA") for the 2010 Islands Race ("Islands Race"). The OA invites owners and charterers of eligible boats to apply for entry under the conditions of this Notice of Race ("NOR"). The OA will send successful applicants an entry form.

All times given in this NOR are in Pacific Standard Time (UTC-8) unless otherwise noted.

2 RULES

2.1 General

All boats in the Islands Race will be governed by the rules as described in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* ("RRS") and the current regulations for Race Category 2 Monohulls in the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations ("OSR").

For boats competing in the PHRF category, the class rules of PHRF of Southern California ("PHRF") will also apply, and PHRF of Southern California is the Rating Authority ("RA"). The 2010 Islands Race Rating Committee is the TCF Authority ("TCFA").

The Islands Race will be classified as PHRF Category 1.

For boats competing in a One-Design division, the rules of the relevant One-Design class will also apply, except as amended for the Islands Race.

2.2 Amendments to the Rules

These changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions.

RRS Part 2, When Vessels Meet, will be replaced between the hours of local sunset and local sunrise by "Part B--Steering and Sailing Rules," of the *International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea* ("COLREGS").

RRS 28, Sailing the Course, will be modified to allow the assessment of a time penalty in lieu of disqualification.

RRS 35, Time Limit will be modified to end the race at 1700 on Saturday, March 13, 2010.

RRS 50.2 Spinnaker Poles; Whisker Poles and RRS 50.3 Use of Outriggers will be modified to allow the use of fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.

RRS 51, Movable Ballast will be modified to allow the movement of sails that are not set.

RRS 51, Movable Ballast, and RRS 52 Manual Power will be modified to allow the positioning of movable ballast by power on boats as designed and as rated by the RA. All movable ballast systems shall be capable of manual operation if powered systems are inoperable.

RRS 54, Forestays and Headsail Tacks, will be modified to allow the momentary removal of the forestay to facilitate a gybe.

RRS 61.3 will be modified to remove the time limit on protests filed by the race committee or the protest committee. All other protests will have a time limit of 1830 on March 13, 2010, except when seeking redress. In that event, the time limit will be ninety minutes after the requesting boat finishes.

RRS 62, Redress, will be modified to allow for interference in the race by a Government Authority.

RRS 64.1, Penalties and Exoneration will be modified to allow the protest committee to assess a time penalty in lieu of disqualification.

RRS 78.2 will be modified so that a boat that does not produce valid rating and/or class certificates required by the NOR by the specified dates will not be entered in the race.

RRS Appendix A will be modified so that no scores are excluded and so that a boat that finishes after the time limit will be scored DNF.

OSR—Inboard Propulsion will be modified to allow an outboard engine to substitute for an inboard engine, provided that the engine, associated tanks, and fuel supply systems are securely fastened and meet with the requirements of OSR 3.28.3.

OSR 3.29 will be modified to require boats to carry a VHF transceiver with a transmit power of 25 watts, capable of transmitting and receiving on channels 6, 9, 16, 68, 71, 72, 78A, and 22A, US, International, and Canadian. The modifications will also require that if the regular antenna of a boat's radio depends on the boat's mast or backstay, an emergency antenna shall be provided.

OSR 4.26 will be modified to allow boats to reef the mainsail in lieu of carrying a storm trysail, and to carry either a storm jib or a heavy-weather jib.

PHRF 10.5 will be changed to specify a minimum crew requirement of 4. The OA may change this minimum crew requirement only for a double-handed division, to be established at the OA's discretion. See "Eligibility."

2.3 Amendments to the NOR

The OA reserves the right to amend this notice. The OA will post amendments on the Official Notice Board on the race website at www.islandsrace.com. If appropriate, copies of amendments will be placed on supplementary notice boards at NHYC and SDYC.

2.4 Official Notice Board

The Official Notice Board is a page bearing the name "Race Documents" on the race website.

The supplementary notice board at NHYC is located in the main hallway.

The supplementary notice board at SDYC is located on the Spinnaker Deck and is labeled "Official Regatta Notice Board."

2.5 Binding Nature of Documentation

The term Skipper as used herein is defined as the person, whether or not the owner of the boat, is designated on the application for entry--and if the boat is subsequently entered in the race, 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, during, and after the race, and compliance with the rules.

By applying for entry, the Skipper agrees that the boat and its crew shall comply with this NOR (including amendments), the application for entry and, if the boat is subsequently entered in the race, the entry form, the rules and regulations referred to in NOR 2.1 and 2.2, and the Sailing Instructions ("SI").

2.6 Sailing Instructions

The Race Committee will issue SI's at the race briefing. The SI's may be available before the briefing, and if so, will be published on the Official Notice Board.

3 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Eligibility of Boats

3.1.1 General Requirements

A boat shall:

- be single-hulled and self-righting;
- be built in accordance with the OSR Part 1, Section 3.03.1;
- have an overall length ("LOA") not more than 30 meters and not less than 9.0 meters, and a waterline length ("LWL") not less than 7.3 meters;
- comply with the OSR Part 1 for Race Category 2; and
- have a crew that satisfies the requirements of NOR 3.2.

3.1.2 Insurance

The owner or charterer of a boat entered in the race shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat that is current when racing, with a sum insured of not less than US \$2 million. The insurance policy shall state that the boat is covered for the 2010 Islands Race or that it is covered for races of a length greater than 100 nautical miles and a distance offshore of not less than 100 nautical miles.

3.1.3 PHRF Boats

A boat may only be entered in a PHRF division if the boat:

- has a valid 2009 or 2010 PHRF certificate; and
- has a RLC Rating less than or equal to 85; and
- complies with all of the current PHRF rules and regulations, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this NOR or in the SI (see also RRS 78.1).

3.1.4 One-Design Class Boats

A boat may be entered in a One-Design Class division if the boat:

- has a current, valid One-Design Class certificate for that class; and
- complies with all of the current rules and regulations for that class, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this NOR or in the SI (see also RRS 78.1).

3.2 Eligibility of Crew

Each crew member shall meet the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19 (ISAF Eligibility Code).

3.3 Determination of Eligibility

A decision of the OA or the Race Committee as to any matter under NOR 3, including whether a boat and her crew meet the eligibility criteria for entry in the race, is final and binding and shall not be grounds for a request for redress.

3.4 Inspections

All boats are subject to ISAF Offshore Regulation 2.02–Inspection. If an inspection is required, it will be carried out according to OSR, Appendix C, Standard Inspection Card as modified by the SI's. Decisions made by the OA, RC and the RA regarding any measurement or equipment dispute that arises from an inspection shall be final.

4 DOCUMENTATION TO BE FILED

4.1 Application for Entry

A boat shall apply for entry using the online form supplied by the OA at www.islandsrace.com and shall include descriptions of the boat (including length and color of hull, sail number, and colors of mainsail, foresail, and spinnaker). In lieu of those descriptions, the applicant may supply a color digital photograph of the boat under sail, no older than 24 months and suitable for search and rescue purposes. This digital photograph shall be at least 6cm by 6cm with a resolution not less than 400 DPI.

An applicant shall submit a completed application for entry, plus the additional items specified above, so that the OA receives them no later than 1700 hours on January 15, 2010.

4.2 Entry

The OA is not obliged to accept an application for entry. Subject to acceptance of an application for entry, the OA will forward an entry form (or online access to one) to the boat's owner, charterer or representative (see RRS 76.1). An applicant shall submit the completed entry form along with the entry fee(s) (see NOR 6) so that the OA receives them no later than 1700 hours on January 29, 2010.

The OA may accept the entry form and fee(s) after that date at its discretion, subject to the applicant making a request for late acceptance to the OA in writing, accompanied by the specified Late Entry Fee.

No entry documentation will be accepted after 1700 hours on February 12, 2010.

4.3 Pre-Start Documentation

Subject to acceptance of an entry by the OA, an applicant shall supply the following additional items to the OA:

- class, measurement, and rating certificates as required (see NOR 3.1);
- for a boat entered in a One-Design Class, the document(s) specified by the OA as required by the One-Design rules and regulations;
- crew list on the form supplied by the OA; and
- disclaimer and acknowledgement of rights form, as supplied by the OA, signed by each crew member (see NOR 1.5 and 1.6).

An applicant shall submit the additional items specified above so that the OA receives them no later than no later than 1700 hours on February 12, 2010.

The OA may accept the additional items after that date at its discretion.

In accordance with RRS 76.1, the OA will reject or cancel the entry of a boat that does not comply with the conditions of the NOR.

Privacy Note: As part of the application and entry process, the OA obtains personal information about crew members. The OA obtains that information for use in search and rescue situations and for media purposes. The OA will give this information to search and rescue authorities or organizations and to media representatives upon request; this information may be passed on by those authorities, organizations, and representatives to others. A condition of entry is that crew members will be informed of this possibility and advised that they may obtain access to the information held about them by the OA.

5 CHANGES TO SUPPLIED DOCUMENTATION

A boat shall not change documentation supplied to or held by the OA under this NOR (other than crew lists and rating certificates), except to correct errors or after protest, after 1700 hours on February 19, 2010.

A boat shall not change its rating certificate after 1700 hours on March 5, 2009, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a rating office error.

A boat may change its crew list to correct errors, to amend for late crew changes or after protest, but shall not change it later than two hours prior to its warning signal. After any change to a crew list, the boat shall still satisfy the general requirements of NOR 3.2.

A boat shall provide notice of changes to the crew or details of any crew member on the forms available from the OA.

6 FEES

A boat shall pay the following fees by credit card upon submission of the entry form or late entry documentation as appropriate. A boat entered by a Skipper who is a member of NHYC or SDYC may pay via club charge instead of credit card. Fees are not refundable.

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| Entry fee | \$149 |
| Additional Late Entry Fee | 100 |

7 HANDICAP AND RATING CATEGORIES**7.1 Handicap Categories**

The race committee ("RC") will conduct the Islands Race with boats allocated in divisions within the following categories:

- PHRF boats
- One-Design classes as determined by the OA in which enough applicants have expressed sufficient interest
- Other rated categories as determined by the OA in which enough applicants have expressed sufficient interest

Within the PHRF category, all boats will be scored in the PHRF overall results. The RC at its discretion will allocate boats to divisions within the PHRF category. Where the OA receives fewer than 7 entries for a category, including a One-Design class, the RC reserves the right to reallocate those boats to another category.

The OA's determination whether or not to accept a One-Design class or an additional category is final and binding. Boats that wish to nominate a One-Design class or an additional category should do so in writing to the OA.

7.2 Overall Winner

The overall winner of the Islands Race will be the boat that wins the PHRF category.

7.3 Entries

A boat may enter:

- any category for which it is eligible; or
- any combination of those categories, other than the PHRF category. A boat that enters the PHRF category may not enter any other category.

A boat entering to race in more than one category must pay the additional category entry fee for each additional category (see NOR 6).

A boat may not enter or participate in the race for line honors only. The RC will score a boat for line honors that is eligible for and competes in the race in a designated category.

- 7.4 Each boat will be required to obtain her own division flag, based on the division allocations assigned by the race committee.

8 COMPULSORY RACE BRIEFING

The OA and RC will hold a race briefing at NHYC during the evening of March 11, 2010. The RC will announce the time of the briefing at a later date.

At least one crew member of a boat that intends to compete in the race shall attend the whole of the race briefing. The OA and RC recommend that the Skipper and navigator attend.

If a boat does not meet the requirements of attendance at the race briefing, the boat will not be eligible to race.

9 COURSE AND START

A boat competing in the Islands Race will start in the Pacific Ocean near Long Beach, California, leave Santa Catalina Island and San Clemente Island to port, and finish in the Pacific Ocean near San Diego, California.

The RC will start boats, organized by category and division, at approximately midday on Friday, March 12. The RC plans to stagger category and division starts so that the majority of the racing fleet has an opportunity to finish within a close time window.

10 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

RRS 44.2, One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalty, will apply when a boat breaks a rule of RRS, Part 2 in the starting area.

RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty, will apply for breaking a rule of RRS, Part 2 outside the starting area.

RRS 64.1, Penalties and Exoneration may apply at the discretion of the protest committee.

The RC will apply scoring penalties, if any, in accordance with RRS A5 and as described in the SI.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 One (1) race is required to be complete to constitute a series. The SI's will modify RRS A2 so that no score will be excluded.

11.2 PHRF (Overall and Divisions)

The RC will calculate results using a PHRF ToT elapsed-time correction factor, as adjusted by the TCFA, multiplied by elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time after application of scoring penalties (if any) will be scored first.

11.3 One-Design Classes

The boat with the lowest elapsed time after application of scoring penalties (if any) will be scored first.

11.4 Other Categories

The OA will announce the scoring system for any other category determined under NOR 7.1 when announcing that category.

12 TROPHY PRESENTATIONS

- 12.1 Take-home trophies will be awarded based on the number of boats in each division within a category (PHRF or One-Design), scored on corrected time.
- 12.2 The first boat to finish on elapsed time will be commemorated on the Newport Harbor Yacht Race Sailing Race Free for all to San Diego Aug. 9, 1924 First Prize won by *Viking IV* Admiral Albert Soiland ("Free for all") perpetual trophy.
- 12.3 The overall PHRF category winner, scored on corrected time, will be commemorated on an Islands Race overall perpetual trophy.

13 EVENT CLASSIFICATION AND ADVERTISING**13.1 General**

Advertising on a boat shall comply with the requirements of ISAF Regulation 20 for Category C. The OA may decline to accept an application for entry of a boat which, in its opinion, is carrying advertising that conflicts with governmental regulations. In any case of doubt, a boat should consult the OA as soon as practicable.

A boat shall include in its application for entry brief details of all advertising that a boat intends to carry. A boat shall advise the OA of all changes to that advertising.

A boat shall display the sponsor's bow decals and sponsors' backstay flags (if any) in accordance with this NOR and the SI (ISAF Regulation 20.3.1(d)). Prior to leaving the dock immediately prior to starting, and after finishing, the boat shall display the event flag (if any). If applicable, the OA will supply sponsors' bow decals, sponsors' backstay flags, and the event flag.

The advertising rules will apply from 0800 hours on March 12, 2010 until 2000 hours on March 13, 2010.

13.2 Tracking Devices and Cameras

The OA may require boats to carry a tracking device supplied by the OA. A boat on which such a unit fails or ceases to operate will be required to provide additional position reports by radio in accordance with the SI.

The OA also reserves the right to place a camera on board any boat for media purposes.

Failure to carry and operate a tracking device or to carry a camera when required will lead to rejection of an application for entry, the cancellation of an entry or the disqualification of the boat from the race (see RRS 76.1).

13.3 Trademark Restriction

"Islands Race" is a registered trademark of NHYC and SDYC, and the use of the trademark is absolutely restricted and limited to use by or with the consent of the OA.

14 MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS**14.1 The conditions of entry include:**

- 1) a requirement that the owner or charterer of the boat and all crew members:
 - a) acknowledge that the OA owns all media rights to the Islands Race and may exercise those rights as it sees fit; and
 - b) grant the OA the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images, and biographical information relating to the crew and photographs, video footage, and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during, and after the race; along with

- 2) a prohibition on the use of any form of positioning system, other than that supplied or authorized by the OA, for the purpose of posting a boat's position or other information to any internet site.
- 14.2 Crew members of boats may, prior to, during, and after the race, speak or provide material to any media representatives accredited by the OA, regarding the race and the prospects, performance, or strategy of boats entered or participating in the race, subject to any comments and any material not undermining or interfering with, or having a detrimental impact on, the OA and its officers and employees, the RC, the protest committee, measurers, or current or former sponsors of the OA. The OA may revoke this approval with respect to a boat, any of its crew members, or a media representative at any time.
- 14.3 Entrants must acknowledge and accept the media restrictions referred to herein on the entry form. Crew members must grant the rights referred to herein by signing a disclaimer and acknowledgement of rights form, as supplied by the OA.
- 14.4 Any breach of these conditions may, at the discretion of the OA or RC, lead to the rejection of an application for entry, the cancellation of an entry, or the disqualification of a boat (see RRS 76.1). This does not limit the right of the OA to take any other action it sees fit to enforce compliance with these conditions.

15 DISCLAIMER

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, RA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host clubs, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this race. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

16 GENERAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the Notice of Race, Entry, Eligibility or Sailing Instructions, including interpretations of published rules and amendments, must be submitted in writing to the OA via the race website: www.islandsrace.com.