



February 17 - 18, 2012  
**NOTICE OF RACE**  
Newport Harbor Yacht Club  
San Diego Yacht Club

Newport Harbor Yacht Club ("NHYC") and San Diego Yacht Club ("SDYC") are the Organizing Authority ("OA") for the 2011 Islands Race ("Islands Race"). The OA invites skippers of eligible boats to enter under the conditions of this Notice of Race ("NOR").

**1. RULES - GENERAL**

- 1.1. All boats in the Islands Race will be governed by the rules as described in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* ("RRS"). All boats shall comply with the current equipment and safety regulations for Category 3 Monohulls in the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations ("OSR") and Equipment Rules for a PHRF Category 1 Race.
- 1.2. In the event of a discrepancy for a specific required item, the category 3 OSRs will prevail.
- 1.3. For boats competing in the PHRF Class, the class rules of PHRF of Southern California ("PHRF") will also apply, and PHRF of Southern California is the Rating Authority ("RA").
- 1.4. For boats competing in the ORR Class, the Offshore Racing Rule ("ORR") will apply, except as amended for the Islands Race. For these boats, US SAILING's Offshore Office is the RA.
- 1.5. For boats competing in the IRC Class, the IRC Rule ("IRC") will apply, except as amended for the Islands Race. For these boats, US SAILING's Offshore Office is the RA.
- 1.6. For boats forming a One-Design sub-class (three or more), the rules of the relevant One-Design class will also apply.

**2. AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES**

- 2.1. 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").
- 2.2. RRS 51, Movable Ballast will be modified to allow the movement of sails that are not set.
- 2.3. 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.
- 2.4. RRS 54, Forestays and Headsail Tacks, will be modified to allow the momentary removal of the forestay to facilitate a gybe.
- 2.5. 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."
- 2.6. RRS 64.1, Penalties and Exoneration is modified by adding: (d) When the Protest Committee decides a boat that is a party to a protest hearing has broken a rule, it may assign a time penalty to be added to the boat's corrected time."
- 2.7. RRS 78.2 will be modified so that a boat that does not produce valid rating and/or class certificates as required by the NOR by the specified dates will not be entered in the race.

- 2.8. OSR 4.26 will be modified to allow boats to reef the mainsail to 30% in lieu of carrying a storm trysail, and to carry either a storm jib or a heavy-weather jib.
- 2.9. 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."
- 2.10. Per IRC 21.6.1 (b), the OA has requested permission from the IRC rating authority to allow a boat to carry one more spinnaker than shown on her current IRC certificate of area not greater than rated SPA without an increase in rating.

### **3. AMENDMENTS TO THE NOR**

- 3.1. 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](http://www.islandsrace.com). If appropriate, copies of amendments will be placed on supplementary notice boards at NHYC and SDYC.

### **4. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD**

- 4.1. The Official Notice Board is the "Race Documents" webpage on the race website [www.islandsrace.com](http://www.islandsrace.com)
- 4.2. The supplementary notice board at NHYC is located in the main hallway.
- 4.3. The supplementary notice board at SDYC is located on the east wall of the Sailing Center.

### **5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 5.1. The Race Committee will issue Official Sailing Instructions published on the Official Notice Board on the race website [www.islandsrace.com](http://www.islandsrace.com).

### **6. ELIGIBILITY**

- 6.1. Eligible boats' attention is called to the entirety of Offshore Regulation 1.02. In particular, section 1.02.1 which reads: **"The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge 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. 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 know where it is kept and how it is to be used. Safety Requirements shall be as referenced in NOR Section 1.**
- 6.2. This regatta is open to monohull sailboats with a length overall ("loa") of not more than 90' and not less than 29 feet, with a waterline length ("lwl") not less than 24 feet.
- 6.3. The regatta will be limited to the first seventy-five (75) entries to complete the registration process subject to Section 3.1.
- 6.4. All boats must have a 2012 PHRF certificate to enter the race and a Base RLC rating of 117 or lower.
- 6.5. For boats competing in the ORR Class,
- 6.6. For boats also competing in the IRC Class, US SAILING's Offshore Office is the Rating Authority.
- 6.7. A request for exemptions to these dimensions may be made by contacting the OA prior to Monday, February 6, 2012.
- 6.8. The skipper 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 \$500k.

- 6.9. 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.
- 6.10. Binding Nature of Documentation - The term "Skipper" as used herein is defined as the person in charge (RRS 46), whether or not they are the owner/charterer of the boat designated on the entry, and 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.
- 6.11. By entering this race, the Skipper agrees the boat and its crew shall comply with this NOR, rules and regulations referred to in NOR 1 and 2, the Sailing Instructions ("SI") and any amendments thereof.
- 6.12. 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.

## **7. ENTRY AND DOCUMENTATION TO BE FILED**

- 7.1. Entry Information
  - 7.1.1. A boat may enter using the online form supplied by the OA at [www.islandrace.com](http://www.islandrace.com)
- 7.2. Entry information required will include:
  - 7.2.1. Skipper name, address, contact phone and email
  - 7.2.2. If applicable, same for boat captain.
  - 7.2.3. Boat name, sail number, manufacturer and model
  - 7.2.4. Boat length overall, beam, draft,
- 7.3. Description of the boat including the following:
  - 7.3.1. color of hull, mast, deck and bottom paint,
  - 7.3.2. sail number and color of mainsail
- 7.4. In lieu of those descriptions, the applicant may submit electronically a color digital photograph of the boat under sail, in its current configuration. This digital photograph shall be at least 3" by 3" with a resolution not less than 300 DPI.
- 7.5. Payment of entry fee of \$175, plus any late fee, by credit card or club charge if applicable.
- 7.6. Regular entries close at 1700 on Monday, Jan 30, 2012. Late entries close Feb 13, 2012.
- 7.7. The OA may accept entries 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.

## **8. ENTRY DOCUMENTATION**

- 8.1. To complete the entry process, the applicant shall supply the following additional items to the OA:
  - 8.1.1. Crew list on the form supplied by the OA;
  - 8.1.2. Liability Waiver and Release signed by Skipper and all crew;
  - 8.1.3. Media Rights Waiver signed by Skipper and all crew;
  - 8.1.4. Class, measurement, and/or rating certificates as required;
  - 8.1.5. 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;



- 8.2. An entrant shall submit the additional items specified above so that the OA receives them no later than no later than 1700 hours on February 13, 2012. The OA may accept the additional items after that date at its discretion.
- 8.3. 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.
- 8.4. Changes to supplied documentation - A boat shall not change its rating certificate after 1700 hours on February 13, 2012, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a RA error.
- 9. 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.

### **10. FEES**

- 10.1. 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      | \$175 |
| Late Entry Fee | \$275 |

### **11. HANDICAP AND RATING CLASSES -**

- 11.1. The race committee ("RC") will conduct the Islands Race for the following handicap classes:
  - 11.1.1. PHRF boats according to their BASE Random Leg Ratings
  - 11.1.2. ORR Class
  - 11.1.3. IRC Class
- 11.2. One-Design classes may be formed by three (3) or more applicants.
- 11.3. Divisions within a class may be made to better groups boats with similar performance characteristics.
- 11.4. All boats will be scored under PHRF Time on Time for Overall results.
- 11.5. Where the OA receives fewer than 7 entries for a Class, the RC reserves the right to reassign those boats to another class.
- 11.6. The OA's determination whether or not to accept a One-Design class or an additional class is final and binding.
- 11.7. Entries that wish to initiate a One-Design class or an additional class should do so in writing to the OA by February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

### **12. RACE SOCIAL AND SKIPPERS MEETING**

- 12.1. The OA and RC will hold a pre-race social at NHYC on the evening of Thursday, February 16, 2012 @ 1900.
- 12.2. There will be no skippers briefing. Questions regarding NOR or SI may be directed in writing to "inquiries @ islandsrace.com. no later 1700, Friday, Feb 10, 2012.

### **13. COURSE AND START AREA**

- 13.1. The Islands Race will start inside the breakwater located approximately 2 nm east of Angel Gate, Los Angeles, CA. The course will leave Santa Catalina Island and San Clemente Island to port, and finish at the Channel Entrance Buoy to San Diego Bay in the Pacific Ocean near San Diego, California.

- 13.2. The Race Committee plans to stagger starts, organized by class and division, beginning at 1100 on Friday, February 17, 2012.

**14. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

- 14.1. RRS 64.1, Penalties and Exoneration as modified in paragraph 1.2 above, may apply at the discretion of the protest committee.

**15. TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1. The time limit for boats to sail the course and finish will be 1700 on Saturday, February 18, 2012.

**16. SCORING**

- 16.1. Overall winner of the Islands Race will be the boat with the best corrected time under the PHRF Time on Time handicap method. The PHRF Time Correction Factor (TCF) is (650/550+PH Random Leg Rating #). All boats will be figured in this scoring.
- 16.2. PHRF class results will be calculated using elapsed time x PHRF time correction factor.
- 16.3. i52 class results will be calculated using elapsed time x IRC time correction factor.
- 16.4. ULDB-Sled class results will be calculated using elapsed time x ORR time correction factor.
- 16.5. Any One-Design sub-class results will be calculated using elapsed time.

**17. TROPHY PRESENTATIONS**

- 17.1. Take-home trophies will be awarded based on the number of boats in each division within a class.
- 17.2. Awards presentation will be held at 1500, Saturday, February 18, 2012 at San Diego Yacht Club. Any trophies still in contention will be held for presentation at another time.
- 17.3. Manufacturer supplied trophies may be made available with an appropriate number of entries.
- 17.4. The first boat to finish on elapsed time will be commemorated on the Newport Harbor Yacht Club 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.
- 17.5. The Overall winner, scored as in 16.1, will be commemorated on an Islands Race Overall Perpetual Trophy.

**18. EVENT CLASSIFICATION AND ADVERTISING**

- 18.1. All boats shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20.2 and 20.3.
- 18.2. A boat shall include in entry a brief list of any advertising that she intends to carry. A boat shall advise the OA of all changes to that advertising.
- 18.3. The OA reserves its rights to display advertising under ISAF Regulation 20.4.

**19. MEDIA**

- 19.1. The OA may require boats to carry a tracking device supplied by the OA. The OA also reserves the right to place a camera on board any boat for media purposes.
- 19.2. "Islands Race" is a registered trademark of NHYC and SDYC. Use of the trademark is restricted and limited to use by or with the consent of the OA

- 19.3. By submitting an entry form, the skipper acknowledges and accepts the media conditions referred to herein, and grants the rights referred to herein on behalf of all crew members.
- 19.4. The skipper of the boat and all crew members acknowledge that they 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;

**20. DISCLAIMER**

- 20.1. 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.

**21. GENERAL INFORMATION**

- 21.1. 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](http://www.islandsrace.com).