



SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB



NOTICE OF RACE ARDEN REGATTA

Saturday, September 5, 2026

South Bay San Diego 3 Windward/Leeward Races

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the [Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\)](#).
- 1.2 The US Prescription to RRS 63.1 is deleted. The US Sailing Prescriptions are available [here](#).
- 1.3 [DP] [US Sailing Nearshore Safety Equipment](#) is required for this regatta in addition to all required USCG boating requirements.
 - 1.3.1 Add to the US Sailing Nearshore SERs:
Items 2.4.1 – 2.4.8 from the [US Sailing Coastal SERs](#) are included and apply to all boats whose factory configurations include lifelines, stanchions, pulpits, or toe rails with the following modification:
SER 2.4.4 – Lifelines may have factory installed coating.
- 1.4 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows:
(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available by **5:00 PM** on Friday, September 4, 2026, on the online official notice board.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located [here](#), or through the [SWYC](#) website.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 68.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all members of organizations affiliated with US Sailing.
- 4.2 [DP] The regatta is open to all boats of the following classes, as defined below:

ORC Spin	Boats shall have a 2026 ORC certificate.
ORC Sport Boats	- Boats shall have a 2026 ORC certificate. - In general, sport boats will be $\leq 40'$ and displace < 5000 pounds, with high aspect ratio jibs.
One Design	Beneteau 36.7 , J/24 , 505 , J/105

Other classes may be considered at the discretion of the Regatta Chair. The Fleet Captain should contact Colleen Cooke, Regatta Chair, at sailorcookie@cox.net.

- 4.3 All eligible boats must enter on-line no later than **6:00 PM on Thursday, September 3, 2026**. Late entries may be taken at the discretion of the RC.
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 [DP] All boats shall have clearly visible sail numbers. Missing, improper, inconsistent, unclear, illegible, or numbers other than those used for check-in, are not permitted, and may result in being scored DNF. The RC may disqualify a boat infringing this instruction without a hearing.

5 FEES

- 5.1 \$50 registration fee. \$25 registration fee for the 505 class.

6 CLASSES AND CLASS PENNANTS

- 6.1 Classes will be based on entries and will be assigned by the Organizing Authority. The OA retains final authority for a boat's class placement.
- 6.2 Official Class assignments for the regatta will be established and posted as an amendment to the NoR on the [online regatta event site](#) no later than 1200 Friday, September 4, 2026. Provisional assignments may be posted earlier.
- 6.3 [DP] The class numeral pennant must be flown from the backstay of all boats (except one design classes), or in a prominent manner on the stern, when checking in, while racing, and when finishing. *Beneteau 36.7s* will please fly their class flags. Competitors shall supply their own pennant.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 The first warning signal will be at 1155 hours on Saturday, September 5, 2026, with the first start at 1200 hours. Subsequent races will start as soon as practicable.
- 7.2 Three races are scheduled, but the RC reserves the right to run as many races as possible.
- 7.3 There is a time limit of **5:00 pm** for all racing. This changes RRS 35.

8 VENUE

- 8.1 The racing area will be the South San Diego Bay. For navigation, refer to NOAA Chart #18773, San Diego Bay.
- 8.2 The starting area will be in the vicinity of buoy SD32.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 All courses will be windward/leeward.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 RRS Appendix T: *Arbitration* will apply on the day of the regatta.
- 10.2 RRS Appendix V: *Alternative Penalties* will apply.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 11.2 Each boat's regatta score shall be the total of her race scores. No score will be excluded.
- 11.4 The ORC classes will be scored using the 5-Band Windward/Leeward TOT Scoring Option.
- 11.8 The PRO's decision regarding the rating assigned will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 11.9 Notwithstanding the provisions of rules 90.3(a), (b), (c), and (d), there shall be no changes to a race's scores resulting from action, including the correction of errors, initiated more than 48 hours after
 - (1) the protest time limit for that race,

- (2) being informed of a protest committee decision after that race; or
 - (3) the results are published.
- However, in exception, changes to scores shall be made resulting from a decision under rules 6, 69, or 70.

12 SAFETY

- 12.1 [DP] [US Sailing Nearshore Safety Equipment](#) is required in addition to all required USCG boating requirements.
- 12.2 Items 2.4.1 – 2.4.8 from the [US Sailing Coastal SERs](#) are included and apply to all boats whose factory configurations include lifelines, stanchions, pulpits and toe rails with the following modification: SER 2.4.4 – Lifelines may have factory installed coating.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 Trophies will be awarded at the after-race gathering at [SWYC](#) as soon as possible after racing. The SWYC membership invites all racers to enjoy the hospitality of the SWYC clubhouse, to include a *nacho bar* and *drink specials*.
- 13.2 The Arden Beer Barrel Trophy will be awarded to the first-place boat in the most competitive class.

14 DISCLAIMERS OF LIABILITY

- 14.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. The race organizers (SWYC, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or another 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 event. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors release all claims they may have against SWYC and its officers, directors, members, committees and employees for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. Competitors shall be responsible for damage or injury caused by their breach of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* or applicable governmental rules for the avoidance of collision.

15 INSURANCE

- 15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate, valid third-party liability insurance.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

Questions may be addressed to:
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