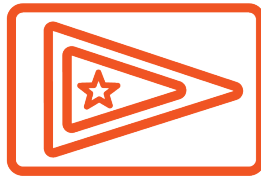


PUERTO VALLARTA 2022



San Diego to Vallarta International Yacht Race

Provisional 2022 NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANIZING and RATING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The San Diego to Vallarta International Yacht Race will take place March 10-18, 2022.
- 1.2. San Diego Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority (OA).
- 1.3. US Sailing is the Member National Authority (MNA).
- 1.4. Offshore Racing Association is the Rating Authority for the Offshore Racing Rule (hereafter "ORR") Racing Divisions. Click [here](#) for 2021 ORR rulebook.
- 1.5. 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 (RRS 46) 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, Sailing Instructions or other identified race documents.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The notation [NP] in a rule in the NoR or SI means it shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 2.2. This race will be governed by the *rules* as described in The Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS");
- 2.3. The Offshore Racing Rule ("ORR") as modified by this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions;
- 2.4. For both monohulls and multihulls, the US Safety Equipment Requirements - Ocean level requirements as modified for this event by this Notice of Race and subsequent Sailing Instructions (hereafter "Vallarta Safety Equipment Requirements" or "VSERs").
See also NOR Addendum 1 – Vallarta Safety Equipment Requirements (VSERs).
 - 2.4.1. No claim is made or implied that observance of these safety requirements will prevent injury, death, or loss of property. Neither the establishment of these safety regulations, their use by race organizers, nor the inspection or absence of inspection of a boat for compliance with these safety regulations in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the person in charge, as per RRS 46, who shall ensure that the boat is seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew with sufficient ability and experience to face adverse conditions. S/he shall be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. S/he shall ensure that all safety equipment is at all times properly maintained and safely stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used.
- 2.5. Advertising on a boat shall comply with WS Regulation 20 for Category A events;

2.6. YB Trackers (hereafter 'tracker(s)') will be used for race tracking and will be required to be carried and transmitting for the entire duration of the race. While boats will not be responsible for the rental fee, they are required to enter into a rental agreement with the tracker rental company and agree to be responsible for up to \$1000 for their unit if lost or destroyed.

3. ALTERATIONS OF RACING RULES

3.1. The RRS Appendix RV, Reduced Visibility [[Appendix RV](#)] replaces RRS Part 2 from civil twilight sunset until civil twilight sunrise. This replaces the IRPCAS referenced in the preamble of Part 2 rules.

3.2. Under World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01, change the definition Start as follows:
A boat starts when her hull having been entirely on the prestart side of the starting line, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either (a) at or after her starting signal, or (b) during the last 1 minute before her starting signal. See SI 15.5.

3.3. Movement of sails not in use while racing is allowed; however all gear and sails not being flown must remain within a boat's lifelines. This modifies RRS 51 Movable Ballast only as to the movement of sails.

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 shall be capable of manual operation if powered systems are inoperable. All other boats shall comply with RRS 51 and RRS 52.

3.5. Boats may apply for a waiver of RRS 52 such that power and stored energy are permitted for sail hoisting, trimming, and adjusting. Full information on all forms of stored energy sail hoisting, trimming, and adjusting shall be submitted with the final rating data. The Rating Authority will estimate the benefit of these features and adjust the ratings accordingly.

3.6. **[DP]** For the purposes of RRS 47 - Trash Disposal there will be no penalty for discarding leftover food scraps, or losing non-synthetic sail stops overboard used to set sails in a safe and controlled manner. All other waste management protocols should be observed. The OA encourages all competitors to invest in equipping new free flying sails or retrofitting existing sails with reusable launch control features like roller furling, zippers, or Velcro tabs to set sails in a safe and controlled manner. If a competitor intends to use single-use banding, the material should be non-synthetic (ex: cotton/wool) and be mindful of the impact of excessive or unnecessary banding, and avoid when possible, the use of dyed or colored materials.

3.7. 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."

3.8. US SAILING Prescriptions to 63.2 will not apply.

- 3.9. The OA elects to allow entrants to be ORR rated for and use non-Large Roach Headsails set to leeward connected to Whisker Poles or Outriggers as described in 2021 ORR 10.05(f) & (g). This changes the 2021-2024 RRS 55.3 (a).
- 3.10. There is no limitation on the number of spinnakers and staysails carried. This modifies ORR rule 10.02.1. Per RRS 87, ORR has issued SDYC permission to make this change.
- 3.11. There is no limitation on crew weight. This modifies ORR rule 4.02. Per RRS 87, ORR has issued SDYC permission to make this change.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available Fri., February 25, 2022. Provisional SIs may be posted earlier.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.1. Official Notice Board will be on the website: <https://pvrace.com/> with race documents located under the Race HQ link at the top: <https://pvrace.com/the-race>
- 5.2. Any questions regarding the Notice of Race, Entry, Eligibility or Sailing Instructions including interpretations of published rules and amendments must be submitted prior to 1700 Friday, March 4, 2022, in writing to: Sailing Office, San Diego Yacht Club, via e-mail to: sailing@sdyc.org
- 5.3. **[DP]** All boats shall carry the following:
 - 5.3.1. VHF 16 as required in VSER 3.8.1 and shall be monitored while racing.
 - 5.3.2. Satphone – An additional Safety Requirement - Boats shall carry on-board a satellite phone (Satphone). The satellite phone shall have coverage for the duration of the race and be connected to main power or have a spare battery. Phones shall be powered on as required by communication schedule in Sailing Instructions. Boats shall provide the Satphone number to the Race Committee.
 - 5.3.3. Email – Boats shall be equipped to send and receive e-mail communications.
 - 5.3.4. YB Race Tracker – Trackers will report a boats position and will be displayed on the YB Tracking website. It will be the responsibility of the skipper of the boat to ensure that the tracker remains properly installed, and must make every effort to ensure it is functional for the entire race. The Person in Charge will be responsible for returning the tracker soon as practical upon finishing.

6. ELIGIBILITY

- 6.1. This race is open to all ocean racing boats 30' LOA or greater whose skipper is a member of a club or other organization affiliated with either US Sailing, their National Authority, or World Sailing.
- 6.2. To be eligible to race, each boat shall possess prior to starting, a valid 2022 ORR certificate. See section 11 – Rating Certificates.



- 6.3. New certificates or Renewals may be obtained by completing the online webform application from <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/orr/#products>
- 6.4. For questions regarding ratings, email offshore@ussailing.org or contacting contact Jay Tyson p) 813.220.1584 / e) jwtj29@gmail.com
- 6.5. Eligible boats will be divided into divisions and scored by their ORR ratings. Multihulls will sail in one division and scored by their ORR-MH rating.
- 6.6. Individual boats, or boats accepted as a class whose class rules or configuration prevents her from complying with some of the requirements of this NOR, may petition the Organizing Authority for waivers no later than February 14. Justification of any deviation and alternative means of compliance should accompany petitions, and should accompany a request to establish a class.
- 6.7. Additional requirements for eligibility including but not limited to medical test results or proof of vaccination for departure to or arrival in Mexico are not currently required. However the OA reserves the right to amend this NOR if such procedures become recommended for safe international travel.

7. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 7.1. The minimum crew on any boat shall be 4.

8. ENTRY AND FEES

- 8.1. Entry shall be made on line at the SDYC event website: pvrace.com
- 8.2. The following is included in entry fee: (pending any restrictions due to COVID)
 - Kick Off Fiesta
 - Hosted breakfast for Skipper's and Navigators at the Skipper's meeting
 - Race Tracking Services
 - Customs Officials on site
 - Race Blog / Photo updates / Scoring
 - Awards Fiesta



8.3. The entry fee is as follows:

LOA Range	Standard Entry Fees (until 1/14/22)	Late Entry Fee (1/15/22 – 2/18/22)
30 – 40	\$22/ft	\$26/ft
41 – 50	\$25/ft	\$29/ft
51 – 60	\$28/ft	\$32/ft
61 – 70	\$30/ft	\$34/ft
71+	\$32/ft	\$36/ft

- 8.4. Entries received by Friday, January 14, 2022 will be charged the standard fee per foot of length overall (LOA) as shown in 8.3.
- 8.5. Entries received between Saturday, January 15, 2022 thru Friday, February 18, 2022 will be charged the late fee per foot of length overall (LOA) as shown in 8.3.
- 8.6. Requests for full refunds will be granted if received by 1700, Friday, January 14, 2022.
- 8.7. No entries will be accepted after Friday, February 18, 2022 unless approved by the organizing authority.
- 8.8. Entries shall have the following registration items complete on or before Friday, February 25th. A boat is not eligible to start this race until **ALL** of the following has been submitted:
 - 8.8.1. Subject to RRS 78.2, a copy of the boat’s current Rating Certificate which has been submitted to the appropriate Rating Authority for review.
 - 8.8.2. Each skipper (see NOR 1.4) ensures the crew roster in YachtScoring is accurate with complete crew names, emails, and that each crew has completed their online waiver with their contact as well as an onshore emergency contact number and that the ‘racing waiver’ box for each crew is marked Yes.”
 - 8.8.3. Each crew member is required to submit a photocopy of their passport to the Sailing Office.
 - 8.8.4. One photograph (digital only) of their boat suitable for print reproduction on the event website, any media releases and distribution upon request by government authorities.
 - 8.8.5. All entry fees are paid in full.

9. ADVERTISING

- 9.1. Advertising is unrestricted subject to WS Reg. 20.2 and 20.3.



10. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Friday, January 14, 2022Standard entry fee closed ^(8.4)
- Friday, January 14, 2022..... Withdrawals with 100% refunds closed ^(8.6)
- Friday, January 14, 2022Petition to establish additional classes closed ^(6.5)
- Friday, February 18, 2022 Race entry closed, provisional SIs posted ^(8.7)
- Monday, February 21, 2022Any rating data due to Rating Authority ^(11.1)
- Friday, February 25, 2022 All fees, photos and documents due ^(8.8)
- Friday, February 25, 2022 Post SIs & Provisional class breaks ^(4.0/16.1)
- Friday, March 4, 2022 Request for interpretations of NOR/SI's due ^(5.2)
- Thursday, March 10, 2022 @ 1800..... Kick Off Party
- Friday, March 11, 2022 @ 0800 Reception and Skippers Meeting I
- Friday, March 11, 2022 @ 1200 *Provisional START I
- Saturday, March 12, 2022 @ 0800 Reception and Skippers Meeting II
- Saturday, March 12, 2022 @ 1200 *Provisional START II
- Friday, March 18, 2022 @ 1800 Trophy Presentation ^(17.1)

**START Dates and times are provisional.*

Additional dates or times may be added to best facilitate timely arrivals for all entries.

MEXORC Start dates will be provided when available

11. RATING CERTIFICATES

- 11.1. Rating application, data, and any alterations to hull, spar, sails or other equipment configurations that may affect a rating certificate from prior years shall be made available to the rating authority (US Sailing) no later than February 21, 2022.
- 11.2. A rating certificate approved by the Rating Authority representing the boat's configuration for this race shall be submitted to the Organizing Authority (by the RA or competitor) prior to the close of entries at 1700, Friday, February 25, 2022.
- 11.3. In lieu of above, 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, Friday, February 25, 2022.
- 11.4. In the event that a boat's National Authority, Class Association or Rating Authority is unable to approve a Rating Certificate by 1700, Friday, February 25, 2022, the Organizing Authority may make other arrangements such as they consider most equitable.

12. INSPECTIONS

- 12.1. All boats are subject USSERs Regulation 1.3 – Inspection. Resolution of any problems regarding required safety equipment, minimum accommodations, eligibility of crew members etc., will be determined by the Organizing Authority and the Rating Authority.

13. VENUE and COURSE

- 13.1. Race Headquarters will be located in the Sailing Office of San Diego Yacht Club prior to Monday, March 14, 2022.
- 13.2. Race Headquarters will be located in the vicinity of the destination marina from 1400, Monday, March 14, 2022, until 1600, Saturday, March 19, 2022.
- 13.3. The Start will be located in the vicinity of SD Channel Buoy #17.
- 13.4. The Finish will be a virtual finish gate located off Punta Mita, Nayarit, Mexico.
- 13.5. The approximate rhumb-line course distance is 1050 nautical miles.

14. ALTERATIONS TO SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- 14.1. The following USSER “US Ocean” level requirements are modified by this NOR and/or the Sailing Instructions and included as the Vallarta Safety Requirements (VSERs) in Addendum 1 with same numbering. Specifically:
- a) USSER 3.8.3 is deleted and replaced with: “A boat shall have a satellite phone with waterproof protection which may be fixed or handheld.”
 - b) [NP/DP] USSER 3.9 is modified to add: All boats shall operate AIS (Rx + Tx) from the time they leave the dock until 2 HOURS after crossing the starting line and from the time when a boat is approximately 25 nm from the finish line until they are at the dock. Any vessel retiring from the race, or requesting outside assistance shall operate their AIS as described from as soon as possible until such time as they have reached safe harbor.
 - c) USSER 3.21 (Display of sail numbers independent of sail) is deleted.
 - d) USSER 3.33.1 and 3.33.2 (Mainsails for bad weather/emergency) are deleted and replaced with:

3.33.1 A boat shall have mainsail reefing equipment capable of reducing the effective luff of the main to $0.70 * P$ OR a storm trysail which can be set independently of the main boom, has an area less than 17.5% of $E * P$, and which is capable of being attached to the mast.
 - e) USSER 3.33.3 and 3.33.4 (Headsails for bad weather/emergency) are deleted and replaced with:

3.33.3 A boat shall have a storm jib of area not greater than 5% height of the foretriangle squared, with luff maximum length 65% height of the foretriangle OR a heavy-weather jib of area not greater than 13.5% height of the foretriangle squared and without reef points. (attachment independent of luff groove device).

- 14.2. For all boats, the OA encourages the wearing of harnesses/lifejackets between sundown and sunrise, and whenever conditions warrant, or as directed by the person in charge of the boat.

15. PENALTIES

- 15.1. RRS 61.1 (b) is changed so that any boat being protested by the Race Committee for an infraction will be notified of the protest within 24 hours after the time the boat finishes the race.
- 15.2. The first sentence of rule 64.1 is changed to: "When the protest committee decides a yacht that is a party to a protest hearing has broken a rule and is not exonerated, it may impose an elapsed time penalty or impose no penalty at all." However if the infraction caused injury or damage to another boat which in any way affected the racing ability of that boat, the offending boat shall be disqualified.
- 15.3. If an elapsed time penalty is imposed, its magnitude will be at the protest committee's discretion unless otherwise specified in the NOR or SIs, and will apply to the calculation of all corrected times and finish positions for all race awards.
- 15.4. **[DP]** Any boat that willfully reports a false position, impedes the transmission of tracker position reports, or remains unreported for an extended period of time may be considered gross misconduct and a report will be filed with the protest committee pursuant to RRS 69.2.
- 15.5. **[DP]** When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition Start, she may return to the pre-start side of the line to comply with item (a) of the definition of Start, but, if she does not, the starting penalty shall be to add the time of the start error, if greater than 4 minutes, plus one hour to her elapsed time.
- 15.6. **[DP]** When a boat touches a starting or finishing line mark and does not take a One-Turn Penalty as described in rule 44.2, the penalty shall be two hours added to her elapsed time.

16. CLASSES AND SCORING

- 16.1. Provisional Class Breaks will be determined as soon as possible after the close of entries Friday, February 25, 2022. Official class breaks will be posted Friday, March 4, 2022.
- 16.2. Scoring for monohulls will be figured using ORR Time on Time and will be based on the PV wind matrix (NOR Addendum 2) established by the Rating Authority and agreed upon by the OA.
- 16.3. Scoring for multihulls will be figured using ORR-MH Time on Time.

**17. AWARDS**

- 17.1. Awards presentation will be held at the Westin in Marina Vallarta Friday, March 18 at 1800.
- 17.2. Trophies will be awarded for First on Elapsed Time-Overall, First on Corrected Time-Overall ORR.
- 17.3. Trophies for any petitioned or level-rated classes and for each ORR Racing division will be determined by corrected time and based on the number of entrants.
- 17.4. A variety of special recognition trophies may also be awarded.

18. BERTHING

- 18.1. Berthing at SDYC will be complimentary for the week prior to the start.
- 18.2. Berthing at Marina Vallarta will be provided for boats finishing the race until Saturday, March 19, 2022. All boats are required to check in with Marina Vallarta Harbor Master as soon as possible after arriving at Marina Vallarta. Proof of insurance and credit card for any charges will be required.

19. INSURANCE

- 19.1. Provide proof of insurance with minimum \$500,000 liability insurance naming San Diego Yacht Club as additional insured. Proof of insurance will be required in Puerto Vallarta MX as well.

20. RISK STATEMENT

- 20.1. The OA brings attention to RRS Rule 3 – The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone.
- 20.2. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the "person in charge", as per RRS 46, who shall ensure that the boat is seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew with sufficient ability and experience to face bad weather. S/he shall be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. S/he shall ensure that all safety equipment is at all times properly maintained and safely stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 21.1. For further information please contact the following:

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