



77th Newport to Ensenada Event

April 25-27, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

Newport Ocean Sailing Association (NOSA) is the Organizing Authority

NOSA takes pleasure in inviting you to sail in the 77th Annual Newport to Ensenada Event.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and Equipment Rules of Sailing. The RRS are available at [RRS-2025-2028-Final.pdf](#)
Rule 77 Identification of sails and Appendix G – Is amended to permit Sail Numbers to be placed on the Lifelines - Both Port and Starboard. The size of sail numbers shall comply with Appendix G specifications
- 1.2 Races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by Appendix WP.
<https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/AppendixWPRulesforWaypointsMay2021-%5B27276%5D.pdf>
- 1.3 RRS Appendix RV, Reduced Visibility replaces RRS Part 2 from sunset until sunrise.
[AppendixRVReducedVisibilityRacingRulesJanuary2021-\[27331\].pdf](#)
- 1.4 The following Prescriptions of the national authority, US Sailing, do not apply: RRS 63.1 and RRS 63.2. Prescriptions are available at [US-Sailing-Prescriptions-for-2025-2028-10.29.2024.pdf](#)
- 1.5 The US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) Coastal Category for MONOHULLS will apply, except as modified below. [Monohull-SER-2023.0-Coastal.pdf](#)
 - 1.5.1 USSER 2.4.4 - Lifelines are changed to allow boats the option to be equipped with the original equipment lifelines supplied by the boat manufacturer or as class rules specify.
 - 1.5.2 USSER 3.8.2 – A boat shall have a water-tight handheld VHF radio or a handheld VHF radio with a water-tight cover. The requirement for the handheld VHF radio to have DCS/GPS with an MMSI number properly registered to the vessel is waived. This changes USSER 3.8.2.
 - 1.5.3 USSER 3.9 – Mandatory requirement for AIS Transponder is waived.
 - 1.5.4 All boats are subject to inspection in accordance with USSER 1.3. Safety equipment decisions of the protest committee will be final.

- 1.6 The US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) Coastal Category for MULTIHULLS will apply, except as modified below. USSER is available at: [Multihull SER 2023.1-Coastal.pdf](#)
- 1.6.1 USSER 2.9 - Lifelines are changed to allow boats the option to be equipped with the original equipment lifelines supplied by the boat manufacturer or as class rules specify.
- 1.6.2 USSER 3.8.3 – A boat shall have a water-tight handheld VHF radio or a handheld VHF radio with a water-tight cover. The requirement for the handheld VHF radio to have DCS/GPS with an MMSI number properly registered to the vessel is waived. This changes USSER 3.8.3.
- 1.6.3 USSER 3.9 – Mandatory requirement for AIS Transponder is waived.
- 1.6.4 All boats are subject to inspection in accordance with USSER 1.3. Safety equipment decisions of the protest committee will be final.

2. CHANGES TO RULES

- 2.1 RRS 51 is changed as follows: Movement of sails not in use while racing is allowed, however all gear and sails not being flown must remain within a yacht's lifelines. This changes RRS 51 only as to the movement of sails.
- 2.2 RRS 52 Manual Power is changed to allow the positioning of movable appendages by power on boats as designed and as rated by the RA. All movable appendages shall be capable of manual operation if powered systems are inoperable.
- 2.3 Autopilots and steering vanes shall not be used by boats racing except that Doublehanded boats may engage automatic steering system during sail changes only. This changes RRS 52.
- 2.4 **[DP]** RRS 64.2 Penalties is changed as follows: Add: (c) For other than Part 2 infractions, the Protest Committee may penalize a boat by adding additional time to her corrected time.
- 2.5 National letters of country identification are not required. This changes RRS 77 and RRS G1.1 (b).
- 2.6 The notification requirements of RRS 61 and RRS 63 are satisfied for filed hearing request for protests or redress, by posting pending hearing request(s) on the Official Race Results Board (NOSA website at www.nosa.org). As a convenience, such requests may also be posted on a board adjacent to the Official Event Notice Board in Ensenada.

3. OCS EXPERIMENTAL RULE DR 21-01

- 3.1 Under World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01, change the definition *Start* as follows:

Start A boat *starts* when her hull having been entirely on the pre-start 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 10 seconds before her starting signal.

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: 45 minutes added to her elapsed time.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on www.nosa.org no later than Thursday, April 10, 2025.

5. COMMUNICATION

- 5.1 The Official Notice Board is located on the NOSA website, www.nosa.org.
- 5.2 **[DP]** All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 16. See RRS 37.
- 5.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 5.4 **[DP]** While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

6. ELIGIBILITY and CLASSES

- 6.1 The event is open to boats in the PHRF monohull class, the ORCA multihull class, accepted one-design class(es), and the Unlimited class. Boats must be over 21' in overall length and have a current valid rating and certificate for the class entered, where appropriate.
- 6.2 One-design class boats may petition NOSA in writing to enter as one design class and be scored against each other. Petitions must be received by Friday, April 4, 2025.
- 6.3 Very-High Performance boats may enter the Unlimited Class, subject to approval by NOSA. This class is intended for boats that do not conform to PHRF or ORCA Class Rules.
- 6.4 The PHRF Class will be comprised of the following fleets:
- 6.4.1 Ultra-Light (UL) fleet - boats with a high PHRF Performance Factor (PF).
 - 6.4.1.1 Ultra-Light Maxi fleet – the largest and fastest Ultra-Light boats.
 - 6.4.1.2 Ultra-Light fleet (A, B, C...start-classes)
 - 6.4.2 Race fleet (A, B, C...start-classes) - boats with a Performance Factor (PF) below the Ultra-Light limit.
 - 6.4.3 CRUZ fleet - boats with a PHRF OWC rating of 60 or higher, and a PHRF Performance Factor less than or equal to 2.00. CRUZ fleet boats may use their motors in gear within the rules set forth in the "CRUZ Fleet Motoring Rules and Log" of the Sailing Instructions.
 - 6.4.3.1 SPINNAKER fleet (A, B, C...start-classes) - boats that carry one or more spinnakers (symmetrical or asymmetrical/gennaker).
 - 6.4.3.2 NON-SPINNAKER fleet (A, B, C...start-classes) boats that do not carry spinnakers or gennakers. The Non-Spinnaker offset will be applied to their rating as set forth in the PHRF of Southern California rating certificate.
 - 6.4.4 Entries from PHRF members from areas other than PHRF of Southern California will be accepted provided their 2025 PHRF Rating is submitted with the entry fee no later than 1700, Thursday, April 10, 2025, and that the Off-Wind Course (OWC) Rating for the boat is the same as or lower than the PHRF of Southern California OWC Rating for the same manufacturer and model boat. Boats not meeting these criteria, shall obtain a current PHRF of Southern California Rating.

- 6.5 The ORCA Class will be comprised of:
 - 6.5.1 ORCA MAXI fleet – the largest and fastest multihulls.
 - 6.5.2 ORCA fleet (A, B, C...start-classes)
- 6.6 In addition to the start-classes and fleets noted above, competitors may also register to compete in the following secondary fleets:
 - 6.6.1 DOUBLEHANDED fleet - boats will start and race in their assigned start class. Doublehanded boats shall have only two persons on- board.
 - 6.6.2 ALL FEMALE CREW fleet - boats will race in their assigned start class. All Female Crew boats shall have only females on-board.
 - 6.6.3 STORM TRYSAIL CLUB TEAM COMPETITION – Boats will race in their assigned start-class. Awarded to the 3-boat team skippers which compile the best team score, as determined by using the total of each team member's percentage placement in its respective start-class. Teams shall not have more than two boats sailing in the same start class. A boat may only be on one team. To be scored for this trophy, each team must enter on the Team Entry section of the NOSA website at www.nosa.org prior to Friday, April 18, 2025.
 - 6.6.4 ORR and ORR-EZ fleet boats will race in their assigned start-class. Boats must have a current and valid ORR or ORR-EZ rating.
- 6.7 NOSA reserves the right to move a boat to a start-class that is deemed appropriate.

7. ENTRY

- 7.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form located on-line at www.nosa.org and submitting it with the required entry fee.
- 7.2 Any boat that has its rating changed after having submitted an Entry Form shall provide NOSA with the new rating as soon as possible, but in no case later than 1700, Thursday, April 10, 2025, and shall contact NOSA to determine its appropriate class based on the new rating.
- 7.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees no later than 1700, Thursday, April 10, 2025.

8. FEES

- 8.1 Fees are as follows:

LOA	ENTRY FEE
50 feet or more	\$525
Less than 50 feet	\$385
Late Entry Fee (after April 6)	Entry Fee + \$100

- 8.2 **REFUND OF ENTRY FEE:** No refund will be returned nor credited by reason of withdrawal after 1700 on Thursday, April 10, 2025, when entry is closed.
- 8.3 Fees include use of a YB Tracker provided for the boat. YB Tracker fees are not refundable after

March 27, 2025. The tracker is to be returned to NOSA at designated drop-off locations.

- 8.4 Regatta Network fees and administrative fees are not refundable. Regatta Network fees represent ten per cent (10%) of the entry fee.

9. ADVERTISING

- 9.1 Advertising on a boat shall comply with the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 9.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [Regulations-May-2023.pdf](#)

10. SCHEDULE

- 10.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first start classes is 1055 on Friday, April 25, 2025. Refer to the NOSA Web site: <http://www.nosa.org> for the Start-Class Flags and Start Times.
- 10.2 Start-class designations, starting assignments, and start-class identification back-stay flag assignments will be made available on the NOSA website <http://www.nosa.org> no later than Friday, April 18, 2025.
- 10.3 All times cited in this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions are GPS Pacific Daylight Time (PDT).

11. COURSE

- 11.1 The race will begin off Balboa Pier, Newport Beach CA and finish off the Hotel Coral, Ensenada, Mexico. For scoring purposes, the distance is 124 nm.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 The term "other penalty" referred to in RRS 44.1 will apply. The penalty will be 10% of the Elapsed Time.
- 12.2 **[DP]** Boats protested and found by the Protest Committee following a hearing to have broken a rule for equipment or safety violation under US Safety Equipment Regulations (USSER) or US Coast Guard (USCG) regulations, shall be penalized. The Protest Committee will apply a minimum of ten (10) minutes added to the boat's recorded elapsed time, up to a maximum of disqualification (DSQ) for each found violation. This changes RRS 64.2.

13. SCORING

- 13.1 Boats competing in the ORCA Class shall be scored based on the boat's ORCA TOD Rating.
- 13.2 Boats competing in the PHRF Class shall be scored based on the boat's OWC rating TOD scoring system.
- 13.3 Boats competing in the Unlimited class will be scored based on Elapsed Time.
- 13.4 The Race Time Limit is 1100, Sunday, April 27, 2025. All boats finishing after the Time Limit will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1: A 5.2; A 10.
- 13.5 Failure to meet the Race Time Limit will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 13.6 A boat's score shall be the total of her race score.

- 13.7 Notwithstanding the provisions of rules 90.3(a), (b), (c) and (d), there shall be no changes to race or series scores resulting from action, including the correction of errors, initiated more than 48 hours after
- (1) the protest time limit for the last race of the series (including a single-race series);
 - (2) being informed of a protest committee decision after the last race of the series (including a single-race series); or
 - (3) the results are published.

However, in exception, changes to scores shall be made resulting from a decision under rules 6, 60 or 70.

This changes RRS 90.3 Scoring.

14. RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone'. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

15. INSURANCE

- 15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 USD per incident or the equivalent.

16. MEDIA

- 16.1 "Newport to Ensenada Race" is a registered trademark of NOSA Inc. Use of the trademark is restricted and limited to use by or with the written consent of the Organizing Authority.

17. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 17.1 By participating in the 2025 Newport to Ensenada Event, a competitor automatically grants to the organizers and its sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show from time to time at their discretion, any still or motion pictures and live, taped, or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her without compensation.

18. PRIZES

18.1 NOSA will present Perpetual Trophies as listed in Attachment 1 of this NOR.

18.2 NOSA will present start class take-home trophies based on the number of entries as follows:

NUMBER OF ENTRIES	NUMBER OF TROPHIES
One (1) to Five (5)	Trophy to 1st Place
Six (6) to Ten (10)	Trophies to 1st and 2nd Place
Eleven (11) to Fifteen (15)	Trophies 1st thru 3rd Places
Sixteen (16) to Twenty (20)	Trophies 1st thru 4th Places
Twenty-One (21) or More	Trophies 1st thru 5th Places

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

19.1 For further information please contact NOSA at info@nosa.org or 949-220-4461.

19.2 NOSA mailing address is P.O. Box 7485, Newport Beach, CA 92658.



ATTACHMENT 1

Award Guidelines and List of Trophies

Awards Overview

1. Awards are divided between Primary Awards for the best Corrected Time (CT) finishes in a start-class and additional Awards for defined achievements.
2. Primary Awards have 1st through nth place ranked by CT. The number of places awarded is determined by the by the number of entries in a start-class. See NOR 18.2.
3. Additional Awards are awarded to only one place. At least 2 boats must be competing for an additional award, for it to be awarded.
4. Every award winner receives a take home trophy.
5. Many awards include a perpetual trophy which the winner takes home or to their Yacht Club for a year.

N2E AWARDS		BASED ON	PERPETUAL TROPHY NAME	ELIGIBLE
PRIMARY AWARDS (class winners)				
CLASS	START-CLASS			
Unlimited	Unlimited	elapsed time	Unlimited	Unlimited
NON-CRUZ FLEETS				
CLASS	START-CLASS			
PHRF	UL Maxi	corrected time	President of Mexico	Maxi
PHRF	UL A	corrected time	Governor of California	UL A
PHRF	UL B	corrected time	City of Newport Beach	UL B
PHRF	UL C	corrected time	Secretary of Navy USA	UL C
PHRF	UL D	corrected time	Secretary of State USA	UL D
PHRF	UL E	corrected time	Secretary of Navy Mexico	UL E
PHRF	UL F	corrected time	Governor of Baja California	UL F
PHRF	A	corrected time	Newport Harbor Chamber of Commerce	A
PHRF	B	corrected time	Cliff Chapman	B
PHRF	C	corrected time	Converse Wurdeman	C
PHRF	D	corrected time	Gil Knudson	D
PHRF	E	corrected time	Ensenada Chamber of Commerce	E
PHRF	F	corrected time	Emigh Family	F

PHRF	G	corrected time	City of Ensenada	G
PHRF	H	corrected time	Ensenada Tourist Bureau	H
PHRF	I	corrected time	Porter Sinclair	I
ORCA	ORCA Maxi	corrected time	ORCA Maxi – Corrected Time	ORCA Maxi
ORCA	ORCA A	corrected time	ORCA A	ORCA A
ORCA	ORCA B	corrected time	ORCA B	ORCA B
CRUZ FLEETS				
CLASS	START-CLASS			
PHRF	CRUZ SPIN A	corrected time	Almon Lockaby	CRUZ SPIN A
PHRF	CRUZ SPIN B	corrected time	Donovan & Seaman	CRUZ SPIN B
PHRF	CRUZ NONSPIN A	corrected time	Union Bank	CRUZ NONSPIN A
PHRF	CRUZ NONSPIN B	corrected time	John Boyle Callery	CRUZ NONSPIN B
ADDITIONAL AWARDS				
NON-CRUZ FLEETS				
CLASS	FOR			
ORCA, PHRF	1 st Overall Elapsed	elapsed time	NOSA	All
ORCA, PHRF	1 st Overall Corrected	corrected time	Tommy Bahama	All
ORCA, PHRF	1 st first Time Racer	corrected time	Amigo	All
ORCA, PHRF	Highest CT	corrected time	Spittoon	All
ALL	Best Team Combined Places	Based on Start Class Finish Place	Storm Trysail Club Team Competition	ALL
PHRF	1 st All Female Crew	corrected time	Caroline Starr	All
PHRF	1 st Doublehanded	corrected time	Volvo	All
PHRF	1 st Mono elapsed	elapsed time	Lahaina Yacht Club	All
PHRF	1 st Mono corrected	corrected time	President of USA	All
PHRF	1 st UL A	elapsed time	Jiffy Woods	UL A
PHRF	1 st Beneteau	corrected time	Beneteau - Racing	Beneteau brand boats
PHRF	1 st Mono of a NPB YC	corrected time	Jack Bailee	YC
PHRF	1 st Mexican Boat (CT)	corrected time	Don Carlos Avila	Mexican Citizen Skipper from Mexican Yacht Club
PHRF	1 st Mexican Boat (ET)	elapsed time	Secretary of Navy Mex 2nd Naval Zone	Mexican Citizen Skipper from Mexican Yacht Club
PHRF	1 st Catalina	corrected time	Frank Butler	Catalina brand boats

PHRF	1 st One Design	corrected time	Carlos Avila Escoto	TBD
PHRF	1st Schock	corrected time	Bill Schock	Schock brand boats
PHRF	1st Mono - Divided Rig	elapsed time	New York Yacht Club	Divided Rig
PHRF	ORR	corrected time	ORR	ORR
PHRF	ORR-Ez	corrected time	ORR-Ez	ORR-Ez
ORCA	1st Maxi	elapsed time	ORCA Maxi – Elapsed Time	ORCA Maxi
ORCA	1st ORCA	corrected time	President of NOSA	ORCA A & B
ORCA	1st ORCA	elapsed time	Alice Pursell	ORCA A & B
ORCA	1st Catamaran	corrected time	Stern-Choy	ORCA A & B
ORCA	1st Trimaran	corrected time	Stein-Cross	ORCA A & B
CRUZ FLEETS				
CLASS	FOR			
PHRF	1 st All Female Crew	corrected time	Nauti Chica	CRUZ NONSPIN
PHRF	1 st Doublehanded	corrected time	CRUZ Doublehanded	All CRUZ
PHRF	Overall corrected	corrected time	Coral Hotel	All CRUZ
PHRF	Overall elapsed	Elapsed Time with motor use penalty	Sec. of Foreign Relations - MEX	All CRUZ
PHRF	1 st Beneteau	corrected time	Beneteau - Cruising	CRUZ Beneteau
PHRF	Mexican Nationals and/or Members of CNB - Ensenada	Corrected Time	Club Náutico Baja	CRUZ – non-spin CRUZ - spin
YACHT CLUB AWARDS				
CLASS	FOR			
* All	Most N2E Perpetuals	trophy count	Jeff Deaver	All
* All	Most N2E Entries	entry count	South Bay Yacht Racing Club	All
All	Most N2E Mugs	trophy count	Spirit of Ensenada	All

** These two trophies do not aggregate to the Spirit of Ensenada Award - **ADD NEW MEXICO TROPHY***