



SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB PRESENTS
The Cabrillo Series

CABRILLO IV
Saturday, March 22, 2025
SD Entrance Buoys and Coronado Roads
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The US Prescription to RRS 63.1(b) is deleted. The US Sailing Prescriptions are available [here](#).
- 1.3 Per RRS 42.3(i), competitors may use an engine or other propulsion method to avoid large ships in the channel provided they gain no significant advantage in the race.
- 1.4 If the Race Committee boat is damaged because of a boat breaking a rule, that boat shall be responsible for the repairs.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before **0900** on the day it will take effect.
- 2.2 In accordance with RRS 90.2 (c), oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water, communicated to each boat before her warning signal. A change is in effect when the Race Committee (RC) signal boat displays Flag **L** over **A** with one sound signal. Please come within hail of the RC boat to receive the oral changes to the Sailing Instructions.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Official notices and amendments will be available online through the [EVENT NOTICE BOARD](#) on this event's page on the [SWYC](#) website.
- 3.2 On the water, the RC will monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 68.
- 3.3 **In the event of an on-the-water emergency, contact the US Coast Guard on VHF Channel 16 directly and immediately.**

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Cabrillo IV: All classes will sail the same course around SD Entrance Buoys and TG-1.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first class is **1155**.

6 CLASS STARTING ORDER

- 6.1 Classes will start in reverse order, with slower classes starting first and the faster boats starting last.
- 6.2 The RC may cancel or combine starts. It is the responsibility of a boat to start at her signaled start time. You may expect a gap of at least one minute between starting sequences.
- 6.3 Starting order and assignments are posted as NoR Amendment #2 on the [Event Website](#).



7 ENTRIES & CHECK-IN:

- 7.1 [DP] Boats complete their entry by checking in with the RC boat prior to the first warning signal. Boats checking in shall pass the RC boat to starboard and hail with sail number, class, and the *number of souls on board*. Check-in will be complete when the RC boat responds with that information. There will be no radio check-in.
- 7.2 Check-In will commence when the "L" flag is hoisted.
- 7.3 Check-in may continue after the first warning at the sole discretion of the R/C (but not within one minute of any start).
- 7.4 [DP] All boats shall have clearly visible sail numbers of a contrasting color to the body of the sail. Missing, improper, inconsistent, unclear, illegible, or numbers other than those used for check-in, are not permitted, and may result in being scored DNF. RRS 60.2, 63.1, and A5 are modified to add that the RC may disqualify a boat infringing this instruction without a hearing.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The starting area will be in San Diego Bay in the vicinity of SD Channel Buoy 17.
- 8.2 The racing area covers the SD Bay entrance buoys, TG-1 and other buoys in SD Bay.
- 8.3 The finish area will be in the vicinity of the entrance to San Diego Bay at SD Channel Buoy 9.

9 COURSE

- 9.1 Cabrillo IV: All Classes will sail the same course.
Start near Buoy SD 17.
 - Round Buoy SD 3 to Port (approximate bearing 190° from Buoy SD9).
 - Round U.S. Navy Mooring Buoy TG-1 to Port (approximate bearing 080° from Buoy SD3).
 - Round Buoy SD 6 to Port (approximate bearing 280° from Buoy TG-1).
 - Round Buoy SD 3 to Port (approximate bearing 210° from Buoy SD6).
 - Round U.S. Navy Mooring Buoy TG-1 to Port (approximate bearing 080° from Buoy SD3).
 - Round Buoy SD 8 to Starboard (approximate bearing 300° from Buoy TG-1).Finish near Buoy SD 9.
NOTE : Distance for handicap purposes is 16.7nm.
- 9.2 TG-1 is a Navy Mooring Buoy located at 32°38.58'N 117°10.78'W
Chart Reference: NOAA Chart #18772 and #18773.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line for Cabrillo IV is between a staff with an orange flag on the RC vessel at one end and the course side of SD Channel Buoy 17 at the other end.
- 10.2 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes. Otherwise, this may be seen as a breach of RRS 23.1.
- 10.3 As a courtesy, one minute prior to the first warning the RC will sound 4 horn blasts. It is the intention of the RC that classes **start 6 to 10 minutes apart**, or more, dependent upon the prevailing conditions.

11 RECALLS

- 11.1 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will hail her sail number as soon as possible over a loud hailer and/or on VHF 68. It is the responsibility of each boat to start properly.
- 11.2 Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).



- 11.3 A RC assist vessel may be stationed near the Pin Buoy end of the starting line and is also authorized to identify and hail premature starters.
- 11.4 Your attention is directed to NoR 1.3 regarding the use of a World Sailing Test Rule and its effect on OCS boats.

12 WITHDRAWAL

- 12.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Informing the RC can be accomplished by either (a) sailing (motoring) past the RC vessel OR (b) radioing the RC vessel (VHF 68). Failure to do this may result in entry rejection for other CRA or SWYC races. If the RC vessel does not answer, leave the information with another race participant to avoid punitive action, or keep trying.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish line will be in the vicinity of Buoy SD 9.
- 13.2 The finish line for Cabrillo IV is between a staff with a blue flag on the RC vessel at one end and the course side of SD Channel Buoy 9 at the other end.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The penalty for OCS is described in NoR 1.3.
- 14.2 For all other penalties, RRS 44.1 will apply without modification.

15 TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 The time limit to finish Cabrillo IV is **1600** hours on Saturday, March 22, 2025. Boats not finished by 1600 will be recorded as DNF. This modifies RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1. RRS 61 is modified to add this additional requirement: A boat intending to protest shall report her intentions in person to the RC on station upon finishing or retiring and shall obtain RC acknowledgement. A boat that does not finish and intends to protest may report her intentions and the boat(s) being protested to the RC via VHF Channel 68 and shall obtain RC acknowledgement.
- 16.2 The protest time limit expires 60 minutes after the RC boat docks.
- 16.3 Written protests may be filed electronically or in person.
Protests filed electronically may be sent to Colleen Cooke, the SWYC Protest Chair, at sailorcookie2@gmail.com.
The US Sailing App is an excellent tool for this purpose.
Protests may also be filed in person or electronically to any member of the SWYC Race Committee.
The RC boat, *Dennis Conner*, is docked in slip D-76 at SWYC.
- 16.4. Notice of protests and boats involved, and the schedule of hearings will be posted [online](#).
- 16.5. Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt as soon as possible after the day's racing is complete, or later, at the option of the Protest Committee.
- 16.6 An arbitration meeting may be held prior to a protest hearing according to RRS Appendix T for breaches of the rules of Part 2 or rule 31 where there is no damage or injury, if a USSA Certified Judge is available.
Protests not resolved through arbitration will be referred to the Protest Committee for a hearing.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 This race will be scored as provided in the Notice of Race.



18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Notwithstanding any safety requirements, the ultimate safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner or charterer. He/she must do his/her best to ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. He/she must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails, and all gear. He/she must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed, and that crewmembers know where it is stowed and how it is used.

19 RESULTS AND PRIZES

- 19.1 Race results will be published on the [Event Website](#).
- 19.2 Trophies for each class and overall series winners will be awarded during the after race party at SWYC on March 22, 2025.
- 19.3 The SWYC membership invites all racers to enjoy the hospitality of the SWYC clubhouse.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (SWYC, race committee, protest committee, host club, 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 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.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 21.1 SWYC RC Chair: Ian Trotter ian@chulavistaphoto.com

