



Women's Ocean Racing and Sailing Association

Disabled Sailor's Benefit Race

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions Saturday, August 20, 2011



1. Organizing Authority, Management

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority for this Race is the Women's Ocean Racing and Sailing Association (WORSAs).
- 1.2 WORSAs will manage the race and have sole authority to interpret rules and conditions of the race.
- 1.3 The skipper meeting location will be in the parking lot in front of the Aventura Sailing Club located at 24707 Dana Drive, Dana Point, CA 92629. The building is located on the Island, turning left at the Richard Henry Dana statue. **Parking lot entrance will be the second driveway on the left and can be entered by the following. Do not pick up the phone receiver. Punch in numbers #8899 on the keypad.**

2. Rules, Protests & Safety

- 2.1 The Race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS), the Notice of Race, the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Southern California (PHRF) Class Rules, and the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 In the spirit of good sportsmanship, protests are discouraged. A USSA judge may be available to discuss any rule problems after the race.
- 2.3 All boats shall comply with all U S Coast Guard safety rules.

3. Entries

- 3.1 An entry form must be filed in accordance with the Notice and Invitation of the WORSAs Disabled Sailor's Benefit Race. Entry forms may be obtained from www.worsa.org . **The entry fee is \$40.** Please make checks payable to WORSAs. Mail entries to: WORSAs, P.O. Box 2403, Newport Beach, CA 92663.
- 3.2 Late entries accepted until 1600 hrs, Friday, August 19, 2011 via email to worsamail@gmail.com, or at the skipper's meeting. There will not be a late entry penalty fee.
- 3.3 For additional information contact Monique Vigeant at monique_vigeant@msn.com
- 3.4 All entry proceeds to be donated through Challenged America, as a directed donation, to be used for necessary upgrades to sailing vessels in order to accommodate the disabled sailor. *Entry fees may be tax deductible.*

4. Eligibility

- 4.1 This race is open to all interested skippers of monohull or multihull vessels.

5. Ratings

- 5.1 It is preferred that all yachts have a valid PHRF rating certificate. A copy of the certificate is desired with the entry, but not required.
- 5.2 For boats without a valid PHRF rating, one will be temporarily established by the Race Committee prior to the race. PHRF SoCal, Area E, RLC ratings will be used for this race.

6. Changes and Notices

- 6.1 Changes to these Sailing Instructions and other information will be posted on the WORSa website (www.worsa.org) and at the Skipper's Meeting.
- 6.2 Other notices may be posted on the front door of Aventura Sailing Club no later than 30 minutes after the end of the skipper's meeting.

7. Classes

- 7.1 PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, and Cruising classes are planned. A minimum of three (3) yachts will constitute a class.
- 7.2 No skipper may change their boat's class after 09:30 on Saturday, August 6, 2011.
- 7.3 The race Committee may, according to number of entries, add class breaks based on PHRF ratings via notice at the Skipper's meeting, posting on the front door of Aventura Sailing Club, and announcing verbally or via handout from the starting committee boat. All subsequent classes will start accordingly.
- 7.4 A list of **class flags** for the start sequence will be issued at the Skipper's Meeting.

8. Schedule

- 8.1 One (1) Random Leg race is planned. The starting sequence for the race is scheduled as follows:

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| 11:55 | Preparatory Signal |
| 12:00 | Start PHRF Spinnaker Class |
| 12:05 | Start PHRF Non-Spinnaker Class |
| 12:10 | Start Cruising Class |

9. Skipper's Meeting

- 9.1 A Skipper's meeting will be held at Aventura Sailing Club, 24707 Dana Drive, Dana Point, CA, beginning 09:30 on Saturday, August 20, 2011.

10. Course, Marks, Recalls, and Change of Course

- 10.1 The course and all marks will be defined in the Dana Point Race Chart 2007. A copy will be provided at the Skipper's Meeting.
- 10.2 The course number to be sailed will be displayed in black on a white board from the Race Committee Boat at the Start Line. The Race Committee **may also** indicate the letter designation of the marks to be rounded.
- 10.3 All marks shall be taken to port unless otherwise indicated by the race committee.
- 10.4 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2. No sail numbers will be hailed. A general recall will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.3 and the recalled class and all subsequent classes shall start accordingly.
- 10.5 A change of course after the start will be signaled verbally and on VHF Channel 68 before the leading boat has begun the leg.

11. Race Course Location

- 11.1 Race location will be the area outside Dana Point Harbor as shown on Dana Point Race Chart 2007.

12. The Start

- 12.1 The start will be outside Dana Point Harbor in the vicinity of the Green Buoy indicated by "G" on the Dana Point Race Chart 2007.
- 12.2 The start line will be designated by a red flag on or near the committee boat at the starboard end of the line and a red flag on a floating mark at the port end of the line.
- 12.3 All competitors must check in with the Race Committee boat and hail their sail numbers (or vessel name if no PHRF numbers) at least 5 minutes prior to the warning signal of the 1st race

13. The Finish

- 13.1 The finish will be up the outer channel of the harbor at a line perpendicular to the channel, keeping the breakwater to the left and a red flag to the right.
- 13.2 Finish signals will be made from the upper deck of the Aventura Sailing Club building.

14. Retirement

- 14.1 A Yacht that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 68 or in person directly to the Race Committee as soon as possible.

15. Scoring

- 15.1 The low point scoring system, RRS A2, will apply.

16. Prizes

- 16.1 Awards for first place, of each class, will be presented after the race in the Aventura Sailing Club facility in the upstairs lounge. (Enter up stairs at the West end of the building).
- 16.2 Additional placing trophies may be authorized depending on the number of entries in each class.
- 16.3 Food and drinks will be available.
- 16.4 Guest speaker from Challenged America and presentation of donated funds.
- 16.6 Opportunity drawing for Nautical Quilt.

17. Insurance

- 17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid 3rd party liability insurance policy.

18. Radio Communications

- 18.1 Information on radio communications for all classes will be distributed at the Skipper's Meeting and is considered part of these Sailing Instructions.