



## CALIFORNIA DREAMIN' SERIES 2026

### Stop #1 - San Diego

San Diego Yacht Club – Organizing Authority  
January 24-25, 2026  
San Diego, California

## NOTICE OF RACE

**San Diego Yacht Club (SDYC) will host the first stop (of four) in the California Dreamin' Series ("CDS") in J/22 type boats. The three stops are:**

- San Diego Yacht Club – January 24-25, 2026
- Balboa Yacht Club – February 7-8, 2026
- St. Francis Yacht Club – March 7-8, 2026
- Long Beach Yacht Club – April 11-12, 2026

The following abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions:

PC: Protest Committee or International Jury  
NoR: Notice of Race  
OA: Organizing Authority  
RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing  
WS: World Sailing

RC: Race Committee  
SI: Sailing Instruction  
TD: Technical Delegate  
[NP]: A boat may not protest as per NoR 1.4  
[DP] Discretionary Penalties

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix C.
- 1.2 The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the Sailing Instructions, will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- 1.3 The Notice of Series for the 2025 California Dreamin' Series can be found at: <https://sailing.sdyc.org/racing/event/ca-dreamin-match-race26/>.
- 1.4 The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.5 The following US Sailing prescriptions do not apply: The Prescriptions to the preamble to Part 5, Section B, and to Rule 63.1(b).
- 1.6 At all times while on the water Rule 40.1 regarding personal flotation devices applies.
- 1.7 When a boat in a match fails to *sail the course*, she will be disqualified without a hearing and scored zero points unless both of the boats in the match have sailed the same course in which case the boats will be scored as if they had sailed the course. This changes RRS 28, 35, 60.5(b), 90.3(a), A5, and C10.7
- 1.8 Errors or omissions by the RC will NOT be grounds for redress by a competitor. In the event of an error or omission, the Match or Chief Umpire may notify the RC of the incident and request postponement or abandonment. This changes RRS 61.4(b) (1).
- 1.9 A Protest Committee (PC) shall be appointed by the OA.
- 1.10 The OA reserves the right to amend this NOR. Any amendments to the NOR shall be posted at: <https://sailing.sdyc.org/racing/event/ca-dreamin-match-race26/>.
- 1.11 The event has applied for World Sailing (WS) Grade 3. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is a clear reason to do so.

## 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available no later than 1200 on January 23, 2026 on the online official notice board at <https://sailing.sdyc.org/racing/event/ca-dreamin-match-race26/> and on paper during the First Briefing.

## 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted at the online official notice board at <https://sailing.sdyc.org/racing/event/ca-dreamin-match-race26/>.
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SDYC Flagpole on the Sailwash lawn.

## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Eight (8) skippers will be invited. Skippers wishing to be invited may register their request with the OA by submitting the form at [2026 Series Request for Invitation](#).
  - 4.2 Only skippers invited by the OA, and who confirm acceptance of the invitation as detailed in the letter of invitation will be eligible to enter this event. To remain eligible an invited skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing via e-mail to be received by the date and time specified in the invitation. A **non-refundable entry bond** set forth in **NoR 4.5(a)** below shall accompany the acceptance of the invitation to be valid. In addition, the skipper shall complete all other reasonable requests of the OA.
  - 4.3 Competitors shall have Competition Eligibility as detailed in the [World Sailing Eligibility Code](#).
  - 4.4 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at [World Sailing Sailor Dashboard](#). Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.
  - 4.5 The skipper shall complete registration, pay any entry fee, arrange for the damage deposit of **\$1,000.00 USD** and shall ensure that all crew complete crew weighing between 1200 and 1700 on Friday, January 23, 2026, or 0800 and 0900 on Saturday, January 24, 2026 unless extended by the OA. All payments shall be made by credit card.
- To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees:
- (a) A **non-refundable entry bond** in the amount of **\$200.00 USD** shall accompany the acceptance of invitation to be valid. All payments shall be made in US funds by credit card.
  - (b) The **entry fee** is **\$450.00 USD** which includes the **\$200.00 USD** entry bond in **NOR 4.5(a)**.
- 4.6 The final competitor list will be noted in **SI Addendum A**.
  - 4.7 When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within thirty (30) days of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, it is possible for a zero score to be applied to the skipper's Ranking points for that event by World Sailing. ([World Sailing Policy H1.5.3](#)).

## 5 DAMAGE / DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 5.1 Each supplied boat is insured by the OA for third-party liability insurance.
- 5.2 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to continue in the event.
- 5.3 The OA will refund any remaining damage deposit within 30 days after the event.

## 6 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 6.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 3 or 4. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 6.2 After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.
- 6.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.

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- 6.5 The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 579 lbs. or 262.5 kg, determined at the time of registration. No further weigh-in shall be required, except upon crew substitution.

## 7 EVENT FORMAT

- 7.1 The OA intends to provide **eight (8) J/22 type boats** for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Jib, and Spinnaker.
- 7.2 Boats will be allocated as decided by the race committee. The intention of the RC will be to allocate boats by draw and then rotate daily. The RC may also require boats to be exchanged in a knock-out stage.
- 7.3 The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC. Competitors may be requested to exchange sails during a series to satisfy sponsorship commitments. The OA or RC may require rotation of sails for any reason. [NP] Rotation of sails by the OA or RC shall NOT be grounds for redress by a competitor. This changes RRS 61.4(b).
- 7.4 [NP] While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).
- 7.5 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC with the intention of the RC to start each subsequent flight as soon as practicable after the previous flight.
- 7.6 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- 7.7 The intended racing area is in San Diego Bay off the San Diego City Front near the Grape Street Pier.
- 7.8 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on their World Sailing ranking list thirty (30) days prior to the event. In addition, other possible factors may be taken into consideration.
- 7.9 The event will consist of the following stages:
  - (a) Stage 1 - Round Robins
    - (1) All skippers will sail a double round robin.
- 7.10 The RC may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round or stage, or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled.

## 8 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

### 8.1 Schedule

Friday, January 23, 2026

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| 1200         | Race Office Opens              |
| 1200 to 1700 | Registration and Crew Weigh In |
| 1200 to 1700 | Practice                       |

Friday, January 24, 2026

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| 0800 to 0900   | Registration and Crew Weigh In                           |
| 0900           | First Briefing and meeting with the Umpires              |
| 1100           | First Attention Signal or as announced at First Briefing |
| * After Racing | Umpire Debrief   |

Sunday, January 25, 2026

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| 0900           | Daily Briefing and meeting with Umpires                  |
| 1100           | First Attention Signal or as announced at Daily Briefing |
| 1700           | Latest time for an Attention Signal                      |
| * After Racing | Prize Giving   |

\* Approximately 30 minutes after the last boat returns to the dock.

8.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers
- (b) Daily briefing for skippers
- (c) Prize giving for the top two (2) skippers and crews.

## 9 [NP] ADVERTISING

- 9.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organizing Authority, the [World Sailing Advertising Code](#) applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 9.2 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for infringements of any rules regarding advertising. This changes **RRS 60.1**.

## 10 [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 10.1 Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions and co-operation with event sponsors, and shall behave so as to not bring the event into disrepute.
- 10.2 Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment provided by the OA with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

## 11 [NP] SUPPORT PERSONS

- 11.1 Support person vessels shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.
- 11.2 Support persons shall stay approximately 100m from the racing area while boats are racing or comply with reasonable requests from the officials.
- 11.3 [DP] Any interference by a support boat with the racing or event organization may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the PC to the associated skipper or team.
- 11.4 The OA may provide limited berthing for coach boats during the event, subject to availability and advance request.

## 12 [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

## 13 DATA PROTECTION

Any personal information given will be kept secure. The OA and Host will not sell or rent your personally identifiable information.

## 14 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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 PRIZES

The first two (2) teams will receive suitable take home trophies for this San Diego Stop (Stop #1) of the 2026 CDS. In addition, skippers will earn points toward the overall California Dreamin' Series based on their finishing results as set forth in the Notice of Series for 2026 California Dreamin' Series.

## **16 INVITATIONS**

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited, please fill out the form at: [2026 Series Request for Invitation](#).

## **17 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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