



CALIFORNIA DREAMIN' SERIES 2026

Stop #2 – Newport Beach

Balboa Yacht Club – Organizing Authority

February 7-8, 2026

Newport Beach, California

NOTICE OF RACE

Balboa Yacht Club (BYC) will host the second stop (of four) in the California Dreamin' Series ("CDS") in GovCup22 type boats. The other three stops are:

- San Diego Yacht Club – January 24-25, 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	RC:	Race Committee
Nor:	Notice of Race	SI:	Sailing Instruction
OA:	Organizing Authority	TD:	Technical Delegate
RRS:	Racing Rules of Sailing	[NP]:	A boat may not protest as per NoR 1.4
WS:	World Sailing		

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 2026 California Dreamin' Series can be found at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/Ex7dGAEAda> (which can be also be found by going to www.balboayachtclub.com under On the Water, List of Regattas).
- 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 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.
- 1.7 Each competitor shall wear a life jacket at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.
- 1.8 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
- 1.9 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).
- 1.10 A Protest Committee (PC) shall be appointed by the OA.
- 1.11 The OA reserves the right to amend this NOR. Any amendments to the NOR shall be posted at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/rqa967kvbg>

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available no later than 1200 on February 6, 2026 on the official notice board and hard copy versions will be available outside of the BYC Sailing Office.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted at the online official notice board at

<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/Ex7dGAEAda>

3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the BYC Race Tower.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 Eight (8) skippers may be invited. Skippers wishing to be invited may register their request with the OA by submitting the form at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeX5PfO3ppMv4eKeEP37RE1Xd4riZAQaC8UGjjlnXP_V6Kvg/viewform

4.2 Only skippers invited by the OA, and who confirm acceptance of the invitation as described below will be eligible to enter this event. To remain eligible an invited skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing via e-mail and submit an entry fee in the amount of \$450 as mentioned in NOR 4.5 by Friday, January 16th. In addition, the skipper shall complete all other reasonable requests of the OA.

4.3 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of [World Sailing Eligibility Code](#).

4.4 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at [World Sailing - Categorization](#). 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 **\$2,000** and shall ensure that all crew complete crew weighing between 1300 and 1700 on Friday, February 6, 2026, or 0800 and 0900 on Saturday, February 7, 2026 unless extended by the OA. All payments shall be made by credit card, ACH or club charge (for host club members).

To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees:

- a) The entry fee is **\$450** of which only \$200 will be refunded if you withdraw from the event.
- b) Payments can be made through the registration page for BYC Stop #2 here:

<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/Ex7dGAEAda>

4.6 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, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by WS. ([World Sailing Policy H1.5](#)).

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. If 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.
- 6.4 When a registered crew is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.
- 6.5 The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 579lb, 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) GovCup22 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. 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 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 outside of the Newport Harbor in between the Balboa and Newport Piers.
 - 7.8 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin taking World Sailing ranking, as well as other possible factors, into consideration.
 - 7.9 The event will consist of the following stages:
 - 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

- (a) Registration Friday, February 6, 2026 from 1300 to 1700.
- (b) Crew weighing February 6, 2026 from 1300 to 1700 or February 7, 2026 from 0800 to 0900
- (c) Practice Friday, February 6, 2026 from 1300 to 1700
- (d) First Briefing on Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 0900
- (e) First meeting with umpires immediately following First Briefing
- (f) Racing days from February 7, 2026 through February 8, 2026
- (g) Time of the first race each day will be 1100 or as announced at daily briefings
- (h) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 1800
- (i) Prize Giving will be held approximately thirty (30) minutes after the last boat returns to the dock on Sunday, February 8, 2026.

- 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

9 [NP] ADVERTISING

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.

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 organizing authority with care in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

11 [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

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

12 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.**"

13 PRIZES

The first four (4) teams will receive suitable take home trophies for this Newport Beach Stop (Stop #2) 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 [2026 Notice of Series](#) for California Dreamin'.

14 INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited, please fill out the form at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeX5PfO3ppMv4eKeEP37RE1Xd4riZAQaC8UGjjlnXP_V6Kvg/viewform

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

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