

# **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CRUISER ASSOCIATION**



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**CONTEST RULES**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

A Cruiser Navigation Contest (Predicted Log Contest) is a formal contest in which the Skipper of a power cruiser predicts the time it will take his vessel to complete each of a number of legs comprising a designated course. The Skipper then runs the course without the benefit of a timepiece and other specified equipment. The actual times are then compared with those predicted and the Skipper with the lowest overall percentage of error is declared the winner.

It is the intent of the contest that the information to be used by the Skipper regarding the specific contest course be that which is available to all, as for example:

- 1) Published Charts
- 2) Published Chart Lists
- 3) Tide and Current Tables
- 4) Notices to Mariners

Contestants exercise their skills by modification of heading and RPM during the contest to adjust for factors such as current, wind and waves, deviation in course caused by obstacles in the path, and minor navigational errors, viz., a few degrees off course. The course planned between checkpoints is the most direct course, giving due consideration to navigational hazards.

The Association encourages member yacht clubs to design contests with new and innovative features provided doing so does not alter or negate rules or procedures presently contained within the SCCA Cruiser Navigation Contest Rules 2000.

Furthermore, it is recommended that contests be planned to permit each Skipper to receive time or equivalent information at checkpoints or intermediate points during the contest in order that Skippers may gain some knowledge of the effect of influencing factors such as winds and currents being encountered.

## **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CRUISER ASSOCIATION**

### **ORGANIZED 1934**

The SCCA is organized for the promotion of the sport of yachting. Its membership consists of member yacht clubs rather than individuals. Consequently, any member of a member yacht club, in good standing, is eligible to participate in SCCA activities. The Association invites and encourages all Skippers belonging to SCCA member yacht clubs to participate in the sport of Cruiser Navigation.

Cruiser Navigation contests are held approximately once each month from February through October throughout the Southern California area. This area includes Channel Islands, Santa Monica, Catalina, Los Angeles/Long Beach and Newport Beach and the biennial Craig contest which terminates at Ensenada, Mexico.

Significant trophies are awarded to the top finishers in each contest by the host yacht clubs. The SCCA maintains season point scoring and awards various series perpetual trophies each year including the Commodore C. King Brugman Perpetual Trophy, the "Top Ten" Trophies, and others including the Bathke, Bobrick and the Spring and Fall Series trophies. The SCCA is a member of the North American Cruiser Association (NACA), which membership entitles SCCA participants to accumulate NACA season points toward year-end trophies awarded by that association.

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# SCCA CRUISER NAVIGATION CONTEST RULES 2000

## PART I – REQUIREMENTS

### 1. DEFINITIONS:

- a. The term "Association" used alone in these Rules shall always mean the "Southern California Cruiser Association."
- b. The use of the term "Rule(s)" shall refer to the rules contained herein and the Contest Instructions.
- c. The use of "shall" or "must" in the Rules means that compliance is mandatory and violation shall result in penalty or disqualification (DSQ) as provided in the Rules.
- d. The use of "may allow and alter" in the Rules pertaining to the use of (1) Clock Times, and (2) GPS and/or LORAN under Part I, 7. Equipment Usage, means that authorization for their use must be stated in the Contest Instruction. Violation for their use unless authorized by the Contest Instruction shall result in DSQ (disqualification) under Part II, 1. Prohibited Equipment.
- e. The term "boat" or "vessel" also refers to the Skipper or Skipper-Team operating such vessel.
- f. "Committee," used alone, refers to the Contest Committee.
- g. "Checkpoints," "control points" and "intermediate points" are defined in Part IV. 4. c.
- h. Any reference to the masculine gender shall be construed as referring to both genders.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY:

- a. Contest privileges are extended to any member and/or spouse of any member of any SCCA member club, provided the individual is not under suspension by the SCCA, and to such other participants as may be declared eligible by the Association. Participants who are not members of SCCA member clubs may be subject to special rules for participation and scoring as may be established by the Association or the host club.
- b. New contestants are allowed to participate in contests for a "Free Trial" period of three contests within a period not to exceed twelve months before being required to comply with the rule requiring membership in an SCCA Member Yacht Club. "Free Trial" skippers may not take possession of perpetual trophies however, they shall be eligible to receive and keep take-home trophies.

### 3. TIME IN EFFECT:

- a. Competing boats shall be subject to all rules and regulations governing the contest during the time from five minutes before the earliest start until five minutes after the time of the latest finish providing the boat is within 1,000 feet of the official course.
- b. Competing boats experiencing a "delayed Start" under Part II, 15. Time-Out, will be exempt from a. above, until his/her actual Start and his/her boat is within 1,000 feet of the official course.

### 4. PRECEDENCE:

The contest rules in order of precedence are:

- a. The Rules of the Road in effect shall prevail at all times.
- b. Contest Instructions.
- c. These Rules exclusive of the Contest Instructions.

### 5. INSPECTION:

- a. The vessel must be made available for inspection if so requested by the Contest Committee.

### 6. CLASSIFICATION:

- a. All contestants are of the same class except that within the class there may also be First-Year contestants. A First-Year contestant is defined as a participant who is new to the sport. This status will be recognized for a period of approximately one year from his first contest. He may not be classified as First-Year contestant twice in the same contest.
- b. Two or more skippers may elect to be designated as a Skipper-Team. Such a team shall be considered as the equivalent of an individual Skipper for the purposes of awarding trophies, scoring season points and applying all rules. Points earned by a Skipper-Team shall be exclusive of points earned by an individual Skipper or any other Skipper-Team combination. Season points shall accrue to a Skipper or a Skipper-Team regardless of vessel(s) used. A Skipper-Team must

declare its yacht club affiliation prior to the start of each contest. A Skipper-Team shall bear the experience status of its senior member.

**7. EQUIPMENT USAGE:**

The following equipment and functions may be used by the contestants:

- a. Radar (including bearing and distance).
- b. Instruments that measure and/or control the rate of rotation of the propeller shaft(s), measure and/or control the boat's direction relative to the earth's geographic or magnetic pole (excluding GPS and/or LORAN unless authorized by the Contest Instruction), measure visual angles for obtaining bearings, or measure the speed and/or apparent direction of the wind.
- c. Autopilots and non-recording depth indicators. However, autopilots will not be electronically coupled to any navigational device specified in (2), GPS and/or LORAN, below.
- d. Paper charts with pencil-drawn courses and distances are the primary focus with Chart Plotters and/or laptop computers displaying the electronic chart with course and distance allowed. No GPS/LORAN or "Tides and Currents" input is allowed unless specifically authorized in the Contest Instructions.

The Contest Instructions also may allow and alter items 1), Open Log contests:, and 2), GPS and/or LORAN, below, at its discretion:

- 1) Open Log contests: The contestant may have access to all clock times after the call of "mark" has been given at all official checkpoints, waypoints, timed runs, blind points, etc., that have been written for that specific contest. A precautionary note written in the Contest Instructions suggesting a dog-leg around an obstruction will not be considered an official mark allowing a clock time to the contestant.
- 2) GPS and/or LORAN: A physical mark such as a buoy, rock, etc., must be called when physically abeam the intended course (track) of the vessel to such mark regardless of the electronic indication. An abeam position does not apply to the call of a mark that is a range on an object at an acute or obtuse angle to the intended course (track) of the vessel.

**8. OBSERVER REQUIREMENTS:**

- a. On any contest that would involve the overnight berthing of an Observer, the Observer may be a family member provided that: The Contest Committee is unable to provide an Observer who does not require overnight berthing; and the Skipper has made the family member available for exchange for another Observer during the contest only; and the family member is qualified as an Observer.
- b. The Observer may satisfy the crew requirements if qualified to operate the vessel.
- c. Any proposed Observer shall be subject to disapproval by the Contest Committee prior to the contest.
- d. Should the Observer fail in the proper performance of his/her duties during the contest or if there is evidence that the Log is not being properly recorded, the contestant may appoint a member of the crew to serve as temporary Observer for the balance of the contest. The temporary Observer shall prepare a signed statement that he/she carried out the duties of Observer to the best of his/her ability. This statement, together with a signed statement by the Contestant giving the reason for relieving the Observer, shall be delivered with the Actual Log.

**9. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES:**

A contestant shall be disqualified or penalized the percent of error shown for the following PART II violations. The penalty error shall be added to the log percentage error. Failure to comply with any part of the Rules for which a specific penalty is not provided:----- 1.00%

- a. A contestant defined as a "First-Year Contestant" in Part I – Requirements, 6. Classification: will not be penalized for failure to comply with Part II – Equipment, 3. Required Equipment, a. Numbers issued by SCCA displayed port and starboard, or e. SCCA and member yacht club burgee displayed.

**PART II - CONTEST RULES**

**EQUIPMENT**

1. **PROHIBITED EQUIPMENT:**  
Use of the following equipment is prohibited:
  - a. Present clock time or elapsed time from any device. ----- DSQ
  - b. Direct reading speed measuring devices (such as a knotmeter, GPS, LORAN, etc.) of the vessel through the water or over the bottom unless specifically allowed by the Contest Instructions. ----- DSQ
  - c. Speed-logs; unless specifically allowed by the Contest Instructions. ----- DSQ
  
2. **POWER CRUISER MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**
  - a. Nineteen feet in length. -----1.0%
  - b. Two berths, head, sink, icebox, and stove. -----1.0%
  - c. Enclosed cabin at least one-third of vessel length. -----1.0%
  - d. One propulsion engine. -----1.0%
  - e. Meeting safety requirements of the United States Coast Guard. -----1.0%
  
3. **REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:**
  - a. Numbers issued by SCCA displayed port and starboard. ----- 0.25%
  - b. Depth indicator. -----1.0%
  - c. Two anchors and rode. -----1.0%
  - d. VHF marine radiotelephone. -----1.0%
  - e. SCCA and member yacht club burgee displayed. ----- 0.25%

**PERSONNEL**

4. **CONTESTANT:**
  - a. Penalty for conduct unbecoming a gentleman or unsportsmanlike behavior. ----- DSQ
  - b. Penalty for being sufficiently under the influence of intoxicants to endanger the boat or others. ----- DSQ
  - c. Penalty for running the contest without an Observer. ----- DSQ
  - d. The Skipper is responsible for the Observer performing the duties under PART V.5. -----1.0%
  - e. Requirement for another person judged by the Skipper to be competent to operate the vessel. -----1.0%
  - f. Contestants shall monitor the VHF channel specified in the Contest Instructions. In any situation where the proximity of another contestant's vessel or any object or condition that could be construed as a threat to safety is observed, the contestant is encouraged to attempt radio contact with other contestants by VHF radio. -----1.0%
  - g. Penalty for initiating radio transmission or reception of any information which would afford anyone advantage in the contest. -----3.0%
  
5. **OBSERVER:**
  - a. The Observer is not under any circumstances, to have access to the predicted times or predicted elapsed times. -----1.0%
  - b. Except as provided in PART I, 8., the Observer shall not be a family member, a paid crew member, or a "permanent" crew member. -----1.0%
  
6. **SCRUTINIZER:**

The contestant may assign one crew member who has not had access to the predicted times to verify computations, accurate recording of mark times on the Log, distances from checkpoints and side on which passed. This person, known as the Scrutinizer, may not communicate the times to any other member of the crew. If the Scrutinizer and Observer disagree as to any item, both versions shall be noted on the back of the Log.

**VESSEL HANDLING**

- 7. **PRE-CONTEST:**  
Penalty for running any leg of the course, except the measured mile, after publication of the Contest Instructions unless permitted in advance by the Contest Committee.-----3.0%
- 8. **CONTEST:**  
Penalty for failure to run the entire contest under the boat's own motive power.-----DNF
- 9. **MANEUVERS:**
  - a. Penalty for turning, circling, stopping, or other maneuvers for reasons other than safety, breakdown, or Contest Instructions.-----2.0%
  - b. Deviation from a straight line course shall be the minimum required for safety while maintaining the shortest distance between control points.-----1.0%
  - c. If competing boats are about to pass a visual control point at the same time, the outside boat(s) shall give the inside boat(s) room to clear.-----1.0%
- 10. **FOULING/INTERFERENCE:**
  - a. Penalty for fouling another boat or causing another boat to foul any other boat, mark or obstruction.----- DSQ
  - b. Penalty for interfering with another contestant by violating a Rule of the Road or a contest rule.-----2.0%
  - c. No competing boat shall interfere with the fair start of another competing boat.-----1.0%

**CONTROL POINTS**

- 11. **CHECKPOINTS:**  
Penalty for failure to predict or find and call any checkpoint:
  - a. For the start or finish, exclude that leg from the scoring and add 3.0% penalty to the overall error.-----3.0%
  - b. Otherwise the legs having in common the checkpoint missed shall be scored as a single leg and 2.0% penalty added to the overall score.-----2.0%
  - c. If a contestant cannot proceed to and call a checkpoint due to SAFETY then the two legs shall be scored as one leg.----- N/A
  - d. If a contestant has invoked SAFETY as a reason for not proceeding to, finding and/or calling such checkpoint, the Contest Committee Chairperson will be notified and if necessary the Protest Committee shall review such action pursuant to Rule 15 – (e.) and (f.).----- N/A
- 12. **CALL MARK:**  
The call "mark" shall be at the time the checkpoint is first abeam the intended course (track) of the vessel while on a course from the previous control point. An abeam position does not apply to the call of a mark that is a range on an object at an acute or obtuse angle to the intended course (track) of the vessel.-----1.0%
- 13. **PASSAGE:**
  - a. The passage distance from the control point shall be 50 yards maximum unless otherwise specified by the contest instructions. The passage distances for the control points as stated in the Contest Instructions are maximum distances and contestants shall pass within these maximum limits.-----0.5%
  - b. Penalty for failure to pass a control point within the specified distance except for reasons of safety.-----0.5%
  - c. Passing on the wrong side of a mark. It is the responsibility of a Skipper to decide on which side to pass a buoy. However, he must notify the Observer in advance if he has decided to pass the mark on the wrong side for reasons of safety and the Observer will so record on the Actual Log form. If such a decision is reported after the fact then there must be a 0.5% penalty.-----0.5%
  - d. Penalty for failure to pass a control point on the specified side except for reasons of safety.-----0.5%

**TIME**

**14. TIMEPIECE:**

- a. The official timepiece shall be set as closely as possible to WWV local time which may be verified with the Contest Committee at the Skipper's meeting. It shall not be altered thereafter. -----1.0%
- b. If at the time of actual log check-in the contestant's timepiece is off by more than 15 seconds from WWV local time, then 0.5% penalty shall be added to the log percentage error. -----0.5%
- c. If a Skipper's predicted start time is within 60 seconds of the start time of another contestant, each skipper may alter his start time, without penalty, by exactly one minute in a direction that gives the greatest start time separation. This action shall be clearly noted on the actual log. The Scorer shall adjust Skipper's predicted times accordingly. -----1.0%
- d. The predicted starting time entry on the actual log shall be considered as the adjusted predicted starting time. In the event the predicted starting time is to be changed, the "predicted start time" entry on the actual log shall be corrected to include such adjustment and justification for this action shall be given on the back of the actual log. Should the adjustment be allowed, the Scorer shall adjust the predicted time entries on the predicted log accordingly. -----1.0%
- e. If the actual start is not within 60 seconds of the predicted starting time, a 1.0% penalty shall be added to the log percentage error. -----1.0%

**15. TIME-OUT:**

- a. A contestant may take a time-out or delayed start for SAFETY, rendering aid, mechanical failure, or for the purpose of unfouling prop(s). ----- N/A
- b. The contestant will call the time-out and time-in and the Observer will record both and the reason for the time-out on the back of the Log form. The contestant will inform the Contest Committee Chairperson as soon as practicable by radio or any other means, that a time-out has been taken. -----1.0%
- c. The contestant will have the option of resuming the contest by returning to the last control point, restarting the contest at the position of the time-out, or asking the Scorer to correct the leg time by the duration of the time-out. ----- N/A
- d. For the purpose of returning to the position of the time-out the contestant may use any functions of any navigational equipment that the contestant has available, (Such as Man Over Board function of GPS or LORAN with course and distance, etc.) At the moment of resuming the contest (i.e. time-in) the contestant will revert to the use of only the equipment specified in the Contest Instructions for that particular race. -----1.0%
- e. At the conclusion of the contest, if the Contest Committee deems it necessary, the Protest Committee will review the reason stated for the time-out. NO PENALTY will be applied to the contestant's score unless the Protest Committee finds that the time-out was unnecessary and/or gave undue advantage to the contestant. ----- N/A
- f. If the Protest Committee determines that the time-out was unnecessary and/or gave undue advantage to that contestant over the other contestants then a 2.0% penalty will be applied to the final score of that contestant. -----2.0%

**FORMS**

**16. PREDICTED AND ACTUAL LOGS:**

- a. All entries must be made on the log form specified by the Contest Committee and submitted not later than the time stated. -----1.0%
- b. Entries shall be signed by the contestant(s). -----1.0%
- c. Skipper shall sign the Actual Log after the contest. -----1.0%

### PART III – PROTESTS AND APPEALS

1. **ALLOWED PROTESTS:**
  - a. A Skipper may protest another Skipper by alleging an infraction of a Rule. The Skipper must make a written statement indicating that it is intended as a protest and outlining the pertinent facts and designating the Rule or instruction violated.
  - b. The Contest Committee may protest a Skipper as a result of Observer remarks or other data brought to the attention of the Contest Committee. The Contest Committee's allegations shall be formalized in writing.
2. A protest must be submitted to the Contest Committee within the time specified for the submittal of the Actual Log form. If the facts upon which a protest would be based are not known at such time, then the protest must be made at such time as the protester learns of such facts, but in no event later than the completion of the scoring by the Contest Committee unless special circumstances occur. Such special circumstances occurring will be determined by the judgment of the Commodore or an appropriate officer authorized by the Commodore to act in the absence of the Commodore. It shall be the responsibility of the Protester to request and obtain a scheduling of the protest hearing at the time of submission of the protest; otherwise the protester shall be deemed to have waived all rights to the protest.
3. Upon the receipt of a protest, the Contest Committee shall notify the interested parties so that data and witnesses may be made available at the proper time to the Protest Committee.
4. A Protest Committee shall be formed by the Contest Committee and will consist of three persons, a chairperson and two members. They shall be chosen from knowledgeable yachtsmen or the Observer group of the contest. The individuals chosen shall be disinterested parties, i.e., not a guest or an Observer on a cruiser protesting or being protested or a Skipper whose point standing could be materially affected by the outcome of the hearing. More than one Protest Committee may be necessary. The word "materially" shall be defined to mean "a reasonable possibility that the Skipper's opportunity for obtaining a contest, series, or annual trophy or award will be affected."
5. The Protest Committee shall convene in a timely manner, hear the evidence of the alleged rule infraction, essential witnesses, and the defense of the protested Skipper.
6. If after hearing all of the evidence, the Protest Committee decides beyond reasonable doubt that a contestant has violated a Rule or contest instruction, the Skipper shall be penalized or disqualified.
7. The Protest Committee shall issue a signed statement setting forth its findings and decision. A copy of the statement shall be given to the Contest Committee Chairperson who shall submit it to the SCCA Scorer and to the interested parties if requested.
8. Except as provided in Part II.14.c., & e., a contestant shall not be disqualified or penalized without a hearing by the Protest Committee except that a Skipper may accept a penalty or disqualification without a hearing.
9. A Protest Committee may convene a hearing and render its decision in the absence of the Protester or Protestee if either fails or refuses to appear after timely notice or should the Contest Committee, having put forth due effort, be unable to locate and serve timely notice upon the Protestee.
10. The Commodore of the Association may, under extenuating circumstances, authorize a protest to be made after the time limitations set forth in these Rules.
11. **APPEALS:**
  - a. A Protestee may appeal the decision of the Protest Committee to the Association. The Protestee must give notice in writing to the Contest Committee Chairperson or a Flag officer of the Association within two hours after receipt of the decision of the Protest Committee.
  - b. The Appeals Board shall consist of the Judge Advocate as Chairperson, the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, and Jr. Staff Commodore of the Association. If the Appeals

Board contains interested parties within the definition set forth in Part IV.7., then the interested parties shall be replaced by disinterested Staff Commodores in reverse order of seniority.

- c. The Appeals Board shall hold its hearing within ten days after receiving notice of appeal, and shall give each party at least five days notice of the time and place of appeal.
  - d. The Protester and the Protestee shall each be given fifteen minutes to present such evidence or arguments as they may elect, and shall have the right to call and question such witnesses as they may desire. The Appeals Board may also call any witnesses and may question any party or witness appearing before it. The Appeals Board shall proceed with the hearing whether or not the Protester, Protestee, or Witnesses appear.
  - e. The Appeals Board shall either uphold the appeal, deny the appeal, or modify the ruling of the Protest Committee by imposing a different penalty or disqualification. The Appeals Board shall render its decision at the time of conclusion of its deliberations immediately following the hearing, and shall notify all interested parties, the Contest Committee and the Association Scorer of its decision, which shall be final.
12. The SCCA Scorer shall modify the point standing for the contest, if necessary, in accordance with the decision of the Appeals Board. The Flag Officers of the SCCA may suspend the participation privileges of any individual for a specified period of time for conduct unbecoming a gentleman or for unsportsmanlike behavior in relation to any SCCA activity. This suspension shall take effect after a hearing before a committee appointed by the Commodore, at which hearing such individual shall have an opportunity to appear and give testimony and present witnesses on his behalf, providing he first shall have received seven days prior notice in writing of the time and place of such hearing.

#### **PART IV - CONTEST MANAGEMENT**

1. **GENERAL AUTHORITY:** All contests run under the authority of the Association shall be authorized, scheduled, and sanctioned by the Association. All contests shall be arranged and conducted and judged by a Contest Committee under the direction of the sponsoring yacht club. The Contest Committee may reject any entrant for stated reasons and shall not accept any entrant whose participation privileges are under suspension by the Association. The Contest Committee shall be governed by these Rules, Contest Instructions, and when applicable, by other rules of proper authority, and shall decide all questions in accordance therewith.
2. **RESPONSIBILITY:** The Contest Committee has the responsibility for conducting a fair and equitable contest. The Contest Committee shall be adequately staffed to survey log forms, both Predicted and Actual, to check official timepieces, and to ensure the Rules are followed.
3. **CONTEST COMMITTEE:** The Contest Committee shall be composed of Chairperson, Scorer and other members as required. Its duty is to plan and conduct the contest from inception through completion.
4. **COURSE:**
  - a. **Charts:** The Contest Committee shall lay out the course on official government charts using buoys, channel markers, lighthouses, range markers, or prominent features. The description of all control points shall be exactly as shown on the most recent charts available.
  - b. **Distance:** The minimum length of the course shall be fifteen nautical miles and the minimum distance between checkpoints one-half mile. There shall be a minimum of six scored (not blind point) legs.
  - c. **Checkpoints:** A point at which "mark" is to be called and a time is recorded on the Actual Log for scoring purposes is a "checkpoint." A contest may also include intermediate points which are not checkpoints. "Control point" refers to checkpoints and intermediate points. All control points, except blind points, scheduled to be passed between sundown and sunrise shall be lighted. Control points must be completely described including chart number, name, type of light, type of buoy (bell, gong, whistle, etc.), and any other data required to identify them or they may be described by latitude and longitude.
  - d. **Common Times:** Common Times shall be such that few vessels come relatively close at any time. Compliance shall be determined by analyzing a theoretically perfect contest where vessels run the course at constant speed without error. The rule permitting delayed starts for situations where two vessels have starts within 60 seconds of one another shall be accounted for in the analysis.

- e. The Contest Instruction will not alter or negate the prohibition of the specified prohibited equipment in PART II – Contest Rules, Equipment, 1. Prohibited Equipment
5. **CONTEST INSTRUCTION:** The contest instructions shall be prepared by the Contest Committee and submitted to the Association Sanction Committee at least sixty days prior to the scheduled date or before the deadline established by the Sanction Committee. Formal approval of the Sanction Committee must be obtained prior to publication of the contest. Contest instructions must include the following information:
- a. Entry requirements.
  - b. Date and method for determining start time.
  - c. Sponsor and sanctioning association(s).
  - d. Trophies - perpetual and take-home.
  - e. Contest Committee members and phone numbers.
  - f. Effective contest rules, i.e., "Use SCCA CRUISER NAVIGATION CONTEST RULES 2000"
  - g. Date, location, time of Skipper's meeting, or method of submitting predicted logs.
  - h. Place and time of actual log delivery after the contest.
  - i. Any special instructions on moorings, parades, communications, dinner, safety, etc.
  - j. Observer instructions as to availability and assignment.
  - k. Course, control points, descriptions as shown on the chart, distance and side of passage, contest official distance to the closest 1/10 mile, chart number, and revision.
  - l. Rule changes not contained in the current SCCA CRUISER NAVIGATION CONTEST RULES 2000.
  - m. For any deviation from normal contest practice, rules for judging compliance must be included.
  - n. Instructions for communication regarding postponement or abandonment.
  - o. Indicate whether the contest scoring will be handicapped for speed. The committee should determine this by giving consideration to whether the design of the course will provide the contestant with information sufficient to reasonably determine the currents encountered while underway.
6. **CONTEST MODIFICATION BY AUTHORITY OF THE CONTEST COMMITTEE:**
- a. The Contest Committee shall have the authority to amend the Contest instructions at any time after publication until the deadline for submittal of the Actual Logs.
  - b. A contest may be postponed before or abandoned after the start by the Contest Committee and contestants notified by radio or other available means. Such a contest shall be rescheduled as soon as possible.
  - c. A canceled contest is one which is removed from the schedule. A contest shall not be shortened or canceled without the approval of the SCCA Commodore or his designee.
7. **PROTEST COMMITTEE:** If needed, a Protest Committee shall be formed as set forth in Part III, 4 of these Rules.
8. **TROPHIES:** The minimum recommended number of take-home trophies for any contest, in addition to the First-Year Trophy(s), shall be:
- |          |            |
|----------|------------|
| 3 Boats  | 1 Trophy   |
| 5 Boats  | 2 Trophies |
| 8 Boats  | 3 Trophies |
| 12 Boats | 4 Trophies |
| 16 Boats | 5 Trophies |

Contests shall not be sanctioned unless a meaningful perpetual trophy is to be awarded to the overall winner and unless there is at least one trophy for a First-Year Contestant.

9. **CONTEST RESULTS:** Immediately following the trophy presentation the contest results shall be given to the Association Scorer along with the predicted and actual logs and a letter describing the resolution of any protests. Any contest with less than four contestants starting the race shall not be scored for season points; however, contestants in such contest shall be eligible for any trophies awarded by the host club. The decision of the Contest Committee will be final as to the awarding of trophies.

## PART V - DUTIES OF COMMITTEE OFFICIALS

1. **CHAIRPERSON:** The Contest Chairperson shall be responsible for planning all functions related to the contest and the proper performance of the Contest Committee under the Rules and policy of the Association.
2. **CONTEST COMMITTEE:** In addition to its other duties, the Contest Committee shall review the Observer's comments and log entries to determine if there are grounds for a protest.
3. **PROTEST COMMITTEE:** The Protest Committee(s) formed in accordance with Part IV.7 shall convene on all protests and follow the procedure of Part III.
4. **SCORER:** The Scorer shall be a member of the Contest Committee. His duty shall be to ensure that all computations leading to the actual percentage error are correct and to so certify on the Actual Log. No scores shall be issued until all Observer notes of rule infractions and protests are resolved. The results shall be available to the Contest Chairperson as soon as possible.
5. **OBSERVER:** The Observer shall:
  - a. Have the same responsibility and obligation as if he were a member of the Contest Committee. His allegiance shall be impartial. It is his responsibility to perform all the duties required of an Observer by these Rules.
  - b. Obtain from the Skipper the Contest Instructions, Rules, and Actual Log form and shall use all information thereon.
  - c. Record the exact start time in the "actual start" space on the Log.
  - d. Immediately after starting, take custody of all timepieces for the entire contest and ensure that all time and distance measuring devices appropriate to the Contest Instructions are covered and muffled, e.g., clocks, engine hour meters, speedometers, etc.
  - e. Record the time of day in hours, minutes and seconds in the appropriate space on the Actual Log at the call of each "mark" by the Skipper or Skipper's designee.
  - f. Record in the appropriate column on the Actual Log, the distance from and the side of passage of all control points. The Observer may request and use the Skipper's estimate of distance from the point. If the passage deviates from the instructions in any manner, including failure to call "mark" when first abeam of the checkpoint, it shall be noted in the Log.
  - g. Record on the Log, facts regarding rule infractions, stops, rescue or assistance to other boats, time-out, time-in and time of use of restricted equipment or any other unusual occurrences.
  - h. At Skipper's request, log the time(s) of other events.
  - i. Verify that during the contest no other person aboard, except the Scrutinizer, had access to any timing device.
  - j. During the Contest handle the Log Form and official timepiece so that no other person, except the Scrutinizer, will become aware of its contents or view the time.
  - k. After crossing the finish line, return all timepieces and equipment placed in his custody except the official timepiece which shall be returned after being checked by the Contest Committee. Should it be impossible to take the timepiece to the Contest Committee, the Observer shall determine the time difference relative to WWV local time by any appropriate means and record the finding on the Log.
  - l. Maintain custody of the Log form and personally deliver it to the Contest Committee within the time specified.
  - m. Make such additional entries on the Log as are pertinent and sign the Log in the required places.
  - n. Be considered as an invited guest aboard the cruiser and conduct himself as a guest.

## PART VI – SCORING

1. The winner of the contest shall be the Skipper who has the lowest percentage of error of all contestants. The percentage of error shall be computed by dividing the sum of the absolute (positive) values of the differences between the predicted and actual elapsed times on each leg, expressed in seconds, by the total predicted elapsed time for the contest, expressed in seconds, and then multiplying the quotient times 100.

2. In the event a discrepancy exists between predicted clock times and predicted elapsed times submitted, the predicted clock times shall be considered as superseding.
3. For the purpose of computing the actual elapsed time for the first leg of the contest; the adjusted predicted clock starting time shall be used.
4. Skippers shall be awarded points toward season standings and trophies for each contest entered, except that no points shall be awarded in a contest with less than four contestants starting the race. Points shall be determined by the following method:

$$\text{Points} = 1000 - (700 \times (\text{Finish Place} - 0.79) / (\text{Number Contestants} - 0.79))$$

5. Except for breaking a tie, points are rounded to the nearest whole number with .5 or more given the next higher value.
6. A contestant who starts the Contest with intent to complete it, but is unable to finish (DNF), shall receive 300 points. A Skipper who starts, but is disqualified (DSQ), shall be counted as a contestant and shall be awarded zero points.
7. If the contest is to be handicapped, the final score will be determined by multiplying the raw score times the formula  $(V+15) / 38$ , where V equals the adjusted predicted speed of the boat as determined by the formula:  $V = \text{Official Distance} \times 3600 \text{ divided by the Total Predicted Seconds}$ . The procedure for applying the handicap formula to a contestant's raw score is:

Step 1: Official Distance times 3600 divided by Total Predicted Seconds

Step 2: Plus 15

Step 3: Divided by 38

Step 4: Times Raw Score

Step 5: Equals handicapped score

## SCCA COMMODORES

1947	C. King Brugman	LBYC*	1977	Jack Honey	SIYC*
1948	Dr. Ed Riesen	BYC*	1978	Ira Barzilay	DRYC*
1949	Collis Hutsell	HYC*	1979	Mel Lurie	MYC
1951	Frank Ruppert	LBYC*	1980	Tom Collins	HYC
1950	Art Williams	WCYC*	1981	Joe Castagna	CYC
1952	Larry McDowell	LBYC*	1982	Sydney Palley	MYC*
1953	Harold Manson	BYC*	1983	Dr. Rob Wulffson	SIYC
1954	Dr. Elwood Shultz	HYC*	1984	C. Whitson Shaffer	CYC
1955	Lou Viereck	CYC*	1985	Paul Leland	VYC*
1956	Wilson Ferris	BYC*	1986	Bob Roth	CYC
1957	Carl Moore	HYC*	1987	Tom Moore	HYC
1958	Hollis Strait	LBYC*	1988	Jack Kahlo	HYC
1959	Ray Bridges	LBYC*	1989	Mike Metz	LBYC
1960	M. N. Shansby	CIYC*	1990	Tracy Wichmann	MYC
1961	Lee Sumpter	LBYC*	1991	Maurice Blaisdell	BCYC
1962	Dean Campbell	BYC*	1992	David MacCulloch	CYC
1963	Thol Simonson	HYC	1993	Neil Foster	BCYC
1964	Jack West	CYC*	1994	Donald Olin	CHIYC*
1965	Fred Woodward	LBYC*	1995	Dr. Norton Stein	SYCLB
1966	Walter Del Mar	CYC	1996	Joalyce Chiles	HYC
1967	Gilbert A. Henry	SIYC	1997	William Findley	HYC
1968	Kelly Williams	LBYC*	1998	J. D. Smith	SYCLB
1969	Robert H. Guhl	CYC*	1999	James Sullivan	SBYC
1970	Louis Gandelman	DRYC*	2000	Robert Mucha	HYC
1971	Harrison Palmer	HHYC*	2001	Bud Lloyd	VYC
1972	Dexter Wood	LBYC*	2002	Tom Chandler	HYC
1973	Robert Wilson	CYC*	2003	Brian Cutler	SYCLB
1974	Eugene Grant	CYC*	2004	Craig Ryan	SYCLB
1975	Bruce Crabtree	SDYC*	2005	Paul Williams	SYCLB
1976	Ralph Chadwick	CYC	2006	John Walker	HYC
			2007	Mike Schachter	SYC

Deceased\*

## DEED OF GIFT

### Commodore C. King Brugman Perpetual Trophy

For the purpose of promoting interest and competition in the principal ocean predicted log contests in the waters adjacent to the Southern California and Baja California Coast, the Southern California Cruiser Association (SCCA) offers in competition a perpetual trophy to be known as the Commodore C. King Brugman Perpetual Trophy. The following are declared to be the terms and conditions as to competition for and for ownership and custody of the trophy.

1. The Trophy shall belong to and be a perpetual trophy of the Southern California Cruiser Association. It shall never become the property of any other association, club or any person.
2. The Trophy shall be awarded to the owner of the yacht with the best score of the year in Class A predicted log contests. The series shall include a maximum of eight contests, six of which shall be mandatory. Each contest to be sanctioned by the SCCA and no less than four contests to be sponsored by a member yacht club. The list of contests included in the series shall be published prior to December 1 of the year preceding. In the event no list is published by December 1 the same contests in effect will continue through the next year. It is intended that such contests as the Craig, Lipton, and other long distance contests be included in the log contest series, but it is not mandatory.
3. The method of scoring for the series shall follow the basic point system approved by the SCCA. Yachts other than Class A shall not be included in the scoring system and only those yachts entering the minimum six contests shall be counted, but a DSQ shall not be counted as competing in a contest. Scores from the best six contests of the eight contest series shall be used.
4. A medallion, trophy or other suitable memento shall be awarded to the owner of any yacht starting in six of the series contests. Similarly, a medallion, trophy, or other suitable memento shall be awarded to the owner of each yacht for at least the first three places. The winner's trophy shall be a significant take-home trophy similar to the silver tray, cocktail shaker, and six cocktail cups presented in prior years.
5. The Staff Officers of the SCCA may permit the owner of the winning yacht to have custody of the perpetual trophy provided the trophy is suitable displayed and protected in the winner's yacht club facility, or he may elect to have the trophy in some other custody suitably displayed. Under no circumstances shall the trophy be in the custody of the individual winner.
6. The winner of this trophy shall be entitled to receive and display the number "1" cruiser contestant number.
7. No individual may win this trophy more than two years consecutively and after doing so shall not be eligible to again win in consecutive years.
8. Any matters not covered hereunder shall be decided by the Flag Officers of the SCCA and the immediate three Past commodores and the Senior Staff Commodore.

Executed as of December 10, 1966      Commodore C. King Brugman

ACCEPTED:      Southern California Cruiser Association

Walter Del Mar, Commodore 1966

## KING BRUGMAN

### PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS

2006	George Jackman	Special Effect	1972	Robert Guhl	Sonic
2005	Mike Schachter	Sobre El Mar	1971	Eugene Grant	Circe
2004	Tom Scott	Scotts-N-Water II	1970	Dr. Ed Riesen	Sirene
2003	Pete Healy	Jinkies	1969	Fred Woodward	Ronjumar
2002	Tom Scott	Scotts-N-Water II	1968	Dr. Ed Riesen	Sirene
2001	Peggy Bent	Blackjack	1967	Bert Grimes	Nyna Rose
2000	Peggy Bent	Blackjack	1966	Fred Woodward	Ronjumar
1999	Tom Collins	Misty Sea	1965	Herb Ritts	Dolphin
1998	Peggy Bent	Blackjack	1964	Walter Del Mar	Minorca III
1997	Robert Mucha	Simpatico	1963	Thol Simonson	Largo
1996	Tom Collins	Misty Sea	1962	Fred Woodward	Ronjumar
1995	Tom Scott	Scotts-N-Water	1961	Jack Hughey	Little Slam
1994	Tom Collins	Misty Sea	1960	M. N. Shansby	El Ser Co II
1993	Mel Lurie	Sunset Queen	1959	Nance Wesley	Relax'n
1992	Tom Collins	Misty Sea	1958	M. N. Shansby	El Ser Co II
1991	Jack Kahlo	Sweet Agnes	1957	M. N. Shansby	El Ser Co II
1990	Tom Collins	Misty Sea	1956	R. A. Hoffman	Topper III
1989	Jack Kahlo	Sweet Agnes	1955	Carl Moore	Eileen
1988	Jack Kahlo	Sweet Agnes	1954	Dr. Elwood Shultz	Florencia
1987	Mike Metz	Nancy Lynne	1953	Jack Hughey	Driftwood
1986	Tom Collins	Misty Sea	1952	Ed Simonis	Cuyama
1985	Paul Leland	Contrail	1951	Larry McDowell	Veralee
1984	Tom Collins	Misty Sea	1950	Art Williams	Harmony
1983	Paul Leland	Contrail	1949	Lou Viereck	Jerllou
1982	Dr. R. Wulffson	Sea Wulff	1948	Collis Hutsell	Toi
1981	Paul Leland	Contrail	1947	Larry McDowell	Veralee
1980	Cohen/Brown	Punkys Parlour	1946	Richard Dwyer	Little Lady IV
1979	Tom Collins	Misty Sea	1942-45	World War II	
1978	Mel Lurie	Aljo	1941	Don A. Allison	Hoa Loha
1977	Tom Collins	Misty Sea	1940	Don A. Allison	Hoa Loha
1976	Tom Collins	Misty Sea	1939	J. L. Munson	Enchanter
1975	Joe Castagna	Castagna	1938	C. S. Donaldson	White Heron
1974	Dr. G. Burrows	Aggie M	1937	Wesley D. Smith	Sea Dog
1973	Dr. M. Edelstein	For Me Too	1936	Wesley D. Smith	Sea Dog

## **DEED OF GIFT**

### **Peggy Bent Catalina Cup Perpetual Trophy**

**For the purpose of promoting interest in the races that run to, or around Catalina Island, the Southern California Cruiser Association (SCCA) offers in competition a perpetual trophy to be known as the Peggy Bent Catalina Cup Perpetual Trophy. The following are declared to be the terms and conditions as to competition for and for ownership and custody of the trophy.**

- 1. The Trophy shall belong to and be a perpetual trophy of the Southern California Cruiser Association. It shall never become the property of any other association, club or any person.**
- 2. The Trophy shall be awarded to the skipper of the yacht with the best-combined score of the year in Southern California Cruiser Association predicted log contests, which travel to or around Catalina Island. Qualifying contests must have a start and/or finish at a Catalina Island harbor or anchorage. Each contest is to be sanctioned by the SCCA.**
- 3. The method of scoring for the series shall follow the basic point system approved by the SCCA.**
- 4. The Bent family reserves the right to provide a representative to personally award the trophy and to provide a bottle of champagne to be placed in the trophy prior to presentation to the winner.**
- 5. The Staff Officers of the SCCA may permit the skipper of the winning yacht to have custody of the perpetual trophy provided the trophy is suitably displayed and protected in the winner's yacht club facility, or the winner may elect to have the trophy in some other custody suitably displayed. Under no circumstances shall the trophy be in the custody of the individual winner.**
- 6. Any matters not covered hereunder shall be decided by the Flag Officers of the SCCA and the immediate three Past Commodores.**

**Executed as of January 10, 2004**

**Janice Bent Ryan**

**ACCEPTED: Southern California Cruiser Association**

**Craig Ryan, Commodore 2004**

**PEGGY BENT CATALINA ISLAND**

**PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS**

**2006 Tom Collins Misty Sea**  
**2005 Mike Schachter Sobre El Mar**

**2004 Craig Ryan Black Jack**  
**2003 Tom Scott Scotts 'N' Water II**

## PERPETUAL TROPHIES

The Southern California Cruiser Association presents at the Annual Installation Dinner a trophy to each of the Top Ten contestants of the year based on the total number of points accumulated in a contestant's best ten of all sanctioned contests of the year. The number "1" participant number is awarded to the Brugman Trophy winner and numbers "2" through "10" are awarded to the other nine of the Top Ten. Also presented at this time are the Brugman, Bobrick, Bathke, Spring Series, and Fall Series Trophies. The Brugman Trophy is awarded as described in the Deed of Gift found in these Rules. The Bobrick Trophy is awarded to the skipper who accumulates the largest number of points in three of the last four contests of the season. The Bathke Trophy is awarded to the skipper scoring the greatest number of points in any two contests not entered in the past three years. The Spring Series and Fall Series Trophies are awarded to the skipper scoring the highest number of points for designated contests in each series. The Mel Lurie First-Year Trophy is awarded to the skipper who in his first year of contests scores the greatest number of points of all first year contestants. The Thol Simonson Trophy is awarded to the yacht club which has accumulated the greatest number of points for the year. The Peggy Bent Catalina Cup Trophy is awarded to the skipper who has accumulated the greatest number of points for the four contests terminating at Catalina Island.

### Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club

BCYC Invitational Club Trophy

### California Yacht Club

Pabst Memorial Trophy (Even Years)

Del Mar Trophy (Odd Years)

Davis Fulton Trophy

Donaldson Trophy (Even Years)

Whitson Shaffer Trophy (Even Years)

Corredores de Baja Trophy (Even Years)

### Catalina Island Yacht Club

Ramsey Trophy

### Channel Islands Yacht Club

Capt. A. A. Oakley Trophy

### Del Rey Yacht Club

Pritikin Trophy

Pinkerton Trophy

Del Rey Trophy

### Hollywood Yacht Club

Shultz Trophy

### Long Beach Yacht Club

Season Opener Trophy

James Craig Overall Trophy (Even Years)

### Shoreline Yacht Club

Sharkie Trophy

Shoreline Invitational Trophy

### Southern California Cruiser Association

Dr. Ed Riesen Trophy

Sid Palley Team Trophy

### Ventura Yacht Club

Ventura Invitational Trophy

### Hurricane Gulch Yacht Club

Marina Cup Trophy

**BY-LAWS OF THE  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CRUISER ASSOCIATION**

(Effective January 1, 2000; As Amended May 8, 2002)

**ARTICLE # 1 – NAME**

The name of this association shall be the Southern California Cruiser Association, hereinafter referred to as the "Association."

**ARTICLE # 2 - PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Association is the promotion of the sport of power boat predicted log contests.

**ARTICLE # 3 – MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 1. Regular Club Memberships:** Any permanently organized club of Southern California, having a regular dues paying membership devoting its attention principally to the development of yachting or to the promotion of the sport of racing boats, either sail or power, is eligible for Regular Club Membership in this Association.

**SECTION 2. Sustaining Memberships:** Any person, firm or corporation, directly or indirectly connected with yachting and desiring to assist financially in the development of the sport of cruiser navigation contests, may become a sustaining member. Such members shall neither be eligible to hold office nor have a choice or vote in the conduct of the affairs of this Association.

**SECTION 3. Subscribing Memberships:** An individual may subscribe to Association mailing of race and meeting announcements and other membership publications, e.g. SKIPPER'S LOG, by paying to the Treasurer an amount set by the Association. Such individuals are issued Identification Cards.

**SECTION 4.** Any individual who belongs to a Regular Club Membership who is imbued with the spirit of yachting, and who desires to support the Association may attend Association meetings and participate in contests.

**SECTION 4a.** A committee of Staff Commodores who have been active for the past five years may, at their desire, nominate and approve an individual for a Life Membership in the SCCA. If this individual is approved by the committee of Staff Commodores, his/her name shall be listed as a Life Member in the preface to the SCCA yearly roster from that time forward.

**SECTION 5. Application for Regular Club Membership:** Application for Regular Club Membership shall be accompanied by dues for the current calendar year and shall be presented to the first meeting of the Association after its receipt. The application thereupon shall be referred to the Flag Officers, who shall investigate the eligibility of the applicant and report their findings to the Association at a meeting not less than thirty (30) nor more than one hundred twenty (120) days after the reference, at which meeting the Association shall take final action on the application. Admission to membership shall be upon the recommendation of the Flag Officers and with approval of a majority of the voting delegates.

**SECTION 6. Resignation & Suspensions:** Regular Club Membership in this Association may be forfeited either by voluntary withdrawal or by non-payment of dues before the end of the calendar year of the Association.

**SECTION 7. Dismissal from Regular Club Membership:** Any Regular Club Member, by reason of its violation of the By-laws of the Association or by its inability or unwillingness to abide by a majority vote of the Association or when required for the best interests of yachting, may be requested to resign its Regular Club Membership and on failure to file such resignation within thirty (30) days from the date of mailing of notice of such request to said Regular Club Member shall be dropped from Regular Club Membership in this Association. Such action shall be taken as follows:

(1) By the adoption by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the delegates present at any monthly meeting of a resolution requesting such withdrawals;

(2) By ten (10) days notice to each Regular Club Member that the resolution will be presented for final action at the next meeting of the Association at a specified time and place;

(3) By an affirmative vote at such second meeting of at least two-thirds of the delegates voting.

#### **ARTICLE # 4 - REPRESENTATION**

**SECTION 1. Delegates:** Each Regular Club Member in good standing may appoint from its members a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of six (6) Delegates to this Association.

**SECTION 2. Term of Office:** Delegates shall hold office for one (1) year provided their credentials remain in force.

**SECTION 3. Credentials:** No Delegate shall be recognized by this Association until they or their Regular Club Membership shall have presented to the presiding officer or Secretary of this Association, in writing, signed in the name of the Regular Club Membership by a Flag Officer or Secretary thereof, a letter certifying to the qualifications of such Delegate. In the event of disagreement amongst Delegates, a majority vote in a caucus of Delegates shall determine the Regular Club Membership votes.

#### **ARTICLE # 5 - POWER AND OBLIGATIONS**

**SECTION 1. Obligations, How Incurred:** Obligations in excess of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) may be incurred by the Association by being first duly and particularly authorized by any two (2) of the following, namely The Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore and Treasurer of this Association. Obligations of less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) shall require the approval of one (1) of these officers.

**SECTION 2. Liability for Obligations:** No debt or Obligation which may be incurred by this Association, or by any officer or delegate thereof, shall be deemed the debt or liability of any club which is or then was or has been a member of this Association, or of any member of such club; and there shall never be any liability on the part of any club or member thereof for such debt or obligation, or any part or share thereof, provided, however that:

(a) The regular dues shall be payable, as provided herein below;

(b) Direct expenses incurred by the Association in printing and mailing contest announcements shall be an obligation of the Regular Club Member hosting the contest.

(c) Expenses incurred by the Association in obtaining sanction of contests shall be an obligation of the Regular Club Member hosting the contest for which sanction is applied.

#### **ARTICLE # 6 - AUTHORITY**

**SECTION 1. Parliamentary Authority:** The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

**SECTION 2. Contest Rules:** The current Contest Rules of this Association or such other rules as from time to time may have been approved by this Association shall govern all Contests held by this Association or pursuant to any sanction of this Association, and any appeals to this Association shall be governed by said rules unless otherwise stated in the written instruction for such contest.

**SECTION 3. Controlling Powers:** In the settlement of questions and disputes relating to contests and the conduct of participants in contests or events held or sanctioned by this Association, the powers of this Association are controlling.

#### **ARTICLE # 7 - GENERAL DUTIES**

The Association shall manage all activities necessary to accomplish the Purpose stated in Article 2. These activities shall include authorizing all Contests and associated perpetual awards, assignment of Contests to Regular Club Members, publishing and maintaining the Predicted Log Contest Rules, scheduling contests, sanctioning contests, publishing and mailing contest instructions, scoring contests and providing Year Ending overall recognition and awards.

- (1) To pass upon the eligibility for membership in this Association.
- (2) To formulate and adopt for the guidance of this Association Contest Rules.
- (3) To approve and annual Calendar of all Events held under the auspices of the Association or sanctioned by it.
- (4) To sanction contests that meet the criteria of the Association.
- (5) To encourage yacht club membership and to promote organized yachting.
- (6) To discipline its members and officials and participants in contests when required.
- (7) To formulate rules of etiquette and routine for yachtpersons.

#### **ARTICLE # 8 - AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS OR RULES**

The Association may adopt, amend, or repeal its By-Laws or Rules at any meeting of the Association by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting delegates for By-Laws or by a simple majority for Rules provided a quorum is present and provided that a ten day written notice of the proposed amendment is given to each delegate.

#### **ARTICLE # 9 - MEETINGS**

**SECTION 1. Regular Meetings:** Unless otherwise designated by the Commodore, regular meetings (hosted by Regular Club Member) shall be the second Wednesday of each month of the approved Annual Association Calendar.

**SECTION 2. Special Meetings:** Special Meetings of the Association shall be called by the Commodore upon the written request from at least two (2) Regular Club Members.

**SECTION 3. Notices:** Notice of a Special Meeting of the Association shall be sent by the Secretary to the Delegates and the Officers and shall be considered to have been sent in a timely fashion if posted ten (10) days prior to the date of the Special Meeting.

**SECTION 4. Quorum:** Members from one-third (1/3) of the Regular Club Members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Association.

**SECTION 5. Motions and Discussion:** Delegates and Officers in attendance at meetings may make motions, second motions and enter discussions, but may vote only in accordance with Section 6 of this Article. Members who are not Delegates or Officers may not take any part in the formal proceedings, but at the invitation of the Presiding Officer may enter discussions.

**SECTION 6. Voting:** At all meetings of the Association each Regular Club Member may be represented by a maximum of two (2) delegate votes, providing at least two (2) delegates are present; if only one delegate is present then only one (1) delegate vote will be allowed. If no delegates are present then no delegate vote is allowed and voting may not be done by proxy. If more than two (2) delegates are present they must decide among themselves how to cast their two (2) delegate votes.

**SECTION 7. Delegate voting:** If a SCCA subscribing member is listed as a delegate from more than one SCCA Member Yacht Club, he/she may only exercise his/her delegate vote for one Member Yacht Club of his/her choosing.

## **ARTICLE # 10 – OFFICERS**

**SECTION 1. Officers:** The Flag Officers of this Association shall be a Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore. The Staff Officers shall be Fleet Captain, Judge Advocate, Fleet Surgeon, Historian, Scorer and Secretary/Treasurer.

**SECTION 2. Election of Officers:** The Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore and Secretary/Treasurer shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee composed of the Commodore and four (4) Staff Commodores appointed by the Commodore, and shall be elected by the Association at its November regular meeting, or, if a quorum be not then present, at the first meeting thereafter at which a quorum is present, and shall hold office for one (1) year or until their successors are elected and qualified. Each said officer shall be a member in good standing of one of the Regular Club Members. Voting in elections shall be by those Delegates serving under the retiring Commodore. No Commodore shall be elected for two (2) successive terms. The incoming Commodore shall appoint the Fleet Captain, Judge Advocate, Fleet Surgeon, Historian and Scorer who shall be members in good standing of Regular Club Members.

**SECTION 3. Duties of Officers:** The duties of the officers shall be those usually pertaining to their respective offices as assigned from time to time by the Commodore, as defined by yachting and yacht racing custom and tradition, and including as hereafter provided:

**Commodore** - responsible for presiding at all meetings of the Association and performing the executive duties necessary to carry out the purpose of this Association.

**Vice Commodore** - responsible for supervising and shall be an ex-officio member of, Sanction Committee, Rules Committee, Annual Calendar of Events Committee, and Membership Committee.

**Rear Commodore** - responsible for supervising and shall be an ex-officio member of Observer Committee, Public Relations Committee(s), Association Photographer and functions as Editor of the Skipper's Log.

**Secretary/Treasurer** - responsible for keeping a full and complete record of all meetings; shall preserve all documents, reports and communications connected with the business of the Association; collect and receive all moneys, keep a correct account thereof and deposit same in the name of the Association at such bank as may be approved by the Association, and shall disburse same in the payment of the obligations of the Association; provide a report on the financial condition of the Association at each monthly meeting of the Association; propose a budget at the November Meeting for the following year and provide a full annual financial report, including a separate accounting of the costs of the Awards Dinner at the conclusion of the Calendar Year.

**Fleet Captain** - responsible for verifying and mailing notices of meeting places with the host Regular Club Membership; maintain inventory of Association Burgees, Contestant Numbers, and Contest Handbooks.

**Judge Advocate** - parliamentarian at meetings; responsible, with Commodore, for wording of amendments to By-Laws.

**Fleet Surgeon** - responsible for providing information on health related to yachting activities.

**Historian** - responsible for generating, collecting and maintaining items of historical value to the Association.

**Scorer** - responsible for generating, collecting and maintaining scoring information for the Association.

**SECTION 4. Vacancies:** Vacancies in the office of Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore and Secretary/Treasurer shall be filled by the Association at the first regular meeting at which a quorum shall be present. Vacancies of other Officers shall be filled by the Commodore.

#### **ARTICLE # 11 - COMMITTEES**

**SECTION 1. Appointment by Commodore:** The Commodore shall appoint such committees and their chairpersons as shall appear to be for the best interests of the Association and shall include, but not be limited to, the Standing Committees as further defined in this Article.

**SECTION 2. Eligibility:** The members of committees need not be delegates of the Association but must be members in good standing of one of the Regular Club Members, in each instance.

**SECTION 3. Standing Committees:** The Standing Committees are the Sanction Committee, The Rules Committee and the Annual Calendar of Events Committee.

The Sanction Committee - will ordinarily consist of four individuals excluding the Vice Commodore and operates under a chairperson. The function of the committee is to exercise the General Duty specified in Article # 7, paragraph (4). In carrying out this function the chairperson receives preliminary Contest Announcements, reviews them with other committee members and, if the announcement meets Association criteria, notifies in writing the sponsoring Regular Club Membership's Contest Committee Chairperson that the contest is sanctioned by the Association. The primary duties of the committee are to see that the Contest Announcements are:

- (1) Complete,
- (2) Correct,
- (3) Provide a fair contest,
- (4) Provide a safe contest,
- (5) Comply with these By-Laws, (including Contest Rules)

The Sanction Committee is authorized to encourage member club Contest Committees to try new and innovative features in contests and has the authority to sanction such contests provided doing so does not alter or negate rules or procedures presently contained within the SCCA CRUISER NAVIGATION CONTEST RULES 2000.

The Rules Committee - will ordinarily consist of at least three individuals excluding the Vice Commodore and operates under a chairperson. The function of the committee is to monitor continuously the application of the Contest Rules (Article # 6, Section 2), receive suggestions for changes in the Rules, and report at least yearly on recommended changes, if any.

The Annual Calendar of Events Committee - will ordinarily consist of the Vice Commodore as Chairperson and representatives of Regular Club Memberships who request permission to sponsor Association sanctioned contests. It is the responsibility of the committee to recommend at the September meeting of the Association, the Association Annual Calendar of Events for the following year. The calendar shall be adopted no later than the November meeting. Such recommendation implies that the committee has verified that each sponsoring Regular Club Membership has confirmed its capability in areas of Contest Management, Committees, Trophies, Social Arrangements, and participation.

#### **ARTICLE # 12 - DUES**

**SECTION 1. Regular Club Membership:** Each club elected to Regular Club Membership in the Association shall pay to the Treasurer of the Association annual dues in the amount established by the Association from time to time.

**SECTION 2. Sustaining Membership:** Each individual firm or corporation elected to sustaining membership shall pay to the Treasurer of the Association annual dues in the amount established by the Association from time to time.

**SECTION 3. Subscribing Members:** Subscribing Members shall pay to the Treasurer of the Association annual dues in the amount established by the Association from time to time.

**SECTION 4. When due: All dues shall be due and payable Jan. 1 of each year.**

**ARTICLE # 13 - BURGEE AND EMBLEM**

**SECTION 1. Burgee: The Burgee is a rectangle, 12 inches wide by 18 inches long. It's colors are red, white and blue. The design represents, in opposing triangles, a triangular land area of Southern California and a triangular ocean area of the immediate Pacific Ocean surrounding the Channel Islands. The land area is in solid red and the ocean area is in solid blue. Each triangle covers one-half of the rectangular burgee. Their common meeting point represents the Southern California coast line from Point Arguello, south to the Mexican Border. This line starts on the burgee about an inch and one-quarter to the right of the exact upper left corner and runs in a curved diagonal line down across the face of the burgee ending about an inch and one-quarter to the left of the exact lower right corner. Indentations of blue into the red land area appearing along this line represent the following harbors: Santa Barbara, Port Hueneme, San Pedro, Newport and San Diego. Superimposed in a grouping over both triangles appear the letters SCCA in white. The letter "S" stands directly over the letter "A" in the exact vertical center of the burgee and is completely surrounded by the red of the land triangle. It is set down from the top of the burgee one inch. Both letters are four and one-half inches tall. Flanking them on either side, at the exact horizontal center of the burgee, are the letters "CC". The left "C" is completely surrounded by the blue triangle and the right "C", by the red. Both "C's" are about four inches high. The foregoing sizes and dimensions may, however, vary in order to conform to the size of the yacht and staff at which they are displayed. It should approximate one-half inch on the fly for each foot of over-all length. The hoist shall be two-thirds of the fly. The burgee shall be displayed at all Association meetings and shall be flown appropriately by every cruiser while engaged in a contest or other event sanctioned by or otherwise involving this Association.**

**SECTION 2. Emblem: Emblems for caps and letterhead shall show the opposing red land and blue water triangles with the letters "SCCA" superimposed as described above.**

**ARTICLE # 14 - FLAGS AND INSIGNIA**

**All insignia of rank and all flags used by officers and members of this Association, except to the extent otherwise designated by this Association from time to time, shall be guided by the rules and regulations of the New York Yacht Club.**

**ARTICLE # 15 - POST SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTANT SELECTION PROCESS**

**Members in good standing of Regular Club Members may be selected by the Association to compete in Post-Season Championships. The selection process shall use the published year ending Top Ten Standings as the basis for selecting contestants and shall be performed by the Commodore in accordance with the Association's published Selection Procedure. The Contestant List shall be published.**

**ARTICLE # 16 - INTERPRETATIONS**

**These Articles shall be liberally construed and shall be deemed to include all reasonable inferences and intentions. Where one gender is stated it shall be interpreted as both genders.**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing By-Laws, amending all prior By-Laws, were duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Southern California Cruiser Association on April 12, 2000.**

**COMMODORE \_\_\_\_\_ 04/12/00**

**SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_ 04/12/00**