



Biltmore Cup Paddle or Row

Santa Barbara Yacht Club to Coral Casino

Sunday, August 24, 2025



COMPETITION INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority for the 2025 Biltmore Cup will be:
 The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109 &
 The Coral Casino (CC), 1281 Channel Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93108

1. ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1 This event is open to members of the Coral Casino Beach & Cabana Club, members of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club, and guests of members of these two clubs.
- 1.2 All human-powered watercraft are invited (i.e. prone paddleboards, standup paddleboards, kayaks, outrigger canoe, surfski, etc.).
- 1.3 Online entry is available at <https://sbyc.org/biltmore-cup> or <https://forms.gle/pWCaC7F1bJhcv8Tu6>. Every individual taking part must independently sign up and sign an online waiver. Guests shall indicate their host member.
- 1.4 Participants shall comply with all federal, state and local laws and regulations.

2. FEES & DEADLINES

- 2.1 The entry fee is \$20. Children under the age of 21 are free.
- 2.2 The entry deadline is Sunday, August 24 at 9:00am.
- 2.3 Coral Casino (CC) lunch reservations must be made by Saturday, August 23 at 12:00pm. CC Lunch reservations may be made by emailing events@coralcasinobeachclub.com.

3. PARKING

Complimentary parking will be available to Coral Casino members at SBYC from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. for off-loading of equipment.

4. SCHEDULE

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Time	Event	Location
9:00 am		
9:00-9:45 am	Check-in & Jersey Assignment	SBYC Lower Deck
9:50 am	Safety Briefing	SBYC Lower Deck
10:30 am	Start for Race & Rally Divisions	On the water start as shown in Attachment A
<i>*Start times may be postponed and time limit may be extended at the discretion of the Organizing Authority</i>		
	Finish	On the water due south of Coral Casino as shown in Attachment A

12:15 pm	Participants not finished by this time will not be scored
11:00am-2:30pm	No host bar, food, and live music with Nautical Thrust for CC and SBYC members and their guests.
1:00 pm	Awards Presentation
2:30 pm	Equipment must be picked up by this time

5. DIVISIONS

- 5.1 *Race Division:* The participant with the fastest elapsed time wins.
- 5.2 *Rally Division:* Predict your elapsed time (amount of time from start to finish) when submitting your entry form. Participants with the least difference between actual finish time and predicted finish time wins.

6. COURSE

The Start:

All divisions will start on the water between marks 'G' and 'F' as shown on 'Attachment A – Course Chart' and on the current SBYC Course Chart (<https://www.sbyc.org/files/SBYCCourseChart.pdf>). Marks 'G' and 'F' are white cylinders with yellow bands and the corresponding letter displayed.

Any racer that is on the course side of the line at the start horn will be recalled by their jersey number via a hail from the race committee and [displaying code flag 'X'](#) and must start correctly by returning their entire vessel and themselves to the non-course side of the start line before restarting.

The starting sequence will consist of multiple short horn blasts at approximately 30 seconds before the start. Numeral Pennant 1 flag will also be displayed. There will be a series of short horn blasts signifying 5-4-3-2-1 seconds before the start, with a long blast of the horn at the start, at which time the Numeral Pennant 1 flag will be lowered.

No part of a participant's vessel shall be on the course side of the starting line within 15 seconds prior to the start. Prior to the five-second countdown, we will attempt to notify participants that are on the course side of the starting line before the start, however, premature starters may be assessed a discretionary penalty of up to ten minutes at the sole discretion of the race committee.

The Finish:

The finish will be an on-the-water finishing line stationed southwest of the Coral Casino as shown in Attachment A – Course Chart. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat at one end and an orange tetrahedron as shown in 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.

Distance:

The course distance is 2.8 nautical miles.

7. TIME LIMIT

Participants finishing after 12:15 pm will not be scored.

8. IDENTIFICATION

All participants shall wear a supplied jersey or race number that will be given at check-in. Jerseys shall be returned at the finishing line. Any jersey not returned will result in a \$50 charge to the club account that the participant is associated with.

9. SAFETY

- 9.1 All participants must check-in at the registration desk at SBYC prior to the start and again upon finishing at the Coral Casino.
- 9.2 Paddle board leashes are strongly recommended.
- 9.3 Wearing US Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices (PFD) is strongly recommended.
- 9.4 Escort vessels will be following along during the race. If a competitor needs assistance, he/she shall wave arm over his/her head or wave a paddle(s) in the air in large sweeping motions. Whistles are also highly encouraged.
- 9.5 Participants that withdraw from the race prior to finishing shall call the SBYC front desk at (805) 965-8112 or the SBYC Race Director's Cell Phone at (310) 850-5213 to inform the organizers that they have chosen not to finish the race.

10. SCORING

- 10.1 **Race Division** – Competitor entered in the race division will be scored in order of finish overall and by the following categories:
 - Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP)
 - Prone Paddleboard
 - Kayak (single person)
 - Kayak (double person)
 - Surfski
 - Outrigger Canoe (single person)
 - Outrigger Canoe (two person)
 - Hobie Peddle Kayak
 - Other categories
- 10.2 **Rally Division** – Competitors entered in the rally division will have their predicted finish time subtracted from their actual finish time. The least difference between predicted and actual finish times will win.
- 10.3 Additional awards may be awarded for categories such as those listed in instruction 11.

11. AWARDS

- 11.1 Awards will be presented to overall winners in each division, and may be presented to winners by age group, gender, type of craft, etc. depending on the number of participants.
- 11.2 The [Biltmore Cup perpetual trophy](#) will be awarded to the club member of either the SBYC or Coral Casino, who is the winner of the Race Division for display at his/her club until the following year's event.
- 11.3 The [SUP Fin perpetual trophy](#) will be awarded to the club member of either the SBYC or Coral Casino, who is the first SUP to finish in the Race Division for display at his/her club until the following year's event.
- 11.4 Results will be posted at <https://sbyc.org/biltmore-cup>.
- 11.5 Awards will be given at the Coral Casino following the event.

12. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- 12.1 Complimentary energy bars and waters will be available at SBYC during check-in. Plastic zip lock bags will be provided for small belongings. SBYC volunteers can transport these belongings to the Coral Casino for pickup.
- 12.2 Hosted appetizers may be available at the Coral Casino. SBYC members and guests are welcome to access the Coral Café at no additional cost with a confirmed lunch reservation between 11:00am-3:30pm by emailing events@coralcasinobeachclub.com. For those not joining for lunch, our La Pacifica Terrace event space will also be available. Please note that access to club amenities, including the pool, requires a Coral Casino member to host and sign in guests, and a day-use fee will apply for amenity access.
- 12.3 CC locker rooms and showers will be for competitors only. General amenities are not available to guests unless a day-use amenity charge is applied.
- 12.3 The Coral Casino accepts credit card as payment for guests.
- 12.4 SBYC members and their guests are requested to enter the Coral Casino at the west gate, directly onto La Pacifica Terrace off of Butterfly Beach.

13. RENTALS

There are several rental companies in town and individual competitors should reach out on their own to rent equipment, if necessary.

- Santa Barbara Paddle Sports - <https://www.paddlesportsca.com/>
- Santa Barbara Sailing Center - <https://sbsail.com/>

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & RISK STATEMENT

Participants in this event compete entirely at their own risk. The responsibility for a competitor's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is theirs alone. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that watersports are a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, vessel handling errors, poor seamanship by other vessels, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the watersports is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

Questions may be directed to:

Race Chairs: Andra Escola (andraescola@gmail.com) & Chris Gabriel (cgabriel@alumni.usc.edu)

Race Director: Brad Schaupter (racing@sbyc.org) / (310) 850-5213

Attachment A – Course Chart

