

To all Gaucho Regatta Teams, we are now just over 24 hours away from the event and we are hopeful for very nice conditions on Saturday and Sunday. It appears we will have good wind both days, but there is a small possibility of rain on Sunday afternoon, so please plan accordingly. We'd like to remind each team to prepare for the cooler and possibly wetter conditions. There is not a designated location for sailors to go to stay indoors while waiting to race the next set, so plan ahead with plenty of foul weather and warm gear as well as access to a car, van, or tent. Additionally, while it won't be 'cold', it's certainly not going to be hot with a high of 60, so plan accordingly!

The good news is that there will very likely be decent wind and I want to relay how rotations will work. We will rotate off the sandspit on the inside of the harbor. Rotating on the breaking side of sandspit is strictly forbidden. Be aware that all boats need to stay far away from the sandspit when entering into the harbor and should take green Channel marker 11 to port when entering the harbor to avoid getting caught in current and shallow water. Once fully on the inside of the harbor and next to the dredger, there is a drop off where boats can pull right up next to the sand without hitting ground or dragging up on the sand which makes for easier and less stressful rotations. Please be aware of commercial vessels in the navigation channel when entering and exiting the harbor.



Gold A will start first and race one full race, start their second race and when the first Gold A boat hits the gate, we will go into starting sequence for Silver A for their first race. Silver division does not need to leave the launching area until Gold is completely gone and out on the water. This same pattern will repeat for the duration of the day. Rotate quickly and triple check that you are going into the correct boats as we cannot wait for long periods of time.

Beyond being prepared for weather this weekend, please be reminded of the following:

1. **Parking** – There are several rules for the parking lot that need to be taken into account. To make it easy, we've posted a **Gaicho Regatta Map** on the event page at <http://www.ucsb sailing.com/gaicho-regatta/>. Please review this map carefully to avoid harbor tickets!
2. **Check-in** – When you arrive, visit the *check-in table* (noted on the **Gaicho Regatta Map**) to receive your t-shirts and *Boat Inspection Forms* necessary to get your sail assignments. Chartering Teams may turn their paperwork and checks in this time if they still need to.
3. **Boat Check** - Once you have your *Boat Inspection Form*, find a Gaicho with a flower lei around their neck (think aloha). Those Gaichos will be allowed to inspect and approve your team's boat and will sign off on the inspection form.
4. **Sail Assignments** –Take the signed off inspection form to the Sail Assignment Station as shown on the **Gaicho Regatta Map** so that you can get your sail assignments.
5. **T-shirts** – Many teams are not sure what sizes they wanted for their t-shirts when registering online. In most cases, we put four shirts in your bag, however it is not a problem to exchange sizes! Once you receive your shirts and realize you do not have the correct size, visit the check-in tent to exchange sizes. Additional T-shirts will be for sale for \$15 for the duration of the regatta. There will also be UCSB Sailing Team Hats and Hoodies available for sale.
6. **Sailing Instructions, Rotations, and Results** will all be available online at [scores.hssailing.org](http://scores.hssailing.org). **Record of Participation (RP)** can be filled out online at [ts.hssailing.org](http://ts.hssailing.org).
7. **BBQ Tent / Central Command** – Will be located near the rotation area. This is where protest forms will be located and protest times and parties to the hearings will be posted. There will also be burgers, hotdogs, snacks, and drinks for sale along with Gaicho merchandise at this location. Cash, check, venmo, and credit card are accepted.
8. **Weather** – Santa Barbara is a cold water, open ocean environment and it is crucial to come prepared with the proper gear! The conditions can also be highly variable and a great deal of consideration should be given by each sailor and their coach on whether a sailor should go out on the water or not. When in doubt, sit it out!
9. **Recruits** – If you are interested in sailing on the UCSB Sailing Team one day, please contact coach, Brad Schaupeter at [UCSBsailingcoach@gmail.com](mailto:UCSBsailingcoach@gmail.com) or fill out the recruit form online at <http://ucsb sailing.com/high-school-recruits/>. We look forward to seeing many of you at our recruit session and campus tour (info online at <http://www.ucsb sailing.com/gaicho-regatta/>). If you haven't signed up yet and still want to join, please feel free to show up at the UCSB dock at 3:45pm on Friday and/or the campus tour at 5pm (we are only doing the 5pm tour now).

As always, we are excited to see you all this weekend at the Gaucho. We hope you enjoy the regatta and your visit to Santa Barbara. OLE!

Best of luck this weekend!

-The Gauchos