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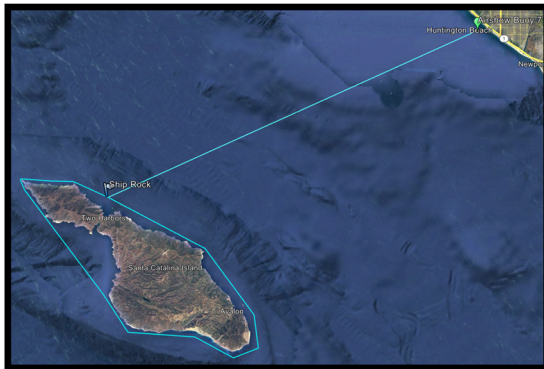
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2024 Ocean Cup's 5th Annual Pacific Rum Run®

Including an APBA National Title Course for Over-the-Horizon Enthusiasts

Huntington Beach, CA—Ocean Cup's **2024 Rum Run**, to be held **Friday, October 4, 2024**, will incorporate a new **APBA National** point-to-point record course, a 73-mile track that starts and finishes at the **Huntington Beach Pier**, as does the **UIM World Record** around the island course. Dubbed the **Leeward** course, the difference is that instead of racing to **Ship Rock** and then *around* the island of **Catalina**, competitors will head over to **Avalon**, turn northeast to race along **Catalina's** leeward coastline up to **Ship Rock** before returning to the finish line at the **Huntington Beach Pier**.

By incorporating this friendlier leeward course, teams aspiring to compete in longer endurance attempts can join up and test their skills and abilities to understand wind, waves, and swells, as well as their vessel's maintenance and seaworthiness. This is an excellent introduction to ocean racing because navigating the open water where land goes out of sight is challenging, even with modern-day GPS systems. Except for roughly 15 miles, this 73-mile course is open ocean.



Huntington Beach around Catalina
112.5 Miles



Huntington Beach to Avalon to Ship Rock and Back
73 Miles

"Smaller boats without the fuel capacity to race more than 100 miles have expressed interest in joining this event," said **Ocean Cup's General Manager Janet Wilson**. "After speaking with several of the **Catalina Ski Race** teams, I called **Rich Luhrs, Chairman of APBA Offshore**, to explore options, and he suggested this front-facing course, which is not only shorter but will also be safer for smaller boats because I understand the backside of **Catalina** can get gnarly!"

The stalwart teams **Patriotic Duty** with Tony Adams and Allen Bellinghausen, **Revelation Racing** with Michael Drury and his daughter Kristal, and **Heat Wave Racing** with Brian Creech and Matt Field are planning to register. These teams have several **Ocean Cups** under their belts, and their continued patronage affirms how much they enjoy the open ocean challenge. The newly formed offshore/off-road endurance team of **Nigel Hook** and **Roger Norman of SCORE International** is set to bring the 52' Mystic catamaran into the fray.

After Friday's race, competitors will polish up their equipment to be displayed Saturday and Sunday during the **Boats on Main** block party, which will span the first two blocks of **Main Street** across from the **Huntington Beach Pier**. This will be the fifth annual **Pacific Rum Run**, hosted again by **Pacific Airshow**, the driving force behind an action-packed high-adrenaline weekend in beautiful **Huntington Beach!**

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About Ocean Cup

Since 2013 Ocean Cup® has embraced the heritage of powerboat racing providing athletic and sports event services by conducting point to point powerboat competitions in association with Powerboat P1. APBA is the United States sanctioning authority for the Union Internationale Motonautique, the world governing body for powerboat racing. APBA sanctions races in several different classes, including the Offshore category. Learn more at www.OceanCup.com or follow @OceanCup on Twitter or @OceanCupOfficial on Instagram.