

The Santa Cruz CCC, Golden Chain Cyclists & Velo Promo present the **57th**

SANTA CRUZ CLASSIC CRITERIUM

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Held under USAC Racing Rules & permit



HALF OF THE HIGHWAY 17 SPRING CLASSIC OMNIUM



with the Cat's Hill Classic the previous day day! Enter Cat's Hill at BikeReg.com



And with the help of the
UCSC Banana Slugs Racing Team
And Cycle Sport Racing

Over \$1,000 cash in prizes!!!

This year adding Collegiate placings as listed below



Registration: Opens at 7:00 a.m. at the corner of Third and Main on the course. Registration closes 15 minutes before each event's **scheduled** starting time. Riders not registering before closure time risk not racing. There will be a waiting list. Field Limits will be enforced. Pre-Enter!! GPS: 36.966377, -122.023566 999 Third Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

BikeReg.com is online entry; there will be day-of entry as well

Course: A 0.9 mile loop of Santa Cruz city streets: the **same as since 1970**; same finish as since 1990, on Third Street at Main. There are some bumpy streets, and Laurel Extension along the river is still narrow and rolling. One hairpin turn, one climb. Streets: Third, Front, Spruce, Laurel Extension, Third, on Beach Hill, just back from the Boardwalk. Construction on the Front Street downhill continues to narrow the course a bit.

Directions: From Hwys 1 and 17, take the Ocean Street/Beaches exit and head south on Ocean to Broadway. Turn right here, and head west over the river then turn left on Pacific and follow the signs to street parking (near Front and Pacific) or in the Depot Park lot at Pacific and Washington. Please park here and avoid our continual problems with the Beach Hill residents (Don't park on Beach Hill, especially **not** on Main Street). Parking meters **will** be enforced

Events:	minutes	places	value	fee	start	limit
Open Category 4&5 (novice) & open Collegiate 4/5*	40	10	\$150	\$50	8:00	70
Wm 4&5(novice), Wm 3, Wm 40+50+ & Wm Collegiate 3 and 4/5***	40	10	\$150	\$50	8:50	60
Open Category 3 & Open Collegiate 3*	45	10	\$200	\$50	9:40	70
Master 35+ 3/4/5	40	10	\$200	\$50	10:35	50
Kids Fun "Race"***	10	all	awards	free	11:25	50
Master 35+ 1/2/3	40	10	\$200	\$50	11:40	60
Master 50+/60+ 1/2/3/4	40	10	\$200	\$50	12:30	60
Women 1/2/3/P & Women Collegiate 1/2/3*	60	15	\$400	\$50	1:20	50
Category 1/2/P & Open Collegiate 1/2*	60	15	\$400	\$50	2:25	100

***Women 4&5 (novice) picked separately as well, for Omnium points

**Kids "race" is a short fun ride with no prize placings, open to those 10 and under. Helmets and parent-signed release forms required

***Collegiate places picked out separately for collegiate prizes/placings**

Prizes: Will be merchandise, cash and awards, **at least half cash in each category**

How to Enter:

---**via On-line** at www.BikeReg.com, from now to March 15 for above fees plus on-line surcharge. From March 16-18 the fee on-line is \$12 additional. No on-line entry after 11:59 p.m. PST Wednesday March 18, but entry will be available race day. You'll need to sign and date your entry form/release online or at race registration desk (for race day entries).

---**By Mail:** You may still enter by mail, but if a group is filling, go on-line. By mail, send standard USAC entry form/release along with fee above (if Postmarked by Friday March 13 to Velo Promo/Santa Cruz, 19780 Soulsbyville Road, Soulsbyville, CA 95372. For those postmarked after, add \$12. Note: indicate what category you are entering on check or form. Entries for several races in one envelope ok, but be sure to list race names on the outside. Envelopes without names of races on the outside may go to the wrong race. Mail in entries will not be processed until after the opening of online reg.

---**At Race:** You may enter at the race, provided your event is not filled, for the above listed fee plus \$12.

2026 USAC license required (available at race). One day licenses are available only for Cat 5 or Women 5. Entry fees include \$3.00 NCNCA (for each entry) and \$5.99 per day USAC insurance surcharges. Numbers will be provided.

Second Race discount: *You can enter online for a second race discount of \$30 up to March 18*

Credit for another VP race will be given if you follow the below procedure by 5 pm Wednesday 3/18 letting us know that you can't compete. No credit issued if you plan to enter another race instead; no cash refunds. No substitutions (transferring to another rider) for cancellations. Procedure: Go to "Edit My Entry" link on the BikeReg.com registration page, in your confirmation email, or in your BikeReg account to access this credit system.

Champion Discounts: Champions pay normal fees up front; Current NorCal/Nevada District Road Race Champions and National Road Champions will get a refund at the reg desk of all but \$9 per day if 1) their entry is received by the deadline above (otherwise they pay full fee, including late fee) and 2) they ride in the category they won the championship in (Master Champions may ride down in age, and ride for \$9, and Junior Champions may ride up. District jersey is not required

Rules: Free lap rule applies. Lapped riders may be pulled. Illegal riding around town (running stop signs, etc) may result in DQ. Parking meters are all live; please **do not park on Main Street on the hill.**

Further information: (209) 604-1354 or velopro1@gmail.com or www.velopromo.com

