



2023 Sundown Series

Fridays: May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug 18, Sept 8

Del Rey Yacht Club

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NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

This is a fun and casual series with a festive BBQ at DRYC after each race. If you're new to racing, we encourage you to join in! And it's a great opportunity for experienced racers to sharpen their skills.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Marina del Rey (MdR) Course Chart 17 applies.
- 1.3 Spinnakers may not be used inside of Marina Del Rey.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Changes to the SIs will be posted before 1400 on the day of the race.
- 2.2 Changes to a SIs may be made on the water by the RC on VHF

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at dryc.org.
- 3.2 On the water the RC will monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF **68**

4 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1 This event is open to all sailboats 13ft to 50ft length overall. Yacht Club memberships, *sail numbers*, and PHRF certificates are not required for Cruiser Division(s).
- 4.2 Novice sailors may contact the Race Committee (RC) for assistance with entering, race procedures, and obtaining ratings for their boats.
- 4.3 The entry cut off time is 1500 the day of each race. Enter at dryc.org
- 4.4 The entry fee is \$10.00 per race or \$5.00 for members of U.S. Sailing.

5 DIVISIONS & CLASSES

- 5.1 There will be both PHRF and Cruiser classes. Based on the entries there may be a third class. The RC will establish classes and assign boats to them.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The scheduled time of the **PHRF** class warning signal is **1755** (start 1800), followed by the **Cruiser** class warning signal at **1800** (start 1805).

7 COURSES

- 7.1 From the starting line, sail the course designated by the RC.
- 7.2 **For all courses:** In the MdR Entrance Channel, when sailing southwest toward the detached breakwater, the imaginary lines connecting adjacent "No Sail" buoys on both sides of the Channel are a continuing obstructions that shall not be crossed. When sailing northeast in the MdR Entrance Channel only the imaginary line connecting adjacent "No Sail" buoys on the north side of the Channel is a continuing obstruction that shall not be crossed.
- 7.3 **Shoal Buoys:** Sail outside of all shoal buoys.

7.4 COURE S: 5-5-6.5nm, Signal flag E (Echo). Exit MdR through *either* the North *or* South Entrance, leave S mark to port, enter MdR through the South Entrance, proceed to the finishing line.



7.5 COURSE SS: 4.5nm, signal flag F (Foxtrot). Exit MdR through *either* the North Entrance, leave SS mark to port, enter MdR through the South Entrance, proceed to the finishing line.



7.6 COURSE INSIDE: 3.5nm, signal flag G (Golf) Sail up the Entrance Channel, round the mark set inside the detached breakwater in the vicinity of the flagpole, proceed to the finishing line. The inside mark may be an inflatable mark or a flag.



- 8 THE START:** The starting line will be in the vicinity of the entrance to C Basin in the Main Channel, between an orange flag on the committee boat and an orange flag/mark in the water.
- 9 THE FINISH:** The finishing line will be between a blue flag on a boat docked on the west side of the D-200 dock, and an orange flag or mark in the main channel. If the RC and/or the flag/mark is not on station, take your finish time when the south end of DRYC's clubhouse bears 250m and email finishing time to racers@dryc.org within 30 minutes of finishing with your sail number in subject line.
- 10 TIME LIMIT:** The absolute time limit (ATL) for finishing is 1930. Boats failing to finish before the ATL will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2, and A10.
- 11 SCORING:** Boats will be scored using PHRF Area B Random Leg Course (RLC) ratings. The same rating will be used for all races in the series. Series scoring will be separate for each class
- 12 HEARING REQUESTS:** The protest time limit is one hour after a boat finishes or retires. Protests shall be submitted by emailing to racers@dryc.org, or at DRYC's front desk. Parties to the protest will be notified of the time and place of the hearing.

13 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

14 PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be awarded after each race based on the number of entries

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

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