



Double-Handed Long-Distance Race

June 17, 2023

Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club

Monterey, CA

NOTICE OF RACE

(June 14, 2023)

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. The idea for this invitational race originated from the racers of MPYC, originally organized by Bruce Becker. This fast-paced handicapped long-distance race requires competitors to start in the vicinity of Mile Buoy, round MBARI "A" (M1) and Moss Landing A Buoys to starboard and finish at MPYC-F buoy. The race is 33.9 nautical miles in length forming a large equilateral triangle in southeast Monterey Bay. All boats shall be crewed by no more than two people.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. Boats already registered for the 2023 MPYC PHRF, Sunset Series and MPYC Specialty races, have already paid and are automatically registered. However, skippers who intend to enter the race must contact the Race Chair by no later than 12:00 PDT on June 16, 2023.
- 3.2. Other entries should register using the MPYC Regatta Network registration portal and should be submitted by 12:00 PDT on June 16, 2023.
- 3.3. All boats to be scored should submit a 2023 PHRF certificate issued by the Monterey Bay PHRF Committee, signed MPYC liability waivers for both skipper and crew as part of the registration packet.
- 3.4. A mandatory skippers meeting will be held at 10:00 PDT on Saturday June 17, 2023. Failure to attend the skippers meeting will be grounds for disqualification from the race.

4. FEES

- 4.1. Entry fees are specified in the MPYC Regatta Network race registration portal.

5. BOATS

- 5.1. The race will be sailed in boats with valid PHRF ratings issued by the Monterey Bay PHRF Committee.
- 5.2. Boats without a PHRF rating may sail the course but will not be scored.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. The first warning signal for the start of the race will be at 11:55 PDT on Saturday, June 17, 2023.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. The 2023 Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club Sailing Instructions will apply as adjusted by the provisions stipulated in this Notice of Race. Additional sailing instruction may be announced at the skippers meeting at 10:00 PDT on June 17, 2023.

8. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

- 8.1. All competing boats shall comply with relevant social distancing requirements, and shall be equipped with face masks for each member of her crew.

8.2. Competing boats must comply with the 2023 MBYRA Safety Equipment Requirements “SERs” posted on the MPYC Race Page on the website.

- 8.3. The use of autopilots/helms are permitted.

9. COURSE

- 9.1. The 33.9 nautical mile course will start between Monterey Mile buoy and an orange flag flying from a race committee boat, passing both MBARI “A” (M1) and Moss Landing A (MLA) to starboard, and finishing between MPYC “F” buoy on Port and the flagpole on the roof of the MPYC club house.
- 9.2. The starting area will be in the vicinity of Monterey Mile buoy on a line between the buoy and the race committee boat. In case there is no race committee boat on station, the race will be started by a rabbit boat. Instructions on the starting procedure will be announced by the committee boat or the rabbit boat on VHF Channel 68 prior to the starting sequence.
- 9.3. Finishing boats should take their own time and report their arrival and finish time to the MPYC Race Chair (race@mpyc.org) or text 831-747-4597. Failure to check in with the Race Chair at the time of finish, or soon thereafter may lead to disqualification from the race.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. Scoring will be in accordance with the 2023 MPYC Sailing Instructions.
- 10.2. For PHRF A and PHRF B fleets to be scored separately a minimum of three boats in each fleet should have properly checked in with the race committee or the rabbit boat (if appropriate). In case of fewer boats in any of the fleets, all boats will be scored together.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1. The names of the winning boats in each fleet will be engraved on the Alan Silvestri perpetual trophy. Prizes will be awarded to the first boat in each division. Should all boats be scored together and provided there are no fewer than 5 competing boats, prizes may also be awarded to the second and third place finishers.

12. DISCLAIMER AND LIABILITY

- 12.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 12.2. Both skipper and crew shall submit to the MPYC Race Chair the MPYC liability waiver.