



2024 Double Angle Race

August 24, 2024

Elkhorn Yacht Club, Moss Landing, CA

In association with

Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club, Monterey, CA and

Santa Cruz Yacht Club, Santa Cruz, CA

NOTICE OF RACE

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 “Three clubs...two courses...one finish.” The Double Angle event has boats racing on two different courses concurrently. Racers will start at their discretion from either Monterey or Santa Cruz, proceed to the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI) buoy “M-1” in the approximate middle of the Monterey Bay, and then head to finish at Moss Landing.
- 1.2 This race is the fifth and season finale of five races in the Monterey Bay Yacht Racing Association (MBYRA) series.
- 1.3 MBYRA Coastal Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) **ARE** in effect for this race. The SERs are posted on each on the Regatta Network event site.
- 1.4 Race Committee Contact: Jim Brady: voice/text: 408-319-0614 email: racedirector@elkhornyachtclub.org

2. RULES

- 2.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in US Sailing’s 2021-2024 “The Racing Rules of Sailing,” with the exception of any special instructions stated herein or as stated at the Skipper’s meeting.
- 2.2 RRS 40 is changed: all competitors are required to wear a life jacket or other adequate personal flotation device during the race.
- 2.3 See Safety section 8 of this document.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Registration for the race shall be made online using Regatta Network by **NOON** Pacific Time on **Thursday, August 22, 2024**. If you are not able to register through Regatta Network contact the EYC Principal Race Officer (PRO) at 408-319-0614 or racedirector@elkhornyachtclub.org.
- 3.2 This event is open to all mono-hull and multi-hull sailing vessels with a valid Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) or Bay Area Multihull Association (BAMA) certificate. There will be separate divisions for mono-hull and multi-hull.
- 3.3 Skippers of participating yachts shall be a member of a recognized yacht club.
- 3.4 Yachts must be properly equipped for offshore sailing. The Organizing Authority (OA) reserves the right to reject an entry based on its sole opinion of the seaworthiness of the boat for competition.

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3.5 A PHRF or BAMA certificate is required. PHRF ratings are obtained from Monterey Bay PHRF Committee. Applications are available on the Santa Cruz Yacht club website at www.scyc.org/regattas. If a boat does not hold a current PHRF or BAMA certificate the Race Committee may convene and rule on an assigned rating before race time. The deadline for submitting PHRF certificates or requests for exceptions to the PRO is no later than 1400 (2:00 AM) on **Thursday, August 22**.

3.6 Liability Waivers, one per yacht, and float plans are required.

- The deadline for submitting waivers and float plans is 1000 (10:00 AM) on **Saturday, August 24**.
- The signed form shall be submitted through Regatta Network or emailed to racedirector@elkhornyachtclub.org.

3.7 There will be the following divisions in accordance with 2024 MBYRA guidance:

A Fleet: PHRF less than or equal to 90

B Fleet: PHRF 91 to 150

C Fleet: PHRF 151 and above

D Fleet: Main and Jib only

E Fleet: Multi-hulls

3.8 One-design divisions will be allowed for fleets with at least five (5) boats.

3.9 A combined single/double hand subclass will be established if three (3) or more boats participate with two or fewer sailors on board.

3.10 Final division assignments may be adjusted prior to the start of the race at the discretion of the Race Committee.

4. FEES

4.1 Early entry fee through 11:59pm August 11, 2024 is \$50. Regular entry fee from August 12 until 11:59pm August 19 is \$60. Late entry from August 20 onward is \$75.

5. BOATS

5.1 The race shall be sailed in mono-hull or multi-hull boats with valid PHRF or BAMA ratings, see Section 3.5. There will be separate divisions for mono-hulls and multi-hulls.

5.2 Boats without a PHRF or BAMA rating may sail the course but will not be scored.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 The race will start at 1230 (12:30 PM) on Saturday August 24, 2024.

6.2 A mandatory Skipper's meeting will be scheduled for 1900 (7:00 PM) on Friday, August 23, 2024 via Zoom online meeting app. A link to the meeting will be sent to registered skippers via email and included in the Sailing Instructions (SI) on the Regatta Network event site.

6.3 Participants and their guests are invited to enjoy the hospitality of the Elkhorn Yacht Club at the end of the race and the following morning. Post-race dinner is available for \$25 per person and breakfast on Sunday for those spending the night, is available for no cost with advanced notice.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available online at Regatta Network.

8. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

8.1 Boats shall be equipped in accordance with Federal Equipment Requirements for Recreational Vessels except where noted in the Coastal SER.

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- 8.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as reasonably possible via cellphone at 408-319-0614.
- 8.3 Boats shall carry a VHF marine radio capable of dual band monitoring, or two radios, monitoring Channels 16 and 68.
- 8.4 Boats shall have ground tackle sufficient for anchoring offshore of hazards in the racing area, a bucket, a compass, working flashlight and a first aid kit. It is recommended that boats carry additional batteries.
- 8.5 All participants shall wear a Personal Floatation Device (PFD) while racing.
- 8.6 California State law and boating regulations - boats shall stay at least 200 feet clear from a dive boat displaying the Divers and/or Alpha flags and shall not approach within 100 yards of any US naval vessel or cruise ship. Boats should also exercise precaution in proximity of bathers, kayakers, and protected marine life.
- 8.7 Boats shall be equipped with lifelines appropriate for the particular boat design and type.
- 8.8 Boats shall be equipped with a Life Sling or a horseshoe/donut-type buoy, USGC approved, with 100 feet of floating line attached to both the buoy and the boat. It is recommended that boats be equipped with at least one halyard long enough to be used for hoisting a person from the water back onboard, and/or an appropriate halyard extension.
- 8.9 It is highly recommended that all boats carry two (2) cellular phones with batteries fully charged.

9. VENUE

- 9.1 Racing will take place in Monterey Bay with two courses to select from as defined in Section 10.

10. COURSE

- 10.1 Santa Cruz start: Start in the vicinity of Santa Cruz wharf, proceed west 1-2 nm to a buoy, known as Natural Bridges or SCYC 4, (port side), proceed to MBARI buoy M-1 (port side), then proceed to finish line (between MLA and green can).
- 10.2 Monterey start: Start in the vicinity of wharf, proceed to MBARI buoy M-1 (starboard side), then proceed to finish line (between MLA and green can).
- 10.3 The course and marks will be described in the Sailing Instructions (SI).

11. SCORING

- 11.1 The results shall be posted on Regatta Network.
- 11.2 There is a finish time limit set at 2000 (8:00 PM Pacific Time). Boats crossing the finish line after this time will be scored as DNF.
- 11.3 Terms and their respective scores (RRS A5.3 will apply):
 - (DNF) Did Not Finish - boats that started, but did not finish, shall receive a score equivalent to the total number of boats that properly "Finished" +1"
 - (DNS) Did Not Start - boats that have checked in, but did not start, shall receive a score equivalent to the total number of boats that properly "Checked in +1"
 - (RET) Retire - A boat which voluntarily retires from a race after properly checking in, and/or starting shall receive a score equivalent to the total number of boats that properly "Checked in +1".

A boat which voluntarily takes the RET scoring after properly checked in must request such action on the water and/or by other means thus properly notifying the Race Committee prior to leaving the race area and/or by notification of race committee in shortest time practicable.

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(DNC) Did Not Compete - shall receive a score equivalent to the total number of boats that "Registered +1"

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 Prizes shall be awarded to the top three (3) finishing (corrected times) positions in each division that has at least five boats.
- 12.2 Prizes for divisions of less than five (5) entrants are at the discretion of the OA.

13. DISCLAIMER AND LIABILITY

- 13.1 Competitors participate in the race 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 event and/or regatta.
- 13.2 Skippers shall submit the EYC liability waiver form to the OA, one per boat as detailed in Section 3.6.
- 13.3 **RISK STATEMENT** - RRS3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing 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.