



# 2014 Sunset Series

Wednesdays, April 16 – Sept. 10 (except July 23)  
Marina del Rey, California

## NOTICE OF RACE

The 2014 Sunset Series will be run by California Yacht Club (CYC) each Wednesday from April 16 to September 10 (except July 23). CYC is located at 4469 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292; phone: 310.823.4567. Information about CYC and this series is available at [www.calyachtclub.com](http://www.calyachtclub.com).

### 1 **RULES**

- 1.1 This series shall be governed by the “*rules*” as defined in the 2013-16 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The penalty under RRS 44 will be changed to a One-Turn Penalty for an incident that occurs outside the “*zone*” for certain marks.
- 1.3 RRS T2, *Penalties Taken After a Race* will apply to this event.
- 1.4 The following US Sailing prescriptions will not apply: RRS 82; prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4.
- 1.5 The PHRF of Southern California (SoCal PHRF) “Marine Industry Racer” rule will not apply to this event.
- 1.6 While racing, all boats shall
  - (a) have official sail numbers on their mainsail and any overlapping headsails; and
  - (b) display the class flag assigned for their class.

### 2 **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 This series is open to Martin 242s and boats with either a SoCal PHRF certificate (rating not to exceed 270) or ASMBYC certificated Cruising ratings (see paragraph 9). Additional one-design classes will be considered upon application to the Series Chairman. The maximum hull length is 55 feet.
- 2.2 Each boat must be entered by an individual who is a member of US Sailing or a yacht club or other organization affiliated to US Sailing. Information about joining US Sailing is available at [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org).
- 2.3 To enter, a completed entry form and the entry fee must be received no later than 1740 hours on the day of the race. Entries may be made on-line at [www.regattanetwork.com](http://www.regattanetwork.com) and may also be turned in to the front desk at CYC (the entry form can be downloaded from the CYC website, Sunset Series). On-line entries are preferred (payment may be made after entry but must be received by the entry deadline).
- 2.4
  - (a) For paper entries: each entry must be manually signed; a separate entry is required for each race.
  - (b) For competitors under the age of 18: entries must be completed by a parent or guardian.
  - (c) Competitors who wish to enter for all races of the series with a single entry may do so on-line only.

### 3 **ENTRY FEES**

The entry fee is \$14 per race (\$250 for the entire series) after the US Sailing member discount is applied. Proof of US Sailing membership is required. Non-members pay \$16 per race (\$292 for the entire series).

### 4 **CLASSES / CLASS FLAGS**

There will be two divisions, Racing (PHRF and one-design) and Cruising (Cruising Class) with classes established in each division. Class assignments for the Cruising Division and PHRF classes and the starting times and class flags for each class will be posted by 1900 hours on Wednesday, April 9.

### 5 **SCHEDULE**

- 5.1 One race is scheduled for each Wednesday night from April 16 to September 10, except no race will be held on July 23. The total number of scheduled races is 21. If one or more races are not held due to weather or otherwise then the total number of races will be reduced accordingly.
- 5.2 Each Wednesday:

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| 1740 hours   | Entry deadline                                  |
| 1750 hours   | Warning Signal for first start                  |
| 2030 hours   | Time Limit for finishing                        |
| After Racing | No host BBQ & beverages and trophy presentation |

### 6 **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available at the CYC front desk by 1200 hours on Thursday, April 10 and will also be posted on the CYC website, Sunset Series.

## **7 VENUE / COURSES**

The race area will be on Santa Monica Bay and inside the Marina del Rey harbor. Courses will start at MDR Mark SS (adjacent to the breakwater) go to a windward mark and then finish inside the harbor.

## **8 PHRF RATINGS**

Boats in PHRF classes will be scored using Area B Buoy ratings (boats from outside Area B will have Area B adjustments applied). For boats that have multiple valid certificates, if a boat uses more than one certificate she shall be considered as a different boat for each certificate (see 2009 SoCal PHRF Class Rules, §6.8).

## **9 CRUISING DIVISION RATINGS**

9.1 For the Cruising Division each race will be scored twice, once using a boat's 2014 ASMBYC certificated buoy ratings (adjusted for non-spinnaker, if applicable) and once using its Cruising Division Rating (CDR). For boats that declare as "non-spinnaker," the adjustment shall be +9 sec/mi for boats in Cruising A and +6 sec/mi for boats in Cruising B. Boats may change from spinnaker to non-spinnaker (or vice versa) once during the series. For information regarding 2014 ASMBYC certificated buoy ratings (requires a 2014 SoCal PHRF certificate), see [www.asmbyc.org/cruiser](http://www.asmbyc.org/cruiser).

9.2 A boat's initial CDR shall be equal to the average of its ending CDR from the 2013 Sunset Series and its 2014 ASMBYC certificated buoy ratings (non-spinnaker, if applicable). A boat's CDR will be adjusted after each race based on the boat's results in that race (see details in the Sailing Instructions).

9.3 For more information about racing in the Cruising Division, contact the 2014 Cruising Division Coordinator: Tucker Strasser at 310.821.8100 or at [sunset-cruising@cycfleet.com](mailto:sunset-cruising@cycfleet.com). Additional information about the Cruising Division is also available in the Cruising Division FAQ on the CYC website, Sunset Series.

## **10 SCORING**

Series scoring will be done using the "Sunset Scoring System" (a weighted, modified high-point system that factors in the size of classes). A boat's series score for both Class and Division (Racing or Cruising) scoring will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores as follows: after 7-10 races – exclude 1 score, after 11-14 races – exclude 2 scores and after 15+ races – exclude 3 scores.

## **11 TROPHIES**

11.1 Trophies for individual races will be given out at CYC as soon as possible after each race. Trophies for the series (Class and Division) will be given out after the last race, on Sept. 10. The number of boats entered in each class or division will determine the number of trophies awarded for the race or series.

11.2 Series trophies will include the following perpetual trophies (which shall remain on display at CYC):

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|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|---|
| Marylyn Ritchie | 1st, Racing Division | Millard Rosing | 1st, Cruising Division (ASMBYC ratings) |
| Dr. Bob Crum    | 1st, Martin 242      | Allan Elliot   | 1st, Cruising A (CDR ratings)           |
|                 |                      | Jack Weber     | 1st, Cruising B (CDR ratings)           |

11.3 Boats in the Racing Division will also earn invitations to enter the King of the Hill Race on Wednesday, September 17 based on their class or division standings at the end of the Sunset Series.

## **12 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

While on the water, the RC may communicate with competing boats via VHF radio, including announcing starting penalties.

## **13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, *Decision to Race*. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee and any others acting in an official capacity for this event) from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## **14 FURTHER INFORMATION**

**Series Chairman.** For additional information, contact Series Chairman David Piper at 323.259.0597 or at [cyc-sunset-series@cycfleet.com](mailto:cyc-sunset-series@cycfleet.com).

**Hospitality.** Food and beverages will be available for purchase at CYC after each race.

**Boat Launching.** For information and arrangements regarding boat launching, contact CYC Dockmaster, Ty Olsen at 310.823.4567 or at [ty.olsen@calyachtclub.net](mailto:ty.olsen@calyachtclub.net).