



2015 Sunset Series

Wednesdays, April 15 – September 9, 2015

Marina del Rey, California

NOTICE OF RACE

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Organizing Authority is California Yacht Club (CYC), located at 4469 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292

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1. RULES

- 1.1 This series will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Rule 32.1(d) will be changed to require abandonment of the race for any class in which the designated windward mark is missing and not replaced.
- 1.3 Rules 63.1, A4.1 and A5 will be changed so that a boat starting more than five (5) minutes after her Starting Signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.
- 1.4 Rule 63.7 will be replaced with: "If there is any conflict between a rule in the Notice of Race and one in the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall apply."
- 1.5 Rule 82 will not apply. Competitors must submit the standard CYC Entry Form, available through the online entry process or at CYC.
- 1.6 Appendix A will be changed to use a weighted high-point scoring system. See NOR 10.
- 1.7 Appendix T, Section A, Penalties While Racing, will apply.
- 1.8 Appendix T, Section B, Post-Race Penalties, will apply.
- 1.9 Appendix T, Section C, Expedited Hearings, rules T3 and T4 will apply, except rule T4.6.
- 1.10 The PHRF of Southern California (SoCal PHRF) "Marine Industry Racer Rule" will not apply.
- 1.11 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 posted SoCal PHRF 2015 "Rating Information" (Area B Buoy rating not to exceed 270) or ASMBYC certificated Cruising ratings (see paragraph 9). Other one-design classes will be considered upon application to the Series Chair. 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.
- 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 online at Regatta Network and may also be submitted to the front desk at CYC. The entry form can be downloaded from the Sunset Series website. Online entries are preferred.
- 2.4 For paper entries, each entry must be manually signed; a separate entry is required for each race.
- 2.5 For competitors under the age of 18, entries must be completed by a parent or guardian.
- 2.6 Competitors who wish to enter all races of the series with a single entry may do so online only.

3. ENTRY FEES

The entry fee is \$15 per race (\$275 for the entire series) after the US Sailing member discount is applied. Proof of US Sailing membership is required. Non-members pay \$17 per race (\$325 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 Racing classes and Cruising classes and the starting times and class flags for each class will be posted at [Sunset Series](#) by 1900 hours on Wednesday, April 8.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 One race is scheduled for each Wednesday night from April 15 to September 9. The total number of scheduled races is 22. If one or more races are not held due to weather or other conditions, then the total number of races will be reduced accordingly.

5.2 Each Wednesday

1740 hours	Entry deadline
1750 hours	Warning Signal for first start
2030 hours	Time Limit for finishing
After Racing	Trophy presentation

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be posted at [Sunset Series](#) by 1900 hours on Wednesday, April 8 and will be available at the CYC front desk.

7. VENUE / COURSES

The racing 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 rating certificates, if a boat uses more than one certificate she shall be considered as a different boat for each certificate.

9. CRUISING DIVISION RATINGS

9.1 Boats in the Cruising Division will be scored twice: (a) using 2015 ASMBYC certificated buoy ratings and (b) using Skipper Handicaps (SH). For information concerning 2015 ASMBYC certificated ratings (requires that a 2015 "Rating Information" be posted on the SoCal PHRF website), see www.asmbyc.org/cruiser.

9.2 Information about "Skipper Handicaps" (including calculation of the initial SHs and how they will change after each race) is available in the "Skipper Handicaps" document on the [Sunset Series](#) website.

9.3 If boats declare as "non-spinnaker" by notifying the Race Committee (RC) in writing (email acceptable) their ASMBYC ratings will be adjusted by +9 sec/mi for boats in Cruising A and +6 sec/mi for boats in Cruising B. Boats may change the declaration once during the series (spinnaker to non-spinnaker or *vice versa*) by notifying the RC in writing (email acceptable) before sailing with the changed configuration.

9.4 For more information about racing in the Cruising Division, contact the 2015 Cruising Division Coordinator: Tucker Strasser at 310.821.8100 or at sunset-cruising@cycfleet.com. Additional information about the Cruising Division is also available in the Cruising Division FAQ on the [Sunset Series](#) website.

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 awarded after the final race on September 9. The number of trophies for a class will be based on the number of starters in the race (series trophies based on series average) as follows: 2-4 boats = 1 trophy; 5-7 boats = 2 trophies; 8-11 boats = 3 trophies; 12+ boats = 4

11.2 Boats in the Cruising division will be scored twice as set forth in paragraph 9 above; however, boats winning in both scoring systems will receive only one trophy.

- 11.3 Trophies will be awarded for junior participation in certain races of the Series. Details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.4 Series trophies will include the following perpetual trophies (which shall remain on display at CYC):
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| Marilyn Richie | 1 st , Racing Division | Millard Rosing | 1 st , Cruising Division (ASMBYC ratings) |
| Dr. Bob Crum | 1 st , Martin 242 | Allan Elliot | 1 st , Cruising A (Skipper Handicaps) |
| | | Jack Weber | 1 st , Cruising B (Skipper Handicaps) |
- 11.5 Boats in the Racing Division also will earn invitations to enter the King of the Hill Race on Wednesday, September 16, 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 starting penalties.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors in this event participate entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers (organizing authority, host yacht club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, 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 Chair. For further information, please contact Sunset Series Chair David Piper at 323.259.0597 or at cyc-sunset-series@cycfleet.com.

Hospitality: The California Yacht Club invites all racers, their families and friends to enjoy the DJ playing music at the post-race patio party outside the CYC clubhouse. A BBQ dinner is available for purchase along with a cash bar.

Boat Launching and Docking. For information and arrangements regarding boat launching and docking, contact CYC Dockmaster Ty Olsen at ty.olsen@calyachtclub.net or 310.823.4567.