



# Sunset Series

Wednesdays, April 19 – September 6, 2017

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 82 will not apply. Competitors must complete the Race Entry Agreement through online registration at the Sunset Series website or submit a CYC Race Entry form.
- 1.3 Appendix V, Section V1, Penalty at the Time of an Incident, will apply.
- 1.4 The PHRF of Southern California (PHRF SoCal) "Marine Industry Racer Rule" will not apply.
- 1.5 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, keelboats with a 2017 PHRF SoCal rating not to exceed 177 and keelboats with a 2017 PHRF SoCal Corinthian rating (see Section 9). Keelboats with a rating exceeding 177 may sail in the Cruising Division. Other one-design classes will be considered upon application to the Series Chair. The maximum LOA is 55 feet.
- 2.2 To be eligible for entry, each boat must:
  - (a) be entered by an individual who is a member of US Sailing; or a yacht club, or other organization, affiliated to US Sailing or to SCYA (or their own National Authority); and
  - (b) if competing in the Racing Division, have a valid 2017 PHRF SoCal Rating not to exceed 177, or fulfill the eligibility requirements of the one-design class in which she competes (Information about joining PHRF SoCal is available [www.phrfsocal.org](http://www.phrfsocal.org) or at 562.438.6712); or
  - (c) if competing in the Cruising Division, have a 2017 PHRF SoCal Corinthian rating.
- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter a single race or the complete season by completing the online registration on the [CYC](http://CYC) website, or submitting a signed [CYC Race Entry](#) form at the CYC front desk, and paying all fees, prior to 1730 on the day of the race. An entry is not complete until payment is received.
- 2.4 For competitors under the age of 18, entries must be completed by a parent or guardian.

### 3. FEES

The entry fee is \$16 per race (\$285 for the entire series) for US Sailing members with proof of membership, \$18 per race (\$320 for the entire series) for non-members. (Information about joining US Sailing is available at [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org) or at 800.877.2451.)

### 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 on the [CYC](http://CYC) website by 1900 on Wednesday, April 12.

### 5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 One race is scheduled for each Wednesday night from April 19 to September 6. The total number of scheduled races is 21. If one or more races are not held due to weather or other conditions, then the total number of races will be reduced accordingly.

Each Wednesday	1730	Entry deadline
	1750	Warning Signal for first start
	2015	Time Limit for finishing
	After Racing	Trophy presentation

### 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the [CYC](http://CYC) website by 1900 on Wednesday, April 12.

**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, see Marina del Rey Course Chart 17), go to a windward mark, and then finish inside the harbor.

**8. RACING DIVISION RATINGS**

Boats in the Racing Division will be scored using PHRF Area B Buoy ratings. Boats from outside Area B will have Area B adjustments applied. For boats that have multiple, valid ratings, should a boat use more than one rating she shall be considered as a different boat for each rating.

**9. CRUISING DIVISION RATINGS**

9.1 Boats in the Cruising Division will be scored using 2017 PHRF SoCal Corinthian ratings. (For information concerning PHRF SoCal Corinthian ratings, see <http://www.phrfsocal.org/>.)

9.2 A boat assigned to the Cruising A Class may declare to be "non-spinnaker" by notifying the Race Committee (RC) in writing (email acceptable), and her PHRF Corinthian rating will be adjusted by +9 sec/mi. A Cruising A boat 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.

9.3 Boats assigned to the Cruising B Class are not allowed to fly a spinnaker. Cruising B boats will not receive a non-spinnaker adjustment as all boats in Cruising B will be non-spinnaker.

9.4 Additional information about the Cruising Division is also available in the Cruising Division FAQ on the [CYC](#) website. Questions about racing in the Cruising Division should be directed to 2017 Series Co-chair and Cruising Coordinator: Chris Gorog [chris@gorog.net](mailto:chris@gorog.net) or 310 367-2510.

**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. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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

**12. PRIZES**

12.1 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 6. The number of trophies for a class will be based on the number of starters in the race as follows: 2-4 boats = 1 trophy; 5-7 boats = 2 trophies; 8-10 boats = 3 trophies; 11-13 boats = 4 trophies; 14+ boats = 5 trophies.

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

Marylyn Ritchie	1 <sup>st</sup> , Racing Division	Millard Rosing	1 <sup>st</sup> , Cruising Division
Dr. Bob Crum	1 <sup>st</sup> , Martin 242	Allan Elliot	1 <sup>st</sup> , Cruising A
		Jack Weber	1 <sup>st</sup> , Cruising B

12.3 Boats in the Racing Division also will earn invitations to enter the King of the Hill Race on Wednesday, September 13, based on their class or division standings at the end of the Sunset Series.

**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 Co-chairs David Piper – Karen Stirling – Chris Gorog at [cyc-sunset-series@cycfleet.com](mailto: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 Evan Davis at [evan.davis@calyachtclub.net](mailto:evan.davis@calyachtclub.net) or 310.823.4567.