



Sunset Series

Wednesdays, April 17 – September 11, 2019
Marina del Rey, California

NOTICE OF RACE

Amended: 2.2
April 7, 2019

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Organizing Authority is California Yacht Club (CYC), located at 4469 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292
Phone: 310.823.4567 | Web: www.calyachtclub.com
Series Chairs: Miriam Moses – Karen Stirling – Chris Gorog | See NoR 12 for contact information.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (NoR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1 This series will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 PHRF of Southern California (PHRF SoCal) [Class Rules](#) will be in effect for handicap boats.
- 1.3 US Sailing Prescription, RRS 82 will not apply.
- 1.4 While racing, all boats shall
 - (a) display the class flag assigned for their class [DP], and
 - (b) have official sail numbers on their mainsail and any overlapping headsails. Competitors are reminded that RRS G1.2 states that sail numbers shall be "Arabic numerals, clearly legible" [DP].

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 This series is open to keelboats with a maximum length overall of fifty-five (55) feet that have a valid PHRF SoCal Rating Certificate, and to Martin 242 Class boats. Other one-design classes will be considered upon application to the Series Chairs.
- 2.2 **Handicap boats will compete in either a Racing or a Cruising Division. A boat whose Rating Certificate has an "Active" Boat Configuration Adjustment Status will be assigned to the Cruising Division; a boat whose Status is not "Active" may petition the OA for inclusion in that Division. All other boats will be assigned to the Racing Division.**
- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter a single race or the entire series by completing online registration at the [Sunset Series](#) webpage and paying all fees no later than 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 and signed by a parent or guardian.

3. FEES

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 An entry fee paid for an individual race that is subsequently abandoned due to weather conditions will be credited to the next race in which an entrant competes. Competitors who enter for the entire series will not receive a credit. There will be no refunds.

4. CLASSES / CLASS FLAGS

- 4.1 There will be two divisions, Racing and Cruising, with classes established in each division at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.2 Starting times and class flags for each class will be posted on the [Sunset Series](#) webpage by Wednesday, March 20.
- 4.3 Class assignments will be posted on the [Sunset Series](#) webpage by (a) Wednesday, March 20 for the Racing Division, and (b) Wednesday, April 10 for the Cruising Division.

5. SCHEDULE

One race is scheduled for each Wednesday night from April 17 to September 11 for a total number of 22 races. 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	First warning signal
	2030	Time Limit for finishing
After Racing		Trophy presentation

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the [Sunset Series](#) webpage by 1900 on Wednesday, April 10

7. VENUE / COURSES

The racing area will be on Santa Monica Bay and inside Marina del Rey Harbor. Courses will start outside the Harbor at MDR Mark SS (see [Marina del Rey Course Chart 17](#)), go to a windward mark, and then finish inside the Harbor.

8. SCORING

- 8.1 Handicap boats will be scored using their valid PHRF SoCal Area B W/L ratings. Boats from outside Area B will have Area B adjustments applied as available. A boat that has multiple PHRF SoCal Rating Certificates shall be considered a different boat for each Certificate under which she competes.
- 8.2 Non-spinnaker offsets will not be used in the Racing Division.
- 8.3 A Cruising Division boat may declare to be "non-spinnaker" with its first entry in the series. The PHRF SoCal Area B W/L rating for a boat so declaring will be adjusted by +9 sec/mi if competing in Cruising A, and +7 sec/mi if competing in Cruising B. A Cruising Division boat may change this configuration (spinnaker to non-spinnaker or *vice versa*) once during the series by notifying the RC in writing (email acceptable) before sailing with the changed configuration.
- 8.4 Series scoring will use the "Sunset Scoring System", a weighted, modified high-point system that factors in the size of classes, which will be described in detail in the Sailing Instructions. 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.

9. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

10. PRIZES

- 10.1 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 11. 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.
- 10.2 Trophies not picked up on race night will be held for four weeks, after which they will be returned to inventory.
- 10.3 Series trophies will include the following perpetual trophies (which shall remain on display at CYC):
 - Marylyn Ritchie 1st, Racing Division
 - Dr. Bob Crum 1st, Martin 242
 - Millard Rosing 1st, Cruising Division
 - Allan Elliot 1st, Cruising A
 - Jack Weber 1st, Cruising B
- 10.4 Boats in the Racing Division will also earn invitations to enter the King of the Hill Race on Wednesday, September 18, based on their class or division standings at the end of the Sunset Series.

11. 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.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

Series Chairs: Miriam Moses, Karen Stirling, or Chris Gorog at cyc-sunset-series@cycfleet.com.

Cruising Division: Information is available in the Cruising FAQ on the [Sunset Series](#) webpage. Questions about racing in the Cruising Division should be directed to Cruising Coordinator Chris Gorog at chris@gorog.net or 310.367.2510.

Hospitality: CYC 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 or 310.823.4567.

PHRF: Information about joining PHRF SoCal is available at www.phrfsocal.org or at 562.438.6712.

US Sailing: Information about joining US Sailing is available at www.ussailing.org or at 800.877.2451.