



Sunset Series

Wednesdays, April 19 – September 6, 2023
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
Phone: 310.823.4567 | Web: www.calyachtclub.com
Event Chair: Suzanne Boone | See NoR 13 for contact information.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing](#) (RRS).
- 1.2 PHRF of Southern California (PHRF SoCal) [Class Rules](#) are in effect for handicap boats.
- 1.3 The second sentence of RRS 78.2 is deleted and replaced with “The boat shall produce the certificate or arrange for its existence to be verified by the race committee (RC) by the entry deadline specified in NoR 4.3. In the case of an entry accepted after the deadline specified in NOR 5.2, this requirement shall be met at the time of entry.”
- 1.4 US Sailing Prescription RRS 81 does not apply.
- 1.5 While racing, all boats shall
 - (a) display the class flag assigned for their class, as described in the Sailing Instructions (SI), and
 - (b) have official sail numbers on their mainsail and any overlapping headsails (130% or greater). Competitors are reminded that RRS G1.2 states, in part, that sail numbers shall be “Arabic numerals,” “clearly legible,” and “of a contrasting color to the body of the sail.” Missing, improper, inconsistent, unclear, illegible, or numbers other than those used for registration are not permitted.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1900 on Wednesday, April 12 on the Official Notice Board.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is the [Sunset Series](#) webpage.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on normal domestic and international channels.
- 3.3 On the water, the Race Committee (RC) may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio, including starting penalties. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event 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 may petition the event chair for inclusion.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter a single race or the entire series by completing online registration and paying the required fees using the online payment process at the link on the [Official Notice Board](#). Other methods of registration and/or payment will not be accepted.
- 4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete the registration and payment requirements per NoR 4.2 by the entry deadline of 1730 on the day of the race.
- 4.4 For competitors under the age of eighteen (18), a parent or guardian must accept the Waiver of Liability during online registration.

5. DIVISIONS / CLASSES

- 5.1 Boats will compete in either the Performance or the Cruising Division.
- 5.2 The Performance Division will include Martin 242 Class boats, and handicap boats that compete with a rating that does not include any Configuration Adjustments found in Appendix F of the [PHRF SoCal Class Rules](#).
- 5.3 The Cruising Division will include only those boats whose Performance Factor (PF) is ≤ 2 . A boat with a PF > 2 may petition the event chair for inclusion in that Division. The event chair reserves the right to reassign boats from the Cruising Division to the Performance Division.

- 5.4 Classes will be established within each Division at the discretion of the event chair.
- 5.5 Classes, class flags, and starting times will be posted by 1900 on Wednesday, April 12 on the [Official Notice Board](#).
- 6. FEES**
- 6.1 The entry fee is \$16 per race (\$285 for the entire series) for US Sailing members with proof of membership, \$18 per race (\$325 for the entire series) for non-members.
- 6.2 An entry fee paid for an individual race that is subsequently abandoned due to weather or other 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.
- 7. SCHEDULE**
- One race is scheduled for each Wednesday night from April 19 to September 6 for a total number of 21 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.
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| Each Wednesday | 1730 | Entry deadline |
| | 1750 | First warning signal |
| | 2030 | Time Limit for finishing |
- 8. VENUE**
- The racing area is on Santa Monica Bay and inside Marina del Rey Harbor.
- 9. COURSES**
- Boats will start outside the Harbor at MDR Mark SS (see [Marina del Rey Course Chart 17](#)), go to a windward mark, and finish inside the Harbor.
- 10. SCORING**
- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 Non-spinnaker offsets will be used in the Cruising Division only. To have this applied, a boat must declare to be “non-spinnaker” with its first entry in the event. 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 boat may change this configuration (spinnaker to non-spinnaker or *vice versa*) once during the event by notifying the RC in writing (email acceptable) before sailing with the changed configuration.
- 10.3 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 SI. A boat’s series score for both Class and Division 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. RISK STATEMENT**
- 11.1 Competitors in the event participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. By participating in the 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 the event) from any and all liability associated with such competitor’s participation in the event to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 12. PRIZES**
- 12.1 Health guidelines permitting, trophies for individual races will be given out at CYC as soon as possible after each race according to the following provisions.
- Class trophies for each race will be based on the number of starters 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.
 - Class and Division trophies will be awarded after the final race on September 6 using the same criteria as in NoR 12.1(a), except they will be based on the average number of starters in the Series.
 - The following perpetual trophies (which shall remain on display at CYC) also will be awarded on September 6 as follows:

• Marylyn Ritchie	Performance Division	1st place
• Dr. Bob Crum	Martin 242	1st place
• Millard Rosing	Cruising Division	1st place

- Allan Elliot Cruising A 1st place
- Jack Weber Cruising B 1st place

12.2 Trophies not picked up on race night will be held for four weeks, after which they will be returned to inventory.

12.3 Based on class and/or division standings at the end of the Sunset Series, (a) boats in the Performance Division will earn invitations to the King of the Hill, and (b) boats in the Cruising Division will earn invitations to the Sunset Series Cruising Championship. These events will be sailed on Wednesday, September 13.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

Event Chair: Suzanne Boone at cyc-sunset-series@cycfleet.com.

CYC Dockmaster: Chase Young at chase.young@calyachtclub.net or 310.823.4567.

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 Uta Leslie at cyc-sunset-series@cycfleet.com or 310.995.5043.

Hospitality (health guidelines permitting): Competitors and their guests are invited to use club facilities during the event, subject to applicable CYC guidelines and protocols. For information and arrangements regarding boat storage immediately preceding and following the event, contact the CYC Dockmaster.

Boat Launching and Docking: For information and arrangements regarding boat launching and docking, contact the CYC Dockmaster.

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 [US Sailing](#) or at 800.877.2451.