



Harris Spring Regatta

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Marina del Rey, California, USA

NOTICE OF RACE

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Organizing Authority (OA) 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: Michelle Shanks | See NoR 14 for contact information

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the "rules" as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028](#) ("RRS"), except as modified by this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.
- 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 (Compliance with Class Rules; Certificates) 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 4.2. In the case of an entry accepted after the entry deadline, this requirement shall be met at the time of entry."
- 1.4 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) If it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in and did not see, the incident or
- 1.5 US Sailing Prescription RRS 81, Indemnification or Hold Harmless Agreements, does not apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted by Wednesday, April 8 on the [Official Notice Board](#).

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is the [Harris Spring Regatta](#) 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 handicap boats that have a valid PHRF SoCal Rating Certificate and to invited one-design classes (see NoR 5.4). Handicap boats must compete in a W/L rated configuration between 0 and 186; boats outside this range may petition the event chair for inclusion.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing online registration at the [Harris Spring Regatta](#) webpage and paying all fees by the entry deadline of 1800 on Wednesday, April 8. Entries submitted after that time may be accepted only with the approval of the event chair and will be charged a \$10 late fee.
- 4.3 [DP] All boats shall have clearly visible sail numbers. Missing, improper, inconsistent, unclear, illegible, or numbers other than those used for check-in, are not permitted, and may result in being scored DNF. RRS A5.1, Scores Determined by the Race Committee, is modified to add that the RC may disqualify without a hearing a boat infringing this instruction.
- 4.4 Star class: please include the names of both skipper and crew when registering.

5. DIVISIONS/CLASSES

- 5.1 Boats will compete in either a Performance or a Cruising Division and must have a minimum of five (5) paid entries by the entry deadline to establish a Division.
- 5.2 The Performance Division will include one-design classes, 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 Invited one-design classes are Farr 40, J/24, J/70, J/105, J/109, J/111, Martin 242, Santana 30/30, Schock 35, Star, Tartan 101, Melges 15 and Viper 640. Other one-design classes may petition the event chair for inclusion. One-design classes must have a minimum of three (3) paid entries by the entry deadline to establish a class. Those that do not

establish a class may compete in a handicap class if they are in compliance with the handicap boat requirements of NoR 4.1.

5.5 Handicap classes are established within each Division at the discretion of the event chair based on entries received by the entry deadline.

5.6 Classes with fewer than five (5) entries may have their starts combined, though they will be scored separately.

5.7 Classes, class flags, and the order of starts for the first race will be posted on the [Official Notice Board](#) by 1200 on Thursday, April 9.

6. FEES

6.1 The entry fee is \$42 for entries received with all fees paid by the discounted entry fee deadline of Wednesday, April 1. Thereafter, until the entry deadline, the entry fee is \$52.

6.2 Current members of US Sailing will receive a \$5 discount with proof of membership.

7. SCHEDULE

Four (4) races are scheduled. The RC, at its discretion, may run fewer races for any or all classes.

Wednesday	April 1		Discounted entry fee deadline
Wednesday	April 8	1800	Entry deadline
Thursday	April 9	1200	Classes, class flags and the order of starts posted
Sunday	April 12	1230	First warning signal - subsequent races to start ASAP
		After racing	Trophy presentation at CYC.

8. VENUE

The racing area is on Santa Monica Bay with the starting area approximately one (1) nautical mile northwest of the Marina del Rey breakwater.

9. COURSES

Courses are a windward / leeward format.

10. SCORING

10.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

10.3 Handicap boats are scored with PHRF SoCal Area B W/L Ratings. Boats from outside of Area B will have Area B adjustments applied as available. Non-spinnaker offsets are authorized for use in the Cruising Division only.

11. SUPPORT TEAMS

11.1 [DP] Competitors who wish to keep Support Person Vessels (SPVs) at CYC must make prior arrangements with the CYC Dockmaster for use of the hoist, trailer storage and in-the-water berthing. See NoR 14 for Waterfront Director contact information.

11.2 [DP] All SPVs shall carry and monitor a VHF radio capable of communicating on normal domestic and international channels.

11.3 The conduct of SPVs and support persons is governed by the SIs.

12. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors in the event are participating 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.

13. PRIZES

13.1 The awards ceremony will be held at CYC after racing.

13.2 Trophies are based on the number of entries in each class.

13.3 In addition, the following perpetual trophies will be awarded:

- The **Fred Harris Trophy** will be awarded to the first-place boat in each class of the PHRF Performance and Cruising Divisions.
- The **Commodore's Trophy** will be awarded to the first-place boat in each one-design class.
- The **Patterson Bowl** which shall remain on display at South Coast Corinthian YC, will be awarded to the first-place boat in the Star class.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

Event Chair: Michelle Shanks at 818.618.5349 or michshanks@mac.com

CYC Waterfront Director: Chase Young at chase.young@calyachtclub.com or 310.823.4567.

Hospitality: Complimentary refreshments are provided following racing.

Boat Launching, Berthing & Storage: Competitors are invited to use the dry storage, hoists and assigned docks at CYC 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 Waterfront Director.

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