



SUNSET SERIES  
RACE COMMITTEE



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# 2026 SUNSET SERIES SEMINAR

## California Yacht Club

April 8, 2026 | 1900 hours

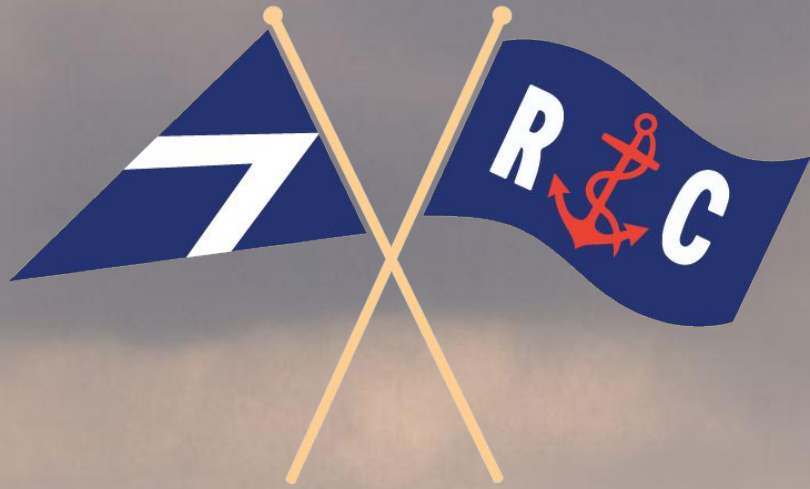
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**Drew Baldwin**

CYC Sail Committee Chair



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2026  
SUNSET SERIES  
DATES

**Wednesdays**

April 15 through September 2, 2026

**King of the Hill & Cruising Championship**

Wednesday, September 9, 2026



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# IMPORTANT UPDATES

SENIOR RACE OFFICER  
S/C TIM CLARKE





# 2026 CLASS SPLITS, FLAGS, AND STARTING TIMES

Class	Rating Range	Class Flag (Numeral Pennant)		Starting Time
PHRF A	<37	1		1755
PHRF B	37-69	2		1800
PHRF C	70-96	3		1805
PHRF D	97-186	4		1810
Martin 242	One Design	5		1815
Cruising A	Assigned	7		1820
Cruising B	Assigned	8		1825

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# CLASS FLAGS PLACEMENT

**BACKSTAY**



**BOOM**



**STERN PULPIT**



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# NON- CONTRASTING SAIL NUMBERS ENFORCEMENT



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**BOWSPRIT  
RULE UPDATE**

**Extend bowsprit when  
hoisting, flying, or  
retrieving spinnaker**

**At all other times the  
bowsprit shall be retracted**

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**HEADSAIL USE  
WITHIN THE  
ENTRANCE  
CHANNEL**

**All sails used must be declared  
on your PHRF certificate**

**Review your certificate:**

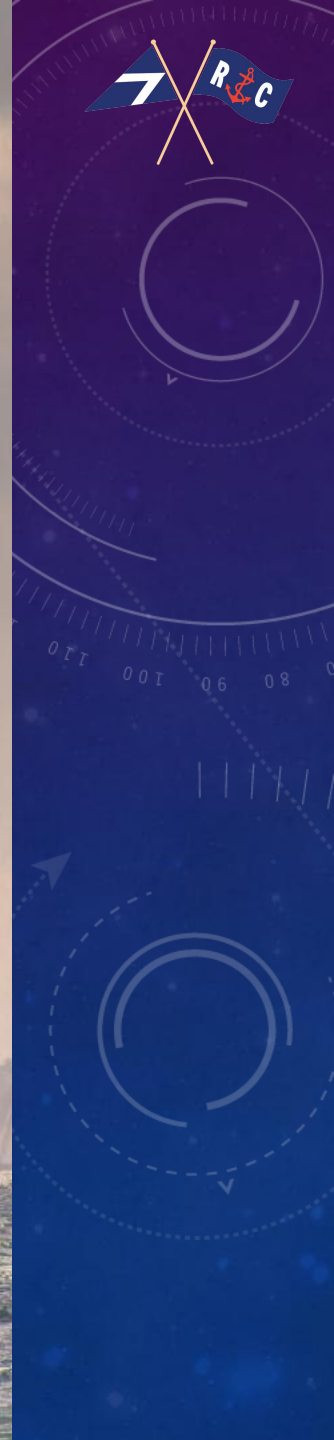
**Performance Handicap Racing**

**Fleet of Southern California**

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# US Sailing

## *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028*





# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: HIGHLIGHTS

## “SWEET 16” Sunset Series Rules

CYC S/C BILL STUMP

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# **“SWEET 16”**

## ***Sunset Series Rules***



- 1. Display your class flag from backstay, boom-end, or stern pulpit - SI 1.2(c)**
- 2. Have legible, contrasting, ‘official’ numbers on mainsail and overlapping headsails - NoR 1.6(b)**
- 3. Understand and observe RRS 23.1, INTERFERING WITH ANOTHER BOAT, before starting and after finishing or retiring - SI 1.3**
- 4. Stay clear of starting line at least 3 boat lengths until your Warning - SI 7.5**
- 5. Check your course letter flag(s) after your Warning and before your Starting signals - SI 6.1**
- 6. Note, a race will be Abandoned for any class whose weather mark is missing and not replaced - SI 5.3**
- 7. Treat end of detached breakwater as a mark, not an obstruction; RRS 18, MARK-ROOM, applies - SI 5.4**
- 8. Drop your spinnaker before rounding the detached breakwater - SI 1.2(a)**
- 9. Fly only one headsail at a time inside MdR harbor - SI 1.2(b)**

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# **“SWEET 16”**

## ***Sunset Series Rules***



- 10. Treat the line between adjacent “No Sail” buoys on NW side of entrance channel as a continuing obstruction; RRS 19, ROOM TO PASS AN OBSTRUCTION, applies - SI 6.2(d)**
- 11. Do Penalty Turn(s) if you break a rule; RRS Appendix V1, ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES (a US Sailing prescription) applies, as modified - SI 9.1**
- 12. Do a One-Turn Penalty for breaking SI 1.2(a) or 6.2(d) - SI 9.3**
- 13. Notify the RC right away if you retire before finishing - SI 13**
- 14. Completely cross the Finishing Line, do not re-cross; RRS 28.1, SAILING THE COURSE, is modified - SI 8.3**
- 15. Finish before the (absolute) 2030 Time Limit - SI 10 ~ Sail Fast!**
- 16. File protests, scoring inquiries, and request for redress online (only) at links on the CYC Sunset Series webpage, and check that page and your email for hearing schedule(s), etc. - SI 11.3 & 12.1**
- 17. Bonus! Watch your extendable and retractable bowsprit - new rule SI 1.2(d)**

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## U.S. COAST GUARD CHANNEL BUOY

Returning to finish:  
Channel, leave to port  
(1) all center-channel  
speed markers  
and (2) the yellow  
center-channel  
mooring cans, "B" and  
"A".





**NEW FINISH LINE**

**Main Channel**

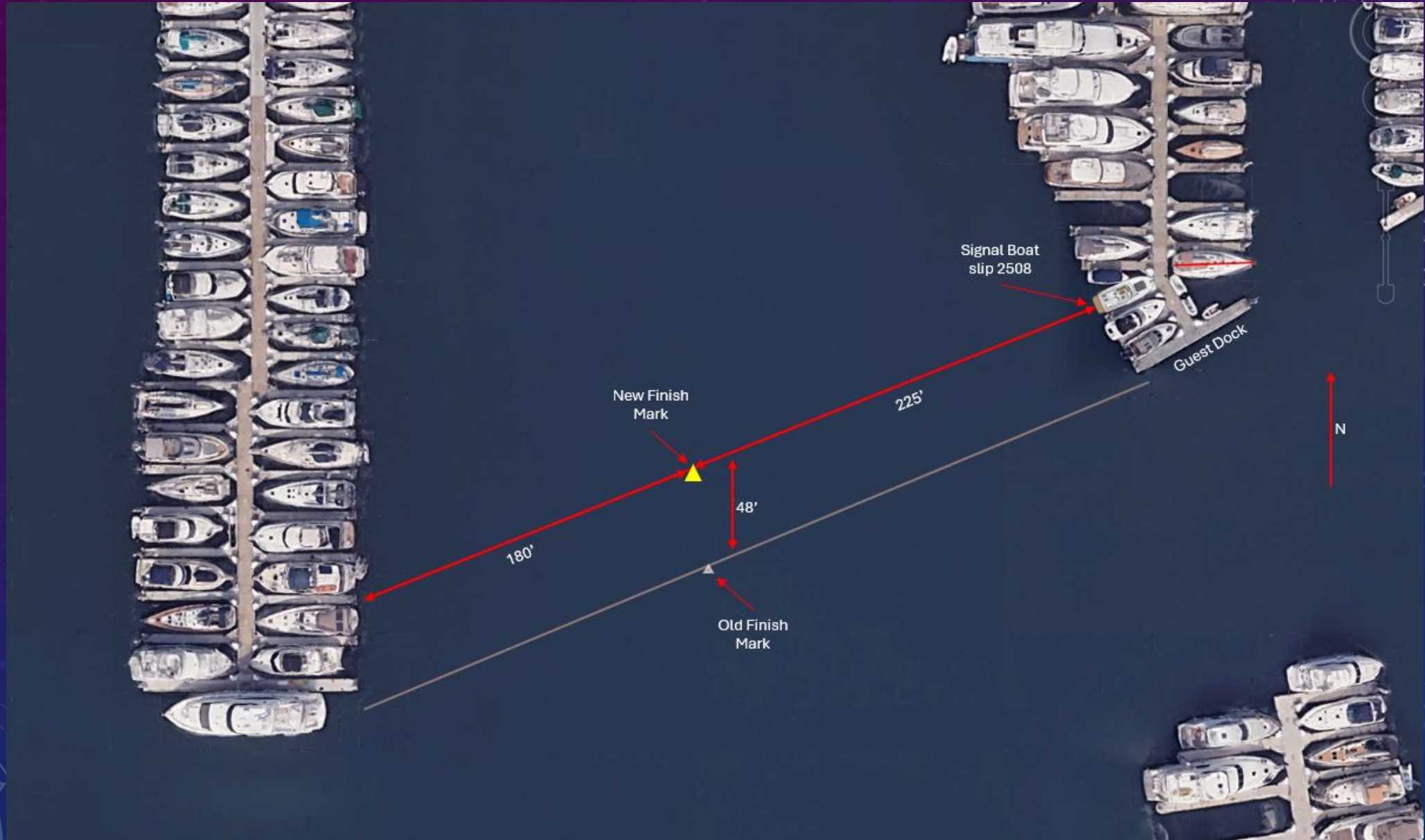
**Slip F-2508**

*48 feet north*

*of the CYC*

*Guest Dock*

# NEW FINISH LINE





# SHORTENED COURSE

If Race Committee shortens the course

- The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC vessel and an orange & white checkered flag buoy, anchored near the Lifeguard Station.
- RC may broadcast intention to shorten course at 1850, 1900, and 1910 on VHF channel 68

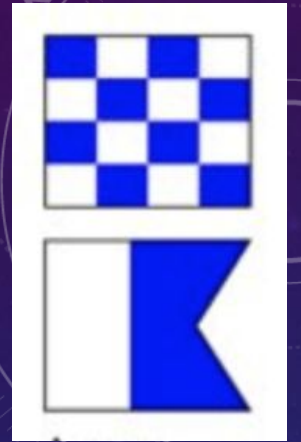
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# RACE ABANDONMENT/WEATHER

Race Committee will notify the Sunset Series registrants *by email* upon abandoning the race

***PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE CLUB—THEY DON'T KNOW***

Race Committee may also broadcast abandonment on VHF, fly the abandonment flags, and announce on Sunset Series WhatsApp and social media



# CYC Sunset Series WhatsApp Community

*Timely updates, announcements,  
abandonment notifications, race  
results, photos, and more*



CYC Sunset Series  
WhatsApp group



Scan or upload this QR code using the WhatsApp  
camera to join this group



# Cal Yacht Club Racing Social Media



**SHARE YOUR RACE &  
CREW PHOTOS & TAG  
@CYCRACING**

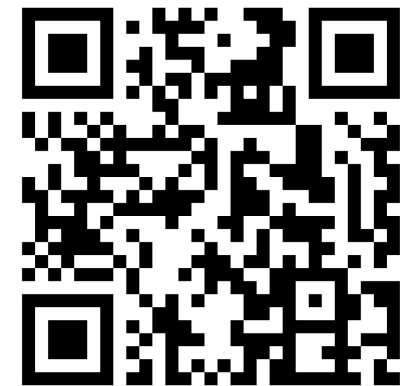


**SO WE CAN SHARE YOUR  
PHOTOS ON OUR  
SOCIAL MEDIA**



**IG | @cycracing**

**FB | @cycracing**





## MARKS

**If SS mark is off station,  
RC will set an inflatable  
tetrahedron in its place.**

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# CRUISING DIVISION

SAIL COMMITTEE CHAIR  
DREW BALDWIN





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## CRUISING DIVISION: RATINGS

- **FAQs on the Sunset Series Page**
- **PF must be less than or equal to 2**
- **We use Area B W/L Ratings**
- **Apply for adjustments with PHRF**
- **Race Committee may reassign boats from Cruising to Performance**

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# CRUISING DIVISION: SPINNAKERS

## Non-Spin Adjustments:

Cruising A	Cruising B
+9 Seconds/Mile	+7 Seconds/Mile

- We do not use PHRF spinnaker adjustments
- Notify Race Committee of Non-Spin *before* race
- May change status once a season

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# CRUISING DIVISION: CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

**Cruising Class splits will be posted  
by 1700 *Tuesday, April 14, 2026***



**Cruising A**



**Cruising B**

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# SUNSET SERIES CRUISING CHAMPIONSHIP

- **Wednesday, September 9, 2026**
- ***King of the Hill* style race for Cruising Division**
- **Eight total boats from CR-A and CR-B are invited based on average class size and overall standing**
- **Inverted start: first boat across the line wins**

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# SAFETY AT SEA

**US SAILING ARTHUR B. HANSON  
RESCUE MEDAL RECIPIENT  
DREW BALDWIN**





# SAFETY ABOVE ALL

Skippers are responsible for the safety of their crew.

Orient your crew: Life Jackets (PFDs), VHF Radio CH 16, MOB Procedures, First Aid Kit, Fire Extinguishers.

Never endanger other boats *regardless of the rules.*

**You don't have to finish the race.** You can return home anytime if you feel conditions are unsafe for your crew.

**SAFETY ABOVE ALL**

**\*MOB IS AN EMERGENCY\***

**MAYDAY on VHF CH 16**

**Sail Number, Boat Name, Hull Color**

*Assume the worst—you can always call off a rescue, but you can't make up lost time and sometimes even seconds count*



# HAVE YOUR BOAT CHECKED FOR FREE

[bit.ly/cyc-vessel-exam](https://bit.ly/cyc-vessel-exam)





# REGISTRATION, SCORING, AND RESULTS

SCORING SPECIALIST,  
LORI HAYTHORN

- Valid PHRF Certificate required
- You must use the same sail number as on PHRF Certificate
- Register and pay (online only) prior to 1730 on race day

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## FEES

### *Season*

- \$285 US Sailing Members
- \$325 non-members

### *Race by Race*

- \$16 US Sailing Members
- \$18 non-members

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# **NO REFUNDS FOR RACE ABANDONMENT**

- **If a race is abandoned, weekly entries will be automatically moved to the next race**
- **You can also select a new race date at [regattaman.com](http://regattaman.com)**
- **No refunds**

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# SCORING

- **Valid PHRF SoCal Area B W/L ratings**
- **Non-Area B boats will have Area B adjustments applied**
- **Multiple PHRF Certificates considered different boats for each Certificate**
- **Non-spinnaker offsets are for Cruising Division only**
- **Series scoring uses the “Sunset Scoring System”**

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# PROTESTS

CHIEF JUDGE  
GREG RUTTER



# STAY OUT OF “THE ROOM”

- Review RRS rules 10 through 20
- If in doubt, do your turns (1 turn = 1 tack + 1 gybe)
- Penalties: 2 turns for a foul within 3 boat lengths of a mark; 1 turn everywhere else
- File within 30 minutes of your finish
- Damage or injury

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# POST-RACE CELEBRATIONS

**Here at CYC P-130 (formerly Tony P's)  
4445 Admiralty Way**

***Outside:* Beer and \$15 burger meals  
*Inside:* Full bar and à la carte menu**



# TROPHIES: 2030 HOURS

*Timing updates will be announced on WhatsApp.*





# PRIZES AND GIVEAWAYS

## “THE DFL”



# WOMAN AT THE HELM RACES

First Wednesday of the Month  
May 6 • June 3 • July 2 • August 5

Awarded to top woman driver in each class

Must helm the entire race

The boat must be registered as WAH

Email Race Committee or sign up at the podium before 2030 on race day with:

- **WAH name**
- **Boat name**
- **Class**

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# HARRIS SPRING REGATTA

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

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# CAL RACE WEEK

**Cal Race Week**

May 30, - May 31, 2026

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**CA20**

**2026 CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

*at California Yacht Club*

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**JUNE 13 - 14**



**Martin 242**  
**North American**  
**Championship**  
July 10, - July 12, 2026

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# King of Spain Regatta

July 11 - July 12, 2025

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# CYC JUNIOR SAILING PROGRAM

*If you need extra crew, consider including a CYC Junior Sailor.*



Contact CYC S/C Uta Leslie: [uleslie@earthlink.net](mailto:uleslie@earthlink.net)

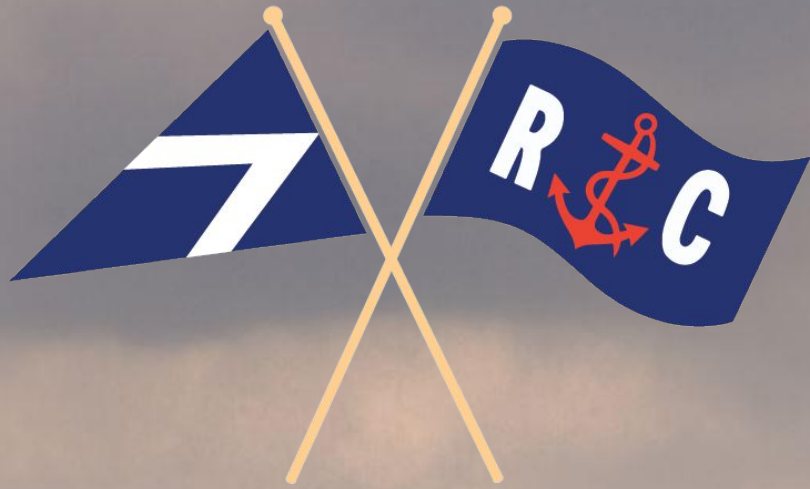
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**MEET NEW  
SAILORS!**

**We have a number  
of new people *here*  
who want to race!**

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