



Sunset Series

Wednesdays, April 15 through September 2, 2026
Marina del Rey, California, USA

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 Chairs: Nicole Harnett, Miriam Moses | See NoR 13 for contact information.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1, (Right to Protest).

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 (NoR) or the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.2 PHRF of Southern California (PHRF SoCal) [Class Rules](#) are in effect for handicap boats.
- 1.3 The second sentence of RRS 78, (Compliance with Class Rules; Certificates), 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 4.3, 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.
- 1.6 [NP] While racing, all boats shall
 - (a) display the class flag assigned for their class, as described in the SIs, and
 - (b) have official sail numbers on their mainsail and any overlapping headsails (130% or greater). Competitors are reminded that RRS Appendix G (Identification on Sails) G1.2(a) states, in part, that sail numbers shall be "Arabic numerals," "clearly legible," and "the color shall contrast with the color of the body of the sail." Missing, improper, inconsistent, unclear, illegible, or numbers other than those used for registration are not permitted. RRS A5 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee) A5.1, is modified to add that the RC may disqualify, without a hearing, a boat infringing this instruction.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SIs will be posted by 1900 on Wednesday, April 8 on the Official Notice Board.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is the [Sunset Series webpage](#) on the CYC website.
- 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 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 sixty (60) feet that have a valid PHRF SoCal Rating Certificate, and to Martin 242 Class boats. Other one-design classes may petition an 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 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 includes 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 includes only those boats whose Performance Factor (PF) is ≤ 2 . A boat with a PF > 2 may petition the event chairs for inclusion in that Division. The event chairs reserve the right to reassign boats from the Cruising Division to the Performance Division.
- 5.4 Classes are established within each Division at the discretion of the event chairs.
- 5.5 Classes, class flags, and starting times will be posted by 1900 on Wednesday, April 8 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 15 to September 2, 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.

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 start outside the Harbor at MDR Mark SS (see [Course Chart 18](#)), go to a windward mark, and finish inside the Harbor.

10. SCORING

- 10.1 Handicap boats are 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 are authorized for use 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 is 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 uses 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 SIs. A boat's series score for both Class and Division scoring shall 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

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 Trophies for individual races will be awarded at CYC as soon as possible after each race according to the following provisions:

(a) Class trophies for each race are 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.

(b) Class trophies will be awarded after the final race on September 2 using the same criteria as in NoR 12.1(a), except they are based on the average number of starters in the Series.

(c) The following perpetual trophies, which will remain on display at CYC, will be presented on September 2:

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| • 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 earn invitations to the King of the Hill, and (b) boats in the Cruising Division earn invitations to the Sunset Series Cruising Championship. Invitations will be issued on Wednesday, September 2, and these events will be sailed on Wednesday, September 9.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

Event Chairs: Nicole Harnett and Miriam Moses at cyc-sunset-series@cycfleet.com.

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

Sunset Series Seminar: An informational presentation will be held for Sunset Series competitors on Wednesday, April 8. For time and location of this event, see the [Sunset Series webpage](#) on the CYC website.

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 the event chairs at cyc-sunset-series@cycfleet.com.

Hospitality: No-host refreshments will be available following racing each day.

Boat Launching, Docking and Temporary Storage: Competitors are invited to use the dry storage, hoists, and assigned docks at CYC during the event. For information and arrangements regarding boat launching, docking, and storage immediately preceding and following the event, contact the CYC Waterfront Director.

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.