



Sunset Series

Wednesdays: April 15 – September 2, 2026
Marina del Rey, California

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION

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1. RULES

- 1.1 See NoR 1.
- 1.2 While racing, all boats shall:
 - (a) drop spinnakers so the head is below the lowest spreader before first crossing a line from the southeast end of the detached breakwater to the south side of Ballona Creek ("Inside Marina del Rey Harbor"); and
 - (b) fly no more than one headsail at any time inside Marina del Rey Harbor, except when actively changing headsails. Spinnakers may not be used inside the harbor. The [Equipment Rules of Sailing](#) defines "Spinnaker" as "A sail set forward of the mast spar or of the foremost mast spar if more than one mast, where the measurement between the half luff point and the half leech point is equal or greater than 75% of the foot length.
 - (c) display the class flag assigned for their class from their backstay above boom level (if a boat does not have a standing backstay, the class flag shall be flown from either the end of the boom or the stern pulpit) [DP].
 - (d) extend a bowsprit only when in the process of either a continuous hoist, flying, or a continuous retrieval of the spinnaker. At all other times the bowsprit shall be retracted. A continuous hoist is defined as there being no pause between the time the bow sprit is fully extended and the initiation of the spinnaker halyard going up.
- 1.3 Competitors are reminded that RRS 23.1 (Interfering with Another Boat) states that, "if reasonably possible, a boat not racing shall not interfere with a boat that is racing." You are not racing: (1) before the preparatory signal for your class; (2) after you finish and clear the finish line; or (3) anytime you retire on the race course, or (4) when your class is required to abandon the race because the designated weather mark is missing (see SI 5.3).

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted by 1600 on the Wednesday it will take effect.
- 2.2 Any change in the schedule of races, order of starts, starting times, class flag designations or class rating ranges will be posted by 1800 on the Monday before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board which is the [Sunset Series](#) webpage on the CYC website.
- 3.2 On the water, the Race Committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 68. Failure of the RC to broadcast, mistaken broadcasts, or failure of a competitor to receive this information will not be grounds for a request for redress. This change is added to RRS 61.1(a) (Requesting or Considering Redress).

4. RACING AREA

The racing area is on Santa Monica Bay and inside Marina del Rey Harbor.

5. MARKS

- 5.1 All marks designated by a letter on SI Addendum A Course Chart are yellow or white spar buoys of varying height and diameter.
- 5.2 In the event a mark (spar buoy) is missing or off position, an inflatable tetrahedron may be used as a replacement.
- 5.3 RRS 32.1(c) (Shortening or Abandoning After the Start) is changed to require abandonment of the race for any class in which the designated weather mark is missing and not replaced.
- 5.4 The detached breakwater is not considered a "continuing obstruction" when boats are rounding the south end of it to enter the harbor. This means that RRS 18 (Mark-Room) applies.

6. THE COURSES

Courses are described in SI Addendum A.

7. THE START

- 7.1 Races are started using RRS 26 (Starting Races) as follows: The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with the starting signal of the preceding class, with classes starting in the order posted on the [Official Notice Board](#).
- 7.2 The starting line is between the course side of Mark SS and the staff displaying an orange & white checkered flag on the port side

- of the RC signal vessel (see SI Addendum A).
- 7.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to hail her sail number or boat name as provided in SI 3.2.
- 7.4 A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored as Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This change is added to RRS A5.1 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee).
- 7.5 [DP] A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall not sail within three (3) of her hull lengths of the starting line during the starting sequence for other classes. This rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This change is added to RRS 60.4(a) (Protest Validity).
- 8. THE FINISH**
- 8.1 The finishing line is between a small yellow tetrahedron anchored toward mid-channel and the staff displaying a blue flag on the RC signal vessel. The RC signal vessel will be docked at slip F-2508 in the main channel. This slip is 48 feet north of the CYC guest dock. (see Addendum B). If the signal vessel is not on station, the finishing line is between a small yellow tetrahedron anchored toward mid-channel and the southwest corner of slip F-2508. See US Sailing Prescription to RRS 34 (Mark Missing; Race Committee Absent).
- 8.2 If the RC shortens course under SI 6.3, the finishing line is between the staff displaying an orange & white checkered flag toward mid-channel and the staff displaying an orange & white checkered flag near the Lifeguard Station (the RC signal vessel may be stationed at either end). This changes RRS "Race Signals." The RC may broadcast its intention to shorten course at 1850, 1900, and 1910 on VHF channel 68 as provided in SI 3.2.
- 8.3 Boats that have finished shall sail completely across the finishing line and shall not re-cross it. This rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This change is added to RRS 60.4(a) (Protest Validity).
- 9. PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 9.1 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V, section V1 (Penalty at the Time of an Incident) applies except when racing inside the harbor. When racing inside the harbor, RRS 44.1(Taking a Penalty) is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 9.2 If a boat breaks NoR 1.6(a) or (b), she shall receive a warning for the first infraction. Thereafter, she shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This change is added to RRS A5.1 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee).
- 9.3 The penalty for breaking SI 1.2 (a) or 6.2 (d) shall be a One-Turn Penalty.
- 9.4 The RC may disqualify without a hearing any boat that the RC observes breaking SI 8.3. This change is added to RRS A5.1 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee).
- 10. TIME LIMIT**
- Boats not finishing by 2030 will be scored as Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35 (Race Time Limit and Scores) and is added to A5.1 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee).
- 11. HEARING REQUESTS**
- 11.1 The protest time limit for boats is thirty (30) minutes after the protesting boat finishes. The protest time limit for the RC is thirty (30) minutes after the last boat finishes.
- 11.2 RRS 61.2 (Requests for Redress) is modified as follows:
- (a) RRS 61.2(b)(1) is replaced with: "If the request is based on an incident in the racing area, it shall be filed within thirty (30) minutes after the protesting boat finishes."
- (b) A notice of boats scored per RRS A5.1 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee) will be posted no later than thirty (30) minutes after the last boat finishes at the *View Starting Penalties* link on the [Official Notice Board](#). The deadline for a request for redress based on these scores is one (1) hour after the last boat finishes.
- 11.3 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed using the hearing request forms available at the *File a Protest* link on the [Official Notice Board](#).
- 11.4 A notice of filed protests and requests for redress will be posted within seventy-five (75) minutes after the last boat finishes at the *Protest Time Limit and Hearing Schedule* link located on the [Official Notice Board](#). This constitutes notice to all parties under RRS 63.1(a)(1) (Conduct of Hearings; Rights of Parties)
- 11.5 Parties will be informed as soon as possible of the time and place at which protests and requests for redress will be heard.
- 11.6 US Sailing Prescriptions to the Preamble to Part 5, Section B (Hearings and Making Decisions) and RRS 63.1 (Conduct of Hearings, Rights of Parties) do not apply.

12. SCORING

12.1 Preliminary results will be posted on the [Official Notice Board](#) as soon as possible after each race. Competitors shall notify the RC of any scoring errors within thirty (30) minutes after preliminary results have been posted using the *Submit Scoring Inquiry* link on the [Official Notice Board](#).

12.2 Series scoring will use the Sunset Series Scoring System. For each race, a boat shall receive a score calculated as follows (rounded to three decimal places):

$$1 + \left(\left(\frac{\text{class_starters_placing_after_her} + 0.5}{\text{class_starters}} \right) \times 9 \right)$$

“Class starters” is the number of boats that crossed the starting line after or just before the starting signal for that class (i.e., all official “starters” plus any OCS boats). A boat that did not compete, did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing or was disqualified shall be scored one (1) point. A boat that did not enter shall be scored zero (0) points. When a race is abandoned for fewer than all classes in a Division, boats in those classes shall be scored average points for that race. Average points will be defined as the average of a boat’s best three (3) scores out of the immediately preceding four (4) races, regardless of whether the boat competed in those races. For any of the first four races in the series, average points will be assigned upon completion of the fifth scored race. This changes A5.2.

12.3 A boat’s series score for both Class and Division (Performance or Cruising) 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. Races that have been abandoned for all classes in her Division will not be counted as part of a boat’s series score. Series ties will be broken by applying RRS A8.1 using places instead of scores. This changes RRS A8 (Series Ties).

13. [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race prior to finishing shall notify the RC either before leaving the Racing Area or as soon as possible after arriving ashore.

14. 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.

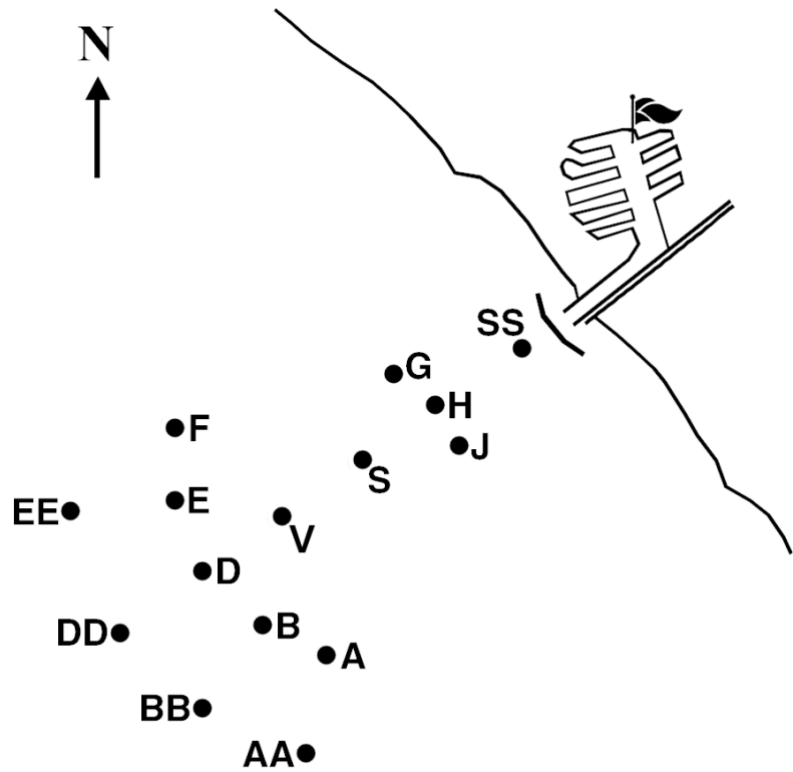
SI ADDENDUM A

6. COURSES (continued)

- 6.1 At the warning signal for each class, the RC will signal the course by displaying letter code flag(s), indicating the first mark to be rounded. For Course V, the flag will be a white background with the letter V in black.
- 6.2 After starting:
- (a) Leave to port the mark indicated by the flag(s) displayed for your class per SI 6.1.
 - (b) Enter the Marina del Rey Harbor south entrance, leaving the end of the detached breakwater to port.
 - (c) Leave to starboard the end of the south jetty, including any red or “shoal” buoys near the end of the jetty. Center-channel markers between the detached breakwater and the south jetty or buoys adjacent to the detached breakwater near the flagpole are not marks of the course.
 - (d) Leave to port any “No Sail” (or “No Sailboats”) buoys designating the lane for leaving the harbor located along the northwest side of the entrance channel. The line between any two adjacent “No Sail” buoys is a continuing obstruction and a boat shall not sail with any part of her hull across this line. After the last of these buoys, there is no continuing obstruction between the remaining marks of the course.
 - (e) In the main channel, leave to port (1) all center-channel speed markers (starting with the one that is closest to being in line with the US Coast Guard station pier) and (2) the yellow center-channel mooring cans, “B” and “A”.
 - (f) Proceed to the finish line slightly north of the CYC Guest Dock unless the course is shortened under SI 6.3 to finish at the Lifeguard Station (LS).
- 6.3 Courses may be shortened, at the discretion of the RC, to finish at the LS. If courses are shortened, the finishing line is changed as described in SI 8.2. This changed finishing line (shortened course) applies to all classes. There will be no “shortened course” signal flag displayed by the RC; boats must cross the new finish line. This changes Race Signals and RRS 32 (Shortening or Abandoning After the Start).
- 6.4 If the course is shortened per SI 6.3, handicap distances are reduced by 0.3 nm.

COURSE CHART

Course Signal (& first mark)	Approx. Magnetic Bearing (from “SS”)	Handicap Distance (in NM)
J	208°	3.3
H	235°	3.1
G	262°	3.4
S	235°	4.1
V	235°	5.1
A	210°	5.6
B	223°	5.9
D	235°	6.1
E	248°	6.0
F	260°	5.7
AA	205°	6.5
BB	220°	6.9
DD	235°	7.1
EE	250°	7.0



Distances from Mark **SS** are as follows: Mark **H** = 0.5 NM; Mark **S** = 1.0 NM; Mark **V** = 1.5 NM; Mark **D** = 2.0 NM; Mark **DD** = 2.5 NM;

SI ADDENDUM B

8.1 Location of slip F-2508

