

Sunset Series Race Abandonment, and Communication

Dear Sunset Series Racers:

In order for you to better prepare for race day, we are sharing (1) some considerations that affect CYC's decision to abandon a Sunset Series race, and (2) ways that we communicate an abandonment decision.

Considerations:

For all our races, the primary consideration is safety - the safety of competitors and race committee alike. In Sunset Series, we often have inexperienced racers, novice crew, and some less well prepared boats throughout our classes. If we err in deciding whether to race, it will be on the side of caution.

Before each Sunset Series race, the Principal Race Officer (PRO) monitors actual and predicted wind using various websites and apps, checks the National Weather Service, and checks whether actual conditions appear consistent with predictions from various weather services.

If, at or after 2 p.m. on race day, there is a Small Craft Advisory (or stronger warning) in effect that includes Santa Monica Bay during the period of time that includes Sunset Series racing, 1700 – 2030, that day's race will be abandoned.

Please note that there does not need to be an advisory in effect to abandon a race, and that a race can also be abandoned on the race course if conditions dictate.

Timing of Decision:

The decision will be made as soon as reasonably possible, always with the goal of running the race unless, in the best judgment of the PRO, it will be unsafe at race time. This may require getting very close to race time to make this decision. In other instances, it may be very obvious earlier in the day.

Communication:

If the decision is made to abandon the race, the decision will be communicated promptly as follows:

- An email or text will be sent to registered entrants.
- A Notice to Competitors advising of abandonment will be posted on the [CYC Sunset Series regatta page](#).
- A Constant Contact blast will be sent to everyone on the normal Sunset Series mailing list, advising of the decision not to race.
- If safe, the PRO may arrange to take the *Charles Hathaway* or a markset boat up the channel near the breakwater, and display flags noting abandonment: N over A, and advise Sunset Series boats that there is no racing that night.