



In conjunction with

Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club 

## Notice of Race & Participant Instructions

# 2019 "Otter Cup"

**RACE EVENT, 12.89 NAUTICAL MILES**

**MAY 18th**

**OPEN TO ALL MONTEREY BAY YACHT CLUBS**

**Rounding Marks, Leg Lengths and Compass Headings**

**Start(Monterey) – R "4" s – ML3 p - Finish (Moss Landing)**

**Approximate Leg Lengths and Compass Headings:**

**Start (Monterey) – R "4", 1.19 NM**

**R "4" – ML3, 10.3 NM (008°)**

**ML3 – Finish (Moss Landing) 1.4 NM (15°)**

<b>Start Monterey</b>	An imaginary line between a MPYC RC boat and MPYC "G" mark (located at 36 36.59" N, 121 52.75" W)
<b>Finish Moss Landing</b>	An imaginary line between channel entry marker "MLA" (Red/White) and the Green Buoy located just west of the north end jetty at harbor entrance.
<b>ML3</b>	A yellow buoy south of Moss Landing Finish located at 36° 46.7' N, 121° 48.9' W
<b>MLA</b>	A red/white buoy of Finish located at 36° 46.7' N, 121° 50.8' W
<b>R "4"</b>	A red buoy north of Monterey Start located at 36° 37.5' N, 121° 53.7' W
<b>"p"</b>	Mark shall be rounded, or kept to port.
<b>"s"</b>	Mark shall be rounded, or kept to starboard.

**Rules:** This race shall be generally governed by US Sailing's 2017 - 2020 "The Racing Rules of Sailing," with the exception of any special instructions herein of stated at the Skipper's meeting. RRS 40 is changed: all competitors are required wear a life jacket or other adequate personal floatation device during this event. See "Safety" section of this document.

**Eligibility:** This event is open to all mono-hull sailing vessels recognized by the (Yacht Racing Association (YRA). Yacht must be properly equipped for offshore sailing. Yachts shall be a member of a recognized yacht club. A PHRF Certificate is required. PHRF ratings are obtained from PHRF Monterey Bay or San Francisco PHRF. Application form is located on the EYC & SCYC websites. A PHRF Certificate is required. If a Yacht does not hold a PHRF Certificate, the Race Committee may convene and rule on an assigned rating before race time.

**Course:** Is as stated on page one of this document.

**Entry:** All boats must enter by submitting a completed entry form along with applicable fees by Noon Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for submitting waivers, crew list etc., by the close of the Skipper's meeting on May 18th. All race documents and registration are available on the Regatta Network Event Site. If you are not able to register through Regatta Network please contact the EYC Office / Manager.

**Fees:** Competitor entry fees are as follows: Early entry (On or before April 24th) \$45. Regular (April 25th to May 9th) \$65, Late (May 10th to 16th) \$85. One Captain's dinner is included with registration. Post-race crew dinner fee is \$15 per plate.

**Safety:** Boats must meet these minimum equipment requirements to race. These are:

1. USCG approved life jackets shall be worn while racing.
2. Life-Sling or one horseshoe life ring, 18-inch diameter USCG-approved ring buoy.
3. USCG-approved (or equivalent) fire extinguisher as required by USCG rules, readily accessible.
4. One manually-operated bilge pump.
5. One suitable anchor and cable.
6. Fog horn.
7. Marine compass
8. Suitable charts for piloting.
9. Two fully charged cell phones with call numbers listed on the race entry and float plan forms.
10. Life Lines appropriate for the particular boat design.
11. California State law and boating regulations, it is recommended that all boats stay at least 200 feet clear from a dive boat displaying the Divers, and or Alpha flags. Boats should also exercise precaution in proximity of bathers and kayakers.

It is highly recommended that all boats also be equipped with a second handheld VHF marine transceiver and a working flashlight with additional batteries.

**Skippers Meeting:** A skippers Meeting shall be held in the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club lounge on race morning at 10:00AM. Attendance is advisable. If not attending, check-in is required 30 minutes prior to start time via VHF on Channel 68. Secondary method is to call the Race Director at 831-682-1808.

**Start:** 12:00PM Local Pacific Time on May 18th, 2019. The race will be started in general accordance to US Sailing's Rule 26. First warning signal at 11:55 AM. The class flag is "F". The start will be outside the harbor entrance to the north using a RC signal boat and flotation mark. All boats must check in with RC by hail or radio on Channel 68 during the check-in period – 11:25AM to 11:45AM. Failure of a boat to check-in with RC and establish two-way communication will result in the boat not being considered to have started and will be scored DNS. Any changes to standard procedure shall be noted at the Skippers Meeting.

**Communication:** Each Skipper is responsible to monitor VHF Channel 68. If visual contact is lost, Race Committee may call competing boats on channel 68 between 1500 & 1530 to request position. Please be monitoring channel 68 during this time slot and be prepared to report.

**Finish:** Finishing positions are calculated based on the course length and each yacht's PHRF rating. Each Skipper shall be responsible for the accuracy of their time keeping equipment to ensure their boat starts on time. Each skipper is also responsible to record their finish time and report it to the Race Committee immediately following the race. Order of finish shall be calculated based on each boat's RHRF Rating and

course distance of **12.89 nautical miles.**

**Scoring:** The finish orders shall be posted and maintained by an Elkhorn YC representative in the club lounge after the race. If a yacht does not finish, they shall be scored as the last finishing boat +1. In the event there is more than one retiring boat, each shall be scored +1 in the sequence of the notice to the race committee. Skippers and Crew not attending the awards ceremony shall call in their finish time within 30 minutes after crossing S/F in order to be recorded.

**Awards:** There shall be event specific awards presented at the Elkhorn Yacht Club after the race. Prizes shall be awarded to the top 3 finishing positions.

**Entry Contact:** Call EYC Club Management at 831-724-3875 or email at: [eyc@elkhornyachtclub.org](mailto:eyc@elkhornyachtclub.org)

**Event Questions:** Call Peggy Carroll at 831-682-1808 or email at [racedirector@elkhornyachtclub.org](mailto:racedirector@elkhornyachtclub.org)

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