



## **NOTICE OF RACE**

*(2 June 2020)*

### **Sunset Fun Sail Series Wednesdays starting June 10, 2020**

#### **1. BACKGROUND**

1.1 The Sunset Fun Sail Series will replace the regular MPYC Sunset Series until further notice.

1.2 The Sunset Fun Sail Series is intended to allow casual racing using rabbit starts or small race committees following social distancing guidelines.

#### **2. RULES**

2.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

#### **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

3.1 The race is open to boats owned by MPYC members

3.2 MPYC boats already registered for the regular MPYC Sunset Series will automatically be entered into the series. Other entries shall be made online through the MPYC Regatta Network race registration portal.

3.3 The decision to participate in the event, and on how to adhere to social distancing guidelines is that of the skipper and crew of each boat.

3.4 All competing boats shall submit MPYC float plans to the MPYC Race Chair prior to entering any race part of the series. The MPYC float plan is available at [mpyc.org](http://mpyc.org) under Race Documents. Boats without float plans will not be scored.

#### **4. FEES**

4.1 See 3.2 above.

#### **5. BOATS**

5.1 The regatta will be sailed in One Design boats (Shields and Santana 22), and PHRF rated boats based on valid PHRF certificates issued by the Monterey Bay PHRF Committee.

5.2 PHRF boats who plan on sailing without a spinnaker shall inform the Race Chair prior to the start of the series. Such boats may be awarded a 12 seconds per mile credit provided they do not use spinnakers during any race part of the series. Should a boat decide to change to a spinnaker configuration during the series, her overall series scores will be adjusted to her regular PHRF rating.

5.3 One Design boats will have a separate start provided 5 or more Shields and Santanas check in with the rabbit boat no later than 17:45 on the day of each race.

## 6. **SCHEDULE**

6.1. The Sunset Fun Sail Series will be sailed on every Wednesday evening as of June 10, 2020 until further notice.

6.2 Participating boats shall check in with the rabbit boat on VHF Channel 68 by no later than 17:45 on the day of the event. Failure to check in may result in a no score.

## 7. **COURSES**

7.1 The starting area will be in the vicinity of the MPYC "G" buoy.

7.2 Courses will be announced by the rabbit boat on VHF Channel 68 prior to the 5 minute warning signal of the first start (if applicable).

7.3 Courses may be drawn from, but not be limited to, the 2020 MPYC Course sheet.

## 8. **THE START AND FINISH**

8.1 The rabbit boat will sound a 5 minute warning signal as close as possible to 17:55 on the day of the event. The rabbit may sound a one minute warning prior to the 5 minute signal on VHF Channel 68. All times, other than the 5 minute warning signal, are approximate.

8.2 The race will start once the rabbit boat passes the pin end mark to Port. The rabbit does not have to sound a horn at the start.

8.3 Boats will start on Starboard tack and cross the imaginary line between the MPYC "G" buoy or another buoy designated by the rabbit boat, and the stern of the rabbit boat while she is sailing on Port tack.

8.4 The MPYC starting procedure is available at [www.mpyc.org](http://www.mpyc.org) under Race documents. All skippers and crew who plan on participating in Sunset Fun Sail events MUST familiarize themselves with the MPYC rabbit start procedure.

8.5 The finish line will be the imaginary line between MPYC "F" and the flagpole on the MPYC clubhouse roof.

8.6 Boats will be finished by a race committee volunteer from the club house rooftop.

## 9. **SCORING**

9.1 For Shields and Santana 22 boats, normal One Design scoring will apply. Boats will be scored in the order in which they crossed the finish line.

9.2 PHRF Scoring will be on the basis of Time on Distance (TOD) calculated based on the PHRF rating of each competing boat, taking into account the provisions in 5.2 above. This represents a change to MPYC Sailing Instruction 13.2.

## 10. **PENALTIES**

11.1 RRS Appendix V1 and V2 will apply.

11.2 While participating boats shall adhere to RRS, no protests will be accepted. Skippers and crew of boats involved in possible rules altercations and or contact between boats, shall resolve their differences between themselves. MPYC bears no responsibility for any bruised egos, limbs or boats.

## 11. **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

11.1 All boats shall be equipped in accordance with Federal Equipment Requirements for Recreational Vessels.

11.2 All participants shall wear a PFD while racing. Self/auto inflatable PFDs should be checked and serviced regularly.

11.3 All competing boats shall comply with relevant social distancing requirements, and shall be equipped with face masks for each member of her crew.

11.4 Boats shall carry a VHF marine radio in working condition and monitor VHF Channel 68. It is recommended that radios be capable of dual band monitoring, or two radios, monitoring Channels 16 and 68 respectively.

11.5 All boats should 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. All boats shall not approach within 100 yards of any U .S . Naval vessel or cruise ship.

11.6 As the designated rabbit boat shall be considered as a committee boat for purposes of the race, the rabbit boat should be treated as a mark. With this in mind, no competing boats may interfere with the rabbit boat until she has completed her tack to starboard at the end of the start period.

11.7 If any boat makes contact with, or interferes with the rabbit boat, such boat will be disqualified and must retire. Should the rabbit boat need to abandon the start, she shall sound two horns signally all boats to abandon the race. All boats shall keep clear of the rabbit boat to allow her to restart the race.

11.8 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the rabbit boat and or the Race Chair as soon as reasonably possible.

12. **PRIZES**

12.1 The first place finisher for each participating class shall be awarded a prize following the event.

12.2 The scores in the Sunset Fun Sail series will be applied towards the overall scoring of the regular MPYC Sunset Series.

13. **DISCLAIMER AND LIABILITY**

13.1 Competitors participate in the Sunset Fun Sail events at their own risk. The event organizers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after each race in the series.