



## ***Around Monterey Bay Mile Buoy Long Distance Race***

*26 September 2020*

Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club

Monterey, CA

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

(31 August 2020)

#### **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1. The idea for this handicapped 44 nm long-distance race was conceived by MPYC Race Chair Jean du Preez to encourage PHRF rated boats to sail around the beautiful Monterey Bay on the same course but starting at three different "Mile" buoys. The race is co-organized by the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club, Elkhorn Yacht Club and Santa Cruz Yacht Club.
- 1.2. Competitors will start in the vicinity of the Mile Buoys outside the harbors of Monterey, Moss landing and Santa Cruz, round the other Mile buoys and finishing back and the Mile Buoys where they started. Boats can decide whether to sail the course clockwise or anticlockwise provided they round all three Mile buoys on the shore side of each Mile buoy.
- 1.3. The proceeds from the inaugural race in 2020 will be donated to the Fire Relief Funds in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties.

#### **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 all boats holding a valid 2020 Monterey Bay PHRF rating. See <http://club.scyc.org/2018/01/01/phrf-monterey-bay-rating-application/> for Monterey Bay PHRF application. If a boat does not hold a current PHRF certificate, the Organizing Authority may convene and rule on an assigned rating before race time.
- 3.2. Competing yachts shall be a member of a recognized yacht club.
- 3.3. Registration for the race shall be made online using the Regatta Network registration portal at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21274> by noon on Friday, September 25, 2020.
- 3.4. This event is open to all mono-hull and multi-hull sailing vessels recognized by the Yacht Racing Association (YRA).
- 3.5. Boats may enter one of the following Divisions:
  - 3.5.1. A Fleet with spinnaker (PHRF 99 and lower);

- 3.5.2. B Fleet with spinnaker (PHRF 100 and higher);
  - 3.5.3. C Fleet Multihulls
  - 3.5.4. D Fleet Jib and Main
- 3.6. One-Design boats are invited to participate as a class. If five boats of a single type register, they will form a class.
- 3.7. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to modify the Divisions based upon entries received.
- 3.8. A completed and accurate Float Plan, as issued with the Notice of Race, must be submitted prior to 0800 hours on September 26, 2020.
- 3.9. Yachts must be properly equipped for offshore sailing. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to reject an entry based on its sole opinion of the seaworthiness of the boat for nearshore competition where rescue may be delayed.
- 4. FEES
  - 4.1. The entry fee is \$50.00 per boat. All proceeds will be donated to the Fire Relief Funds in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties.
- 5. BOATS
  - 5.1. The race will be sailed in mono-hull or multihull boats with valid PHRF ratings issued by the Monterey Bay PHRF Committee.
  - 5.2. Boats without a PHRF rating may sail the course, but will not be scored.
- 6. SCHEDULE
  - 6.1. The warning signal for the race will be at 1055 on Saturday September 26, 2020.
  - 6.2. There will be one start for all classes at each Mile Buoy.
  - 6.3. A mandatory skippers and crew meeting will be scheduled for 2000hrs (8pm) on September 25 via Zoom. A link to the Zoom meeting will be published as part of the Sailing Instructions.
- 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
  - 7.1. The sailing instructions will be available online, at Regatta Network and through e-mail.
- 8. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND EQUIPMENT
  - 8.1. All competing boats shall comply with relevant social distancing requirements, and shall be equipped with face masks for each member of her crew.
  - 8.2. Boats shall be equipped in accordance with Federal Equipment Requirements for Recreational Vessels.
  - 8.3. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as reasonably possible.
  - 8.4. Boats shall carry a VHF marine radio capable of dual band monitoring, or two radios, monitoring Channels 72 and 16.
  - 8.5. Boats shall have ground tackle sufficient for anchoring offshore of hazards in the racing area, a bucket, a compass, working flashlight and a first aid kit. It is recommended that boats carry additional batteries.
  - 8.6. All participants shall wear a PFD while racing.
  - 8.7. California State law and boating regulations - boats shall stay at least 200 feet clear from a dive boat displaying the Divers, and or Alpha flags, and shall not approach within 100 yards of any U. S. Naval vessel or cruise ship. Boats should also exercise precaution in proximity of bathers, kayakers, and protected marine life.

- 8.8. Boats shall be equipped with Lifelines appropriate for the particular boat design and type, and have jacklines and tethers onboard.
- 8.9. Boats shall be equipped with a Life Sling or a horseshoe/donut-type buoy, USGC approved, with 100 feet of floating line attached to both the buoy and the boat. It is recommended that boats be equipped with at least one halyard long enough to be used for hoisting a person from the water back onboard, and/or an appropriate halyard extension.
- 8.10. It is highly recommended that all boats carry two (2) cellular phones with batteries fully charged.

## 9. COURSE

- 9.1. The 44.06 nautical mile course will start between the relevant Mile buoy (outside Monterey, Moss Landing and Santa Cruz harbors) and a race committee boat anchored to the shore side of each Mile Buoy. All three starts will be simultaneous and to windward.
- 9.2. Instructions on the starting procedure will be announced by the committee boat on VHF Channel 68 prior to the starting sequence.
- 9.3. All boats shall check in with their respective race committee prior to the starting sequence. Failure to check in may lead to disqualification from the race.
- 9.4. Boats are free to decide whether to sail the course clockwise or anticlockwise provided they round all three Mile buoys on the shore side of each Mile buoy.
- 9.5. Boats are required to check in with their respective race committees when they pass each Mile Buoy, including at the finish Mile buoy. A text with a picture of each Mile Buoy should be sent to the appropriate race committee. Evidence of mark roundings may be used in the event of a dispute. Mobile numbers of each race committee will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.6. Boats will finish at the same Mile Buoy where they started.
  - 9.6.1. Boats finishing at the Monterey Mile Buoy should cross the imaginary finish line between the Monterey Mile Buoy and the red and white radio mast at Cannery Row.
  - 9.6.2. Boats finishing at Moss Landing should cross the imaginary finish line between MILA and the green can "1" off the northern breakwater.
  - 9.6.3. Boats finishing at Santa Cruz should cross the imaginary finish line between the SC Mile Buoy and the Walton Lighthouse at the end of the Santa Cruz harbor breakwater.
- 9.7. Finishing boats should take their own time and report their finish time to the [race@mpyc.org](mailto:race@mpyc.org), or text to 831-9178757. Failure to check in at the time of finish, or soon thereafter may lead to disqualification from the race.

## 10. SCORING

- 10.1. The finish orders shall be posted on Regatta Network.
- 10.2. There is a finish time limit set at 20:00 (8PM). The time limit may be adjusted at the skippers meeting depending on expected conditions. Boats crossing the finish line after the time limit will be scored as a DNF.

## 11. PRIZES

- 11.1. Prizes will be awarded to each Division for first place and additional places based upon the number of entries at the discretion of the organizing authority. Prizes will be delivered to each club for distribution to the winners.

## 12. DISCLAIMER AND LIABILITY

- 12.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 12.2. Skippers and crew shall submit to the organizing authority liability waiver forms as well as float plans.