



Around Monterey Bay Mile Buoy Long Distance Race

May 1, 2021

Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club
Monterey, CA

NOTICE OF RACE (April 13, 2021)

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. The idea for this 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. This fast paced handicapped 44 nm long distance race requires competitors to 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. This race is one of five races in the Monterey Bay Yacht Racing Association series. Sign up for the entire series on Regatta Network at [Monterey Bay Yacht Racing Association Championship Series : Elkhorn Yacht Club \(regattanetwork.com\)](http://regattanetwork.com) event #22200.

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 2021 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 authorities 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 Regatta Network by noon on Friday, April 30, 2021.
- 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 125 and lower);
 - 3.5.2. **B Fleet** with spinnaker (PHRF 126 and higher);
 - 3.5.3. **C Fleet** Multihulls
 - 3.5.4. **D Fleet** Jib and Main

- 3.6. A combined single / double hand subclass will be established if three or more boats participate with two or fewer sailors on board.
- 3.7. One-Design boats are invited to participate as a class. If five boats of a single type register, they will form a class.
- 3.8. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to modify the Divisions based upon entries received.
- 3.9. Yachts must be properly equipped for coastal sailing. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to reject an entry based on its sole opinion of the seaworthiness of the boat for competition where rescue may be delayed.
- 3.10. All boats must comply with the 2021 Monterey Bay Yacht Racing Association Safety Equipment Requirements. See Regatta Network or MPYC.org for the regulations.**

4. FEES

- 4.1. The entry fee is \$50.00 per boat.

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 May 1, 2021.
- 6.2. There will be one start for all classes and subclasses at each Mile Buoy.
- 6.3. A mandatory skippers and crew meeting will be scheduled for 1700 hrs (5 pm) on April 30, 2021 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.

8. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

- 8.1. All competing boats shall comply with relevant social distancing requirements.
- 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 monitor both VHF channels 68 and 16 while racing.
- 8.5. All participants shall wear a PFD while racing.
- 8.6. 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.

- 8.7. It is highly recommended that all boats carry two (2) cellular phones with batteries fully charged.
- 8.8. All boats must comply with the 2021 Monterey Bay Yacht Racing Association Safety Equipment Requirements. See Regatta Network or MPYC.org for the regulations.

9. COURSE

- 9.1. The 44.06 nautical mile course will start between the relevant Mile buoy (outside Monterey (R #4), Moss Landing (MLA) and Santa Cruz (SC) harbors) and a race committee boat anchored to the shore side of each Mile Buoy. All three starts will be simultaneous.
- 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 by VHF radio channel 68 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 will finish at the same Mile Buoy where they started.
 - 9.5.1. 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.
 - 9.5.2. Boats finishing at Moss Landing should cross the imaginary finish line between MLA and the green can "1" off the northern breakwater.
 - 9.5.3. 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.
- 9.6. Finishing boats should take their own time and report their finish time to race@mpyc.org, or text to the MPYC Race Chair at 650-224-8418. 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 no time limit, but boats finishing after dark are requested to report their positions and expected finish times to the respective race committees.
- 10.3. A combined Single and Double Handed sub-class will be scored if there are three or more participants.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1. The winners of each division will be engraved on a perpetual trophy kept at MPYC.
- 11.2. 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.

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.