



2021 Firecracker Regatta

Sunday, July 4th
Santa Cruz Yacht Club
Santa Cruz CA

Notice of Race

1.0 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The first sentence of RRS 40 is changed so that competitors shall comply with the obligations of RRS 40 (wear a PFD) whether or not the Race Committee displays flag Y with one sound.

2.0 Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats holding a valid Monterey Bay PHRF rating.
- 2.2 One-Design boats are invited to participate as a class. If five boats of a single type register, they will form a class.
- 2.3 Based upon their PHRF rating, sails used while racing and number of crew, boats may enter one of the following Divisions:

A Fleet (PHRF 80 or less)

B Fleet (PHRF greater than 80)

Jib and Main (PHRF 181 or less)

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The Organizing Authority reserves the right to modify the Divisions based upon entries received.

- 2.4 Eligible boats may only enter on-line at SCYC.org before 1000 hours on Sunday, July 4, 2021.
- 2.5 A completed Float Plan must be submitted as a part of registration. The float plan may be on a form provided by the Organizing Authority and must be submitted prior to the competitor's meeting on Sunday, July 4 2021.
- 2.6 The organizing authority reserves the right to reject an entry based on its sole opinion of the seaworthiness of the boat.

3.0 Fees

- 3.1 The regular entry fee is \$50.

4.0 Berthing in Monterey

- 4.1 The Harbormaster at the Monterey Harbor has been notified of the race and the approximate number of yachts arriving from Santa Cruz. It is the responsibility of each competitor to reserve a slip for July 4 layover. The Harbormaster may be reached at (831) 646-3950.
- 4.2 Limited berthing may also be available at the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club. Call (831) 372-9686

5.0 Schedule

- 5.1 A competitor's meeting is scheduled for 1030 hours Sunday, July 4 at the SCYC clubhouse.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for Sunday, July 4 is 1225 hours.

6.0 Sailing Instructions

- 6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on-line on the SCYC.org web site **on or before 1100 hrs. on July 3**, and also at the competitors' meeting.

7.0 Venue & Course

- 7.1 Racing will be in open waters of Monterey Bay between Santa Cruz and Monterey.

7.2 On Sunday July 4 the race will start in Santa Cruz and finish in Monterey.

7.4 The courses will be described in the sailing instructions.

8.0 Scoring

8.1 One race is required to complete the regatta.

8.2 There will be no throw-outs.

8.3 Scoring will be based on Monterey Bay PHRF ratings and will be scored time on distance.

9.0 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 The Race Committee may broadcast information about the day's racing on VHF 68.

9.2 All boats will be required to check in before the start and before finishing. Please note that at check-in we will be asking for the total number of people on board, and if there has been any change from the online registration you will be asked to switch to VHF 72 to provide the new information. Check-in is not complete until confirmation is received from the Race Committee. Boats failing to check in with the Race Committee, including providing number of people on board, on VHF 68 will be scored DNC. This changes RRS 62.1.

10.0 Prizes

10.1 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. Awards will be at the MPYC clubhouse after racing on Sunday.

10.2 Boats entered in divisions with three (3) or more entries in the regatta are eligible for the Champion of Champions Regatta.

11.0 Disclaimer of Liability

11.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

11.2 The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

12.0 Further Information

12.1 For further information contact Stefan Berlinski coqavin@att.net, the Principal Race Officer (Mobile phone 831-325-6215).