



NOTICE OF RACE



75th Mercury Class National Championship

August 27-29, 2021

Hosted by Stillwater Yacht Club

1576 Cypress Drive
Pebble Beach, CA 93953

Organizing Authorities: Mercury Class Yacht Racing Association and Stillwater Yacht Club

Covid-19 Note: While there are currently no restrictions in place related to Covid-19, the Organizing Authorities recognize that the situation is fluid. It is possible that restrictions may be reinstated which would affect certain aspects of this event. The NOR reflects the full schedule of events, assuming no impact from Covid-19. If the event schedule, format, or participation requirements change, the Organizing Authorities will make every effort to communicate those changes in a timely manner. Please monitor the event website (www.regattanetwork.com/event/22822) for notifications.

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024* (RRS)
- 1.2. The Mercury Class Yacht Racing Association (MCYRA) prescription: *Rules Governing The Mercury Championship Series*, shall apply.
- 1.3. RRS 40 is deleted and replaced with: "Competitors shall wear life jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy while racing." Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 1.4. RRS Appendix T1, *Post Race Penalties*, will apply.
- 1.5. RRS Appendices T2, T3, and T4 pertaining to arbitration, will apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The regatta is open to eligible yachts of the Mercury Class with skippers who are current members in good standing of the MCYRA.
- 2.2. Eligible yachts may enter by completing the online entry form available on the event website and paying applicable fees no later than 1100 hours on August 27, 2021.
- 2.3. Skippers who are eligible for the Silver Fleet (see MCYRA Bylaws Article VIII) must so indicate on the entry form at the time of registration.
- 2.4. Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

3. FEES

- 3.1. The fee for entries received before August 16th will be \$170 per boat.
- 3.2. The fee for entries received on or after August 17th will be \$180 per boat.
- 3.3. The entry fee covers:
 - 3.3.1. Attendance at all social events except the dinner on Friday night.
 - 3.3.2. Guest passes to The Beach and Tennis Club for participants and family members.
 - 3.3.3. Access to 17-Mile Drive.
 - 3.3.4. Shore services (launching, recovery, and shore boat).
 - 3.3.5. Parking and trailer storage during the regatta.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. Registration
 - 4.1.1. Thursday, August 26: 1200-1800 hours (Stillwater Pier)
 - 4.1.2. Friday, August 27: 0900-1100 hours (Stillwater Pier)
- 4.2. Measurement and Inspection
 - 4.2.1. Thursday, August 26: 1200-1800 hours (Stillwater Pier)
 - 4.2.2. Friday, August 27: 0900-1100 hours (Stillwater Pier)
- 4.3. Competitors' Meeting
 - 4.3.1. Friday, August 27: 1130 hours (Stillwater Pier)
- 4.4. Dates of Racing
 - 4.4.1. Friday, August 27: Two races are scheduled.
 - 4.4.2. Saturday, August 28: Two races are scheduled.
 - 4.4.3. Sunday, August 29: One race is scheduled.
- 4.5. Scheduled time of warning signal for the first race of the day:
 - 4.5.1. Friday, August 27: 1225 hours
 - 4.5.2. Saturday, August 28: 1055 hours
 - 4.5.3. Sunday, August 29: 1055 hours
- 4.6. The Race Committee reserves the right to make changes to the racing schedule.

5. MEASUREMENTS

- 5.1. All participating yachts shall have a valid measurement certificate on file with MCYRA and recorded on the MCYRA website.
- 5.2. Section 6(d) of MCYRA's *Rules Governing The Mercury Championship Series*, and the notice on the back cover of MCYRA's 2021 Yearbook notwithstanding, MCYRA's Executive Committee or their duly appointed representative shall have sole authority to determine which yachts, if any, require an updated hull weight certificate prior to competing in the first race of the Championship series.
- 5.3. Safety equipment, as outlined in Article VIII of MCYRA's *Measurement* prescriptions, shall be aboard each yacht while racing, and may be inspected at any time.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. Sailing Instructions will be available online at the regatta website.
- 6.2. A copy of the Sailing Instructions will be provided in each yacht's registration packet.

7. VENUE

7.1. The racing area will be in Carmel Bay.

8. COURSES

8.1. The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. SCORING

9.1. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply, except that no score shall be excluded.

9.2. A minimum of three (3) races must be completed to constitute a championship series.

10. MOORING

10.1. Yachts will moor to a picket line in Stillwater Cove.

10.2. Shore boat service will be provided to transport sailors to and from moored yachts.

10.3. Once a yacht has been launched it cannot be pulled from the water prior to the conclusion of the final race, without the permission of the Organizing Authorities.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

11.1. The Race Committee will use VHF channel 68 to make any announcements on the water.

12. PRIZES

12.1. Mercury Class Championship Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the winning teams.

12.2. Gold Fleet awards will be presented to the skipper and crew of the top three (3) finishers.

12.3. Silver Fleet awards will be presented to the skipper and crew of the top (1) finisher.

13. SOCIAL SCHEDULE

13.1. Thursday, August 26: No events are planned.

13.2. Friday, August 27, 1800 hours: Catered dinner on the pier at Stillwater Cove. Beer and wine will be provided. The fee is \$35 per person. Reservations and payment may be made on the regatta website.

13.3. Saturday, August 28, 1800 hours: Hosted cocktail party at the Allen residence overlooking the 18th fairway and Carmel Bay. (The Allen residence is at 1552 Cypress Drive; a short walk from the Beach Club parking lot.)

13.4. Sunday, August 29, 1500 hours: Awards ceremony on the terrace adjacent to the Beach Club dining room. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

14. PARKING AND TRAILER STORAGE

14.1. Due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, parking at the Beach Club is much more limited than it has been in past years. Double-parking of unattended vehicles is no longer permitted. Regatta participants are asked to comply with the following requirements:

14.1.1. After dropping off equipment, Participants should plan to park their vehicles in the employee parking lot located between the tennis courts and the 3rd fairway. It is a short walk from there to the Beach Club. If this lot fills to capacity, additional parking is available in The Spa parking lot, across the street from the Tennis Club. A few spaces are

also available in the Coastal Access Parking Area adjacent to the 17th fairway. Please do not park in reserved spaces.

- 14.1.2. If the Beach Club lot closes to Member parking, shuttle service may be provided between the Beach Club and the Spa parking lot.
- 14.1.3. After a yacht is launched, its trailer should be parked in the employee parking area between the tennis courts and the 3rd fairway. No trailer will be allowed to remain on the pier after its yacht is launched.

15. ACCESS TO 17-MILE DRIVE AND THE BEACH AND TENNIS CLUB

- 15.1. Regatta participants will be allowed access to 17-Mile Drive without having to pay an entry fee. The Organizing Authorities will make every effort to ensure that personnel at the entry gates are informed of this policy. Based on past experience, however, it is reasonable to anticipate that someone will not get the word. If an entry fee is required, pay it. If you get a receipt, you will be reimbursed.
- 15.2. Each registered yacht will be entitled to Beach and Tennis Club Guest Cards for the skipper, the crew, and their families. The number of cards needed and the names of the individuals to whom they will be issued must be specified on the registration form. If any members of the group are under the age of 14, that fact should be noted on the request.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. As stipulated in RRS Rule 3, the responsibility for a yacht's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. The Organizing Authorities will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta for both on-the-water and on-land activities. By participating in this event, each competitor (skippers and crews) agrees to release the Organizing Authorities, Race Officials, and support personnel from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in the event to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 16.2. Skippers and crew persons must accept a waiver form as part of the registration process. A yacht will not be entered in the regatta until waiver forms are accepted.

17. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 17.1. By participating in the 75th Mercury Class Championship regatta a competitor automatically grants the Organizing Authorities the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1. Regatta forms, notices, general information, and updates will be available on the regatta website: www.regattanetwork.com/event/22822
- 18.2. Questions can be directed to Richard Clark, Regatta Chairperson at (831) 595-2208 or dnjclark@comcast.net