

MPYC Fiasco Race 2022
Sunset Series Fun Race
May 18, 2022

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1. Regardless of the nature of this fiasco race, the race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the MPYC Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The RRS will apply at all mark roundings, including when two yachts are approaching a mark from opposite directions, or are approaching from the same direction but rounding oppositely. Special attention to RRS 14 (Avoiding contact) is advised.
- 1.3. All competitors are required to wear personal flotation devices while racing. The “Y” flag will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.

2. Eligibility and entry

- 2.1. The race is open to all yachts owned by MPYC members.

3. Safety requirements and equipment

- 3.1. The safety requirements and equipment are specified in the 2022 MPYC Sailing Instructions.
- 3.2. Depending on weather conditions, the race committee and the fleet captains may meet prior to the race to consider conditions and determine whether to continue with the race.

4. Notice to competitors

- 4.1. On the water, the Race Committee will use VHF channel 68 for communication to announce last minute changes to these Sailing Instructions. Failure to hear announcements will not be cause for redress.
- 4.2. The Race Committee will not entertain whining as a result of these sailing instructions.
- 4.3. While bribing the Race Committee is highly encouraged, such initiatives may not necessarily impact the race results.
- 4.4. This is a “fun race” and does not count towards the overall Sunset Series championship.

5. Course:

- 5.1. In true “Three Bridges Fiasco” style, the course will require all competing yachts to round three marks noted below in any order and appropriate direction indicated to complete the course.
- 5.2. The three marks that make up the course are **Mile buoy, Charthouse (C) and MY7** with the finish between “F(X)” and the flagpole of the clubhouse rooftop.
- 5.3. Each mark **MUST** be rounded to complete the course.
- 5.4. The following course options may be considered:
 - Option 1: Mp-Cp-7s-F(X)p
 - Option 2: Cs-Ms-7s-F(X)p
 - Option 3, 4, 5: ...?

6. The Start

- 6.1. The starting line will be between the orange flag on the race committee boat and the new "C" mark.
- 6.2. All yachts will start on one starting line at the same time.
- 6.3. All yachts must start sailing in a downwind direction, and then proceed to the selected courses by rounding each of the three marks of the course.

7. The Finish

- 7.1. All yachts shall finish between the flagpole of the clubhouse rooftop and "F(X)" mark passing "F"(X) to port after completing one 180 degree spin.

8. Special Instructions to all competitors:

- 8.1. At any point after the start, but before finishing, all competing yachts shall release a PFD or any other floatable cushion or objects from near the stern of the yacht leaving the PFD or flotation device port astern, floating freely. The yacht shall then maneuver so as to retrieve the PFD or flotation device, keeping well clear of other yachts. The PFD or flotation device may be retrieved only by hand or by boat hook – other contrivances (such as fishing nets) may not be used! Please note your time from release to retrieval for bragging rights at the Clubhouse after the race!

9. Scoring and awards

- 9.1. Yachts registered in Regatta Network will be scored in accordance with their fleets. Other competing yachts will be scored at the discretion of the race committee.
- 9.2. Additional Awards may be awarded at the discretions of the race committee based on nominations by competitors.

REMEMBER: This is a fun race and does not count toward the overall Sunset Series championship. RRS at all times during the course, especially at mark roundings.

Be safe and let's have fun on the water and back at the club!