



2022 Firecracker Regatta

Sunday, July 3rd
Santa Cruz Yacht Club
Santa Cruz CA

Notice of Race

This regatta is one of five races in the Monterey Bay Yacht Racing Association Series

NOTE: This event will **NOT** use the MBYRA Safety Equipment Requirements.

1.0 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 RRS 40.1 applies while racing.

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)
- Jib and Main** (PHRF greater than 181)

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

- 2.4 Eligible boats may enter on-line at Regatta Network before 1000 hours on Sunday, July 3, 2022.
- 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 3 2022.
- 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 if desired. 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 mandatory competitor's meeting is scheduled for 1030 hours Sunday, July 3 at the SCYC clubhouse.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for Sunday, July 3 is 1225 hours.

6.0 Sailing Instructions

- 6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on-line on Regatta Network 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 3 the race will start in Santa Cruz and finish in Monterey.

7.3 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 on VHF 68 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 float plan 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.

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. Safety Requirements

12.1. Boats shall be equipped in accordance with Federal Equipment Requirements for Recreational Vessels, including working navigation lights.

12.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as reasonably possible, either on VHF channel 68, or by phone or text to 831-331-1272.

12.3. Boats shall carry a VHF marine radio capable of dual band monitoring, or two radios, monitoring Channels 16 and 68.

12.4. 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.

12.5. 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 must also exercise precaution in proximity of bathers, kayakers, and protected marine life.

12.6. Boats shall be equipped with lifelines appropriate for the particular boat design and type, or all crew shall use a safety harness and tether while racing.

12.7. 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.

12.8. It is highly recommended that all boats carry two (2) cellular phones with batteries fully charged.

12.9 It is highly recommended that all boats also be equipped with either one fixed and one handheld or two handheld VHF marine transceivers.

13. Further Information

13.1 For further information contact the Principal Race Officer Don Radcliffe at donradcliffe@hotmail.com or 831-332-1272.