



NOTICE OF RACE
AMENDED March 31, 2023

Lefler Race
April 2, 2023
Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club
Monterey, CA

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. The Lefler pursuit race is one of the oldest regattas organized by MPYC and originated in 1968 to commemorate a past member, Jerry Lefler. This pursuit race, which is also part of the Spring PHRF series, is normally sailed in mid-spring. The course runs from “MY1” Buoy out around Point Pinos Buoy down to Cypress Point Buoy and back to Monterey.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. Entries shall be made online, using the MPYC Regatta Network portal at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26068> by no later 12:00 PDT on April 1, 2023.
- 3.2. MPYC Boats registered for the following categories are eligible:
- 3.2.1. All MPYC PHRF Races
 - 3.2.2. PHRF Championship Races only.
 - 3.2.3. PHRF and One Design, including MPYC Specialty Races.
 - 3.2.4. Specialty Races only.
 - 3.2.5. All One Design races, including MPYC Specialty races
- 3.3. All entries should have submitted valid PHRF certificates issued by the Monterey Bay PHRF Committee either as part of their 2023 MPYC Race Registration packet, or through the Lefler Race registration portal.

- 3.4. Entries from the MPYC Santana 22 and Shields fleet, registered for MPYC Specialty races should inform the MPYC Race Chair (race@mpyc.org) by 12:00 PDT on April 1, 2023 of their intentions to participate in the race.
- 3.5. All skippers should submit a MPYC liability waiver form as part of their registration. MPYC skippers who submitted these waiver forms as part of their 2023 MPYC Race Registration Packet need not submit a second liability waiver.
- 3.6. All competing boats shall submit MPYC float plans to the MPYC Race Chair prior to entering any race part of the series. The MPYC float plan is available at mpyc.org under Race Documents. Boats without float plans will not be scored.

4. **FEES**

- 4.1. Fees for MPYC boats registered for the categories listed under 3.2 above are waived (select COMP in registration). The entry fee for boats not registered for these races will be \$35.
- 4.2. The entry fee should be paid through the Lefler Race registration portal.

5. **BOATS**

- 5.1. The regatta will be sailed in boats with valid PHRF ratings issued by the Monterey Bay PHRF Committee.
- 5.2. For Shields and Santana 22's, a standardized PHRF rating of 174 and 243 would apply respectively provided these entries meet their One Design Class Requirements. Boats with modifications or sails not meeting the Shield or Santana One Design Requirements will require a PHRF certificate.
- 5.3. Boats with a PHRF rating of 124 or lower will compete in A fleet, while boats with a PHRF rating of 125 and higher will compete in B fleet.
- 5.4. Cruising yachts and other boats without PHRF certificates or ratings may sail the course, but will not be scored. Such boats are requested to inform the Race Chair (race@mpyc.org) of their intention to sail the course. These boats will start 5 minutes before the start of the first boat registered to race.

6. **SCHEDULE**

- 6.1. The Lefler Race is part of the PHRF Spring Series as published in the MPYC Race Calendar available at www.MPYC.org.
- 6.2. The warning signal for the first boat to start will be at 11:55 PDT on April 2, 2023.

7. **SKIPPER MEETING**

- 7.1. A mandatory skipper meeting at the club will be held at 10:00 PDT on April 2, 2023. A notification will be sent to all skippers registered after 12:00 PDT on April 1, 2023, with start times for each boat in the pursuit race.
- 7.2. Failure to attend the skippers meeting may be grounds for disqualification from the race.

8. **VENUE**

- 8.1. The race will start in southern Monterey Bay, near Monterey, CA. Participating boats will sail out of the Bay, south towards Carmel Bay, and return to Monterey.

8.2. COURSES

- 8.3. The 16.32 nautical mile course for the Lefler Race will start between the “MY1” mark and an orange flag flying on a MPYC Committee Boat.
- 8.4. Participating boats will round Point Pinos Buoy to port, Point Cyprus Buoy to port, Point Pinos Buoy to starboard and finish between the MPYC “X” mark and the flagpole on the MPYC club house roof passing the MPYC “X” mark to port.
- 8.5. The coordinates for the buoys and marks used in the regatta are published at [MPYC.org](https://www.mpyc.org).

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. The 2023 Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club (MPYC) Sailing Instructions will apply. These Sailing Instructions are available at [mpyc.org](https://www.mpyc.org)
- 9.2. The Lefler Race is a pursuit race. Boats will start in a staggered order based on their PHRF ratings calculated in accordance with the standard Time-On-Distance (TOD) calculation. The starting order for the race will be announced at the skippers meeting on April 2 at 10:00 PDT.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. For PHRF A and PHRF B fleet entries to be scored separately for purposes of the Lefler Race, a minimum of three boats in each fleet should have properly checked in with the race committee. In case of fewer boats in any of the fleets, all boats will be scored together.

11. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

- 11.1 In addition to the safety requirements specified in the 2023 Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club Sailing Instructions, all boats shall be equipped with the following minimum safety equipment:
 - 11.1.1. Jack lines and safety harnesses for both the skipper and crew;
 - 11.1.2. Working navigation lights;
 - 11.1.3. Two cellular phones with batteries fully charged;
 - 11.1.4. A dual-band VHF marine transceiver (or two VHF radio receivers), and a working flashlight with additional batteries.
 - 11.1.5. Other safety requirements deemed necessary at the skippers meeting.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 The names of MPYC winning boats in each fleet will be engraved on the Lefler Perpetual trophy. All entries would be eligible for the first, second and third place finishers in PHRF A and B fleets provided 3 or boats registered in each fleet.

13. DISCLAIMER AND LIABILITY

- 13.1 Competitors participate in the race 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.