



Around Monterey Bay Mile Buoy Long Distance Race

13 May 2023

Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club
Monterey, CA

NOTICE OF RACE

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. This handicapped 44 nm long-distance race around the three Mile buoys on Monterey Bay was conceived by former MPYC Commodore and Race Chair Jean du Preez based on the original Monterey Bay Cup. The inaugural Around the Bay race in 2020 was held in support of the Fire Relief Funds in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties.
- 1.2. The race is 44 nautical miles in length forming a large triangle around the three Mile buoys at each harbor in the Monterey Bay.
- 1.3. The race is co-organized by the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club, Elkhorn Yacht Club and Santa Cruz Yacht Club.
- 1.4. This race is part of the Monterey Bay Yacht Racing Association series of five long distance races. Entering this race is required to be eligible for the overall Monterey Bay Yacht Racing Association (MBYRA) trophy.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The race is open to all boats holding a valid 2023 Monterey Bay PHRF rating. If a boat does not hold a current PHRF certificate, the Organizing Authority may convene and rule on an assigned rating before race time.
- 3.2. Competing yachts shall be a member of a recognized yacht club.
- 3.3. Registration for the race shall be made online using the Regatta Network registration portal <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26461> by 1200 hrs (12 PM) on Thursday, May 11, 2023.
- 3.4. This event is open to all mono-hull and multi-hull sailing vessels recognized by the Yacht Racing Association (YRA).
- 3.5. Boats may enter one of the following Divisions:
 - 3.5.1. A Fleet with spinnaker (PHRF 99 and lower);
 - 3.5.2. B Fleet with spinnaker (PHRF 100 up to 150);
 - 3.5.3. C Fleet with spinnaker (PHRF 151 and higher);

- 3.5.4. D Fleet Multihulls
 - 3.5.5. E Fleet Jib and Main
- 3.6. One-Design boats are invited to participate as a class. If five boats of a single type register, they will form a class.
- 3.7. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to modify the divisions based upon entries received.
- 3.8. A completed and accurate float plan, as issued with the Notice of Race (NOR), must be submitted prior to 1200 hours (12 PM) on May 12, 2023.
- 3.9. Yachts must be properly equipped for offshore sailing and meet the 2023 MBYRA Safety Equipment Requirements. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to reject an entry based on its sole opinion of the seaworthiness of the boat for nearshore competition where rescue may be delayed.
- 4. FEES
 - 4.1. The entry fee is \$50.00 per boat.
- 5. BOATS
 - 5.1. The race will be sailed in mono-hull or multihull boats with valid PHRF ratings issued by the Monterey Bay PHRF Committee.
 - 5.2. Boats without a PHRF rating may sail the course, but will not be scored.
- 6. COURSE
 - 6.1. The 44.06 nautical mile course will start between the relevant Mile buoy (outside Monterey, Moss Landing, and Santa Cruz harbors) and a race committee boat anchored to the shore side of each Mile buoy or a shore point in the case of Moss Landing. All three starts will be simultaneous and to windward.
 - 6.2. Competitors will round the other Mile buoys and finishing back at the Mile buoys where they started.
 - 6.3. Boats can decide whether to sail the course clockwise or anticlockwise provided they round all three Mile buoys on the shore side of each Mile buoy.
- 7. SCHEDULE
 - 7.1. The warning signal for the race will be at 1055 on Saturday May 13, 2023.
 - 7.2. There will be one start for all classes at each Mile buoy.
 - 7.3. A mandatory skippers and crew meeting will be scheduled for 0800 hrs (8 AM) on May 13 via Zoom. A link to the Zoom meeting will be published as part of the Sailing Instructions.
- 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
 - 8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available online, at Regatta Network, and through e-mail.
- 9. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND EQUIPMENT
 - 9.1. Boats shall be equipped in accordance with Federal Equipment Requirements for Recreational Vessels and the 2023 MBYRA Safety Equipment Requirements. In addition, it is highly recommended that all boats carry two (2) cellular phones with batteries fully charged.
- 10. SCORING
 - 10.1. The finish orders shall be posted on Regatta Network.

10.2. The finish time limit is set at 2000 (8 PM). The time limit may be adjusted at the skippers meeting depending on expected conditions. Boats crossing the finish line after the time limit will be scored as a DNF.

11. PRIZES

11.1. 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. Prizes will be delivered to each club for distribution to the winners.

12. DISCLAIMER AND LIABILITY

12.1. Competitors participate in the regatta 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.

12.2. Skippers and crew shall submit to the Organizing Authority liability waiver forms as well as float plans.