

MPYC Fiasco Race 2023
Sunset Series Fun Race
May 17, 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
(Race Committee: The Mavericks)

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 2023 MPYC Sailing Instructions.
- 3.2. Depending on weather conditions, the race committee and the fleet captains will meet prior to the race to consider conditions and determine whether to continue with the race.
- 3.3. Depending on condition on the water, the race committee will ultimately determine changes to the course and these sailing instructions.

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. In event that the race is cancelled due to weather conditions, the November over Alpha flags will be flown from the yacht club flagpole.
- 4.3. The Race Committee will not entertain whining as a result of these sailing instructions.
- 4.4. While bribing the Race Committee is highly encouraged, such initiatives may not necessarily impact the race results.
- 4.5. 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 four marks that make up the course are **X buoy, Mile buoy, Charthouse (C) and MY1** with the finish between “X” and the flagpole of the clubhouse rooftop. The course could

be change at the race committee discretion depending on conditions. Changes to the course will be announced on VHF channel 68.

5.3. Each mark **MUST** be rounded to complete the course.

5.4. The following course options may be considered:

- Option 1: Mp-Cp-1s-Xp
- Option 2: Cs-Ms-1s-Xp
- Option 3: Mp-1S-Cp-Xp
- Options 4, 5: ...?

6. The Start

- 6.1. The starting line will be between the orange flag on the race committee boat and “X” mark.
- 6.2. All yachts shall be anchored outside the starting area using an anchor or other appropriate contraptions. Yachts shall anchor well clear off the race committee boat and “X” mark
- 6.3. All yachts will start on one starting line at the same time.
- 6.4. Once the Prep flag comes down, yachts may retrieve their anchors.

7. The Finish

- 7.1. All yachts shall finish between the flagpole of the clubhouse rooftop and “X” mark passing “X” to port while using only one sail.

8. Special Instructions to all competitors:

- 8.1. All yachts shall deploy at least one fender on either side or from the stern of the vessel.
- 8.2. 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 will be scored at the discretion of the race committee and compete for the following awards:
 - 9.1.1. First to finish
 - 9.1.2. First overall based on Monterey Bay PHRF ratings (PHRF certificates not required)
 - 9.1.3. DAL (if you don’t know the acronym, you have not finished last!)
 - 9.1.4. Most original yacht based on the discretions of the race committee and nominations by competitors.
- 9.2. Additional Awards may be awarded at the race committee discretion.

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!

