

**MONTEREY PENINSULA YACHT CLUB**  
**2023-2024 PERRY CUP**  
***SAILING INSTRUCTIONS***

**1. Rules.** Races will be conducted under the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (2021-2024), The U. S. Sailing Prescriptions, the rules of the Mercury Class Yacht Racing Association, the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions and any properly posted notices or amendments.

**2. Notices.** Official notices, changes in the Sailing Instructions or schedule shall be posted on the Regatta Notice Board outside the dining room entrance to the MPYC Clubhouse prior to 1000 on the day they are to take effect. These notices will also be posted on the Perry Cup Series website on Regatta Network.

**3. Schedule.** The schedule of races shall be in accordance with the published Notice of Race. The second and third races each day shall be started shortly after completion of the preceding race.

**4. The Start.** The starting line shall be between an orange flag on the committee boat and mark X. Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.

**5. Marks.**

**X=start / finish mark.**

**W=windward mark.**

**L=leeward mark**

Marks will be orange inflatables unless substituted by fixed marks as indicated on a course display board on the RC boat. All marks may not be on station prior to the start.

**6. Courses.**

**Start / Finish at X**

- 1. Wp-finish.**
- 2. Wp-Xp-Wp-finish.**
- 3. Wp-Xp-Wp-Xp-Wp-finish.**
- 4. Wp-Lp-finish.**
- 5. Wp-Lp-Wp-Lp-finish.**

**7. Multi-lap courses.** Courses 4 and 5 may be sailed 2 or 3 times around by displaying “x2” or “x3” from the RC boat. In this event boats must cross the start / finish line to complete a lap and start the next lap.

**8. Change of course after the start.** A change of course after the start will be signaled before the lead boat has begun the leg, although the relocated mark may not yet be on station. Any mark to be rounded after the relocated mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

**9. Shortened Course.** In the event a shortened course is signaled, finish between the boat displaying the “S” flag and the nearby mark from the direction of the last mark, regardless of which side the mark was originally to be left. For example, if Course 2 were signaled and the RC (in its position as the starting boat) displayed “S” after the fleet rounded mark W for the first time, mark X would be left to starboard.

**10. Obstructions.** Large bodies of kelp and the waters surrounding a stationary dive boat or flag up to a radius of 100’ shall rank as obstructions.

**11. The Finish.** The finish line shall be between an orange flag on the committee boat and mark X, except that in the event of a shortened course, between code flag “S” displayed from the committee boat or mark boat and the nearby mark.

**12. Protests.** Protests shall be written on forms available at the MPYC Clubhouse and delivered to a member of the Race Committee within one hour after the committee boat returns to the dock at the end of the day’s racing

**13. Scoring:** The Low Point Scoring System shall be used with 12 races scheduled. Yachts may discard their worst scores as follows: If four or more races are completed, then each yacht may discard her worst score. If eight or more races are completed, then each yacht may discard her two worst scores. If twelve races are completed, then each yacht may discard her three worst scores. Note that RRS A5.3 shall be in effect; see Official Notice of November 1, 2023 for clarification.

**14. Safety. Competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy while racing. Boats leaving the race course before the end of the day’s racing are requested to notify the Race Committee before leaving the course area if possible.** Also, boats are encouraged to monitor VHF Channel 68 for safety and other announcements.