



William Berger Series

And

William Stein Series

Jan. 6, Mar. 2, May 11, Jun. 8 & 9, 2024

Del Rey Yacht Club

13900 Palawan Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292

NOTICE of RACE

Del Rey Yacht Club invites **Performance** boats to participate in the 2024 **Berger Series** and **Cruiser** boats to participate in **Stein Series** races, Santa Monica Bay's most popular random leg races. Berger Races 1 and 2 are part of ASMBYC's High Point Series.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and PHRF of Southern California (PHRF SoCal). Class Rules available at phrfsocal.org
- 1.2 Marina del Rey (MdR) Course Chart 17 applies and is available at DRYC.org/racing
- 1.3 Rule 51 is modified to allow the positioning of movable ballast on boats as designed and rated by PHRF SoCal. All movable ballast systems shall be capable of manual operation if powered systems are inoperable.
- 1.4 Rule 52 is modified to allow the use of winches operated using stored power as rated by PHRF SoCA.
- 1.5 [DP] While racing each boat shall display on her back stay, stern pulpit, or the end of her boom, the number flag assigned to her class.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted on the official online notice board by 1800 Monday before each race.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located online at DRYC.org on the Berger & Stein series webpage. Notices may also be posted on the bulletin board in the DRYC Clubhouse hallway and the bulletin board at DRYC's Cat Harbor Facility.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on domestic channels.
- 3.3 [DP] All boats shall carry a smart phone with email and texting capabilities.
- 3.4 On the water, the Race Committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate on a VHF radio channel specified in the SIs.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats possessing a PHRF SoCal certificate. A 2023 certificate may be used for race 1, provided the Area B RLC rating will not be changing in 2024. Beginning with race 2, the PHRF certificate must be current. The same rating will be used for all 5 races.
- 4.2 Boats will compete either in the Berger/ Performance Division or the Stein/Cruiser Division.
- 4.3 Eligible boats shall enter each race by filling out the Regatta Network (RN) online entry form available at DRYC.org/racing. Entries must be received no later than 2300 on the Thursday before the race. Late entries will be accepted only if approved by RC, and the entry fee will be increased by 25%.

4.4 If five or more boats want to race as a class independent of the Berger or Stein series, the class authority may contact the RC to arrange a separate start and finish.

5 FEES

5.1 The entry fee is a function of boat length and is payable at the time of entry.

5.2 Only one entry is required for Races 4 and 5, and registration fees include hospitality at DRYC's Catalina (Cat) Harbor facility after race 4 (See NoR 12). The entry fee does not include fees charged by the Catalina Island Company for moorings at Cat Harbor.

Boat Length	Races 1, 2, 3 for each race	Races 4 & 5 both races
< 30 ft	\$35.00	\$75.00
30 to 40 ft	\$45.00	\$90.00
40.1 to 50 ft	\$55.00	\$110.00
>50 ft	\$65.00	\$125.00

6 CLASSES

6.1 There will be two divisions, Berger/ Performance and Stein/Cruiser.

6.2 Classes within each division will be based on ratings and the number of entries. The classes established by the RC for race 1 will be maintained throughout the series.

6.3 Classes and flags will be specified in NoR Addendum A, and will be posted no later than 1700 Friday before race 1.

6.4 The RC reserves the right to reassign a boat from a one class to another.

7 SCHEDULE

BERGER & STEIN SERIES RACES

Distances shown below are approximate

Scoring distances will be specified in the SIs

If the wind is light, the RC may signal a shorter course

Race	Date	Berger Distance nm	Stein Distance nm	Scheduled First Warning	EVENT
-	Fri Jan 5	-	-	1700	Classes/Flags Posted
1	Sat Jan 6	22	13	1155	Malibu & Return
2	Sat Mar 2	24	22	1155	South Bay Tour
3	Sat May 11	34	14	1155	Point Dume & Return
4	Sat June 8	36	30	1055	Cat Harbor Layover
5	Sun June 9	30	30	1155	Eagle Rock to MdR

8 VENUES

8.1 Races 1, 2, and 3 will be sailed on Santa Monica Bay between Palos Verdes Point and Point Dume.

8.2 Races 4 and 5 begin/end on Santa Monica Bay and cross the San Pedro Channel between Point Vicente and Catalina Island.

9 SCORING

9.1 For each race, all boats will be scored using their 2024 PHRF Area B Random Leg Course (RLC) Ratings. The same rating will be used for all of the races in the series. Should a boat's rating on its entry form not match PHRF SoCal's records, the RC may, without notice, change the rating to match PHRF SoCal's records (also see SI 4.1).

- 9.2 Performance Division boat's ratings shall not include any of the Configuration Adjustments in Appendix F of the PHRF SoCal Class Rules.
- 9.3 Performance boats may not use a Non-Spinnaker Offset, and only qualifying Cruiser boats may use a Non-Spinnaker Offset (PHRF SoCal Appendix C5.0).
- 9.4 Four races are required to constitute a series. Series scoring will be done for each class.
- 9.5 RRS A5.3 shall apply
- 9.6 For the overall Berger Series, all Performance classes will be combined and scored as a single class. Only boats that competed in 4, or more, races will be included in the overall Berger Series Scoring.
- 9.7 Scoring calculations for the overall Stein Series are the same as the overall Berger Series.
- 9.8 Berger Races 1 and 2 are part of ASMBYC's High Point Series. More information is available at ASMBYC.org/high-point-series.

10 BERTHING & MOORING

- 10.1 Limited docking will be available at DRYC. Advance reservations are required.
- 10.2 For the Cat Harbor Layover (Race 4), moorings in Catalina Harbor will be available from the Catalina Island Company.

11 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

12 HOSPITALITY

- 12.1 After races 1, 2, and 3, competitors and their crews are invited to enjoy hors d'oeuvres and libations at DRYC.
- 12.2 After Race 4, competitors are invited for complimentary libations at DRYC's Cat Harbor facility. BBQ grills, heads, and showers will be available for competitors' use. Before Race 5, continental breakfast will be available for racers.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 Class trophies will be awarded for each of the individual races. The number of trophies will depend on the number of starters.
- 13.2 At the end of the Series, trophies will be awarded for each Class.
- 13.3 The name of the overall winning boat and skipper in Performance Division will be inscribed on the William Berger Series Perpetual Trophy. The names of the overall winning boat and skipper in Cruiser Division will be inscribed on the William Stein Perpetual Trophy
- 13.4 All trophies will be presented at an Awards Ceremony at DRYC, tentatively scheduled for the morning of Sept. 22.

14 CONTACT INFORMATION

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