

# **2025 Monterey Bay Yacht Racing Association (MBYRA) Otter Cup**

**April 26, 2025**

**Elkhorn Yacht Club with Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club**

## **Sailing Instructions (SI)**

### **1. RULES**

1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in US Sailing's 2024 - 2027 "The Racing Rules of Sailing" (RRS) with the exception of any special instructions stated herein; as stated during the skippers meeting; or as stated during the on-water check-in.

1.2 Rule RRS 40 is changed: all competitors are required to wear a life jacket or other adequate personal flotation device during the race.

1.3 See "Safety" section of the Notice of Race (NOR).

### **2. COMMUNICATIONS (including changes)**

2.1 Notices will be e-mailed to skippers or available via Regatta Network event site.

2.2 A mandatory skippers and crew meeting shall be held in the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club on April 26, 2025 at 1000 (10 a.m.).

2.3 On the day of the race, any changes to the SI will be announced at the skippers meeting. Oral instructions/changes may also be made during the on-water check-in.

2.4 Communications with boats and finish line spotters will be on VHF Channel 68.

### **3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

3.1 No signals will be made ashore.

### **4. SCHEDULE OF RACE and CLASS FLAGS**

4.1 The race will start at 1230 on Saturday, April 26, 2025. First warning will be at 1225.

4.2 The class flag will be "F" for all fleets. All fleets will start at the same time.

4.3 Boats should gather in the starting area by 1210 on the day of the race.

4.4 All competing boats must check-in with the designated boat no later than 1215 on VHF Channel 68.

### **5. RACING AREA**

5.1 Racing will occur in the Monterey Bay between Monterey and Moss Landing.

### **6. START and COURSE**

#### **6.1 THE START:**

6.1.a. Race will be started using Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal. The scheduled time for the First Warning is 1225.

6.1.b. The start line will be outside the harbor entrance between MY1 and a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat anchored in an approximately 500 foot radius.

## 6.2 COURSE

6.2.a. From the start by MY1 proceed to Point Pinos Lighted Bell Buoy 2 ("Point Pinos"). Leave to starboard.

6.2.b. Proceed to the finish line. Leave MLA to **port**.

6.2.c. Finish line is defined as an imaginary line **between** MLA and the Green Can (MLA to **port**). Observers will monitor the finish from the beach at Moss Landing.

6.2.d. Boats withdrawing shall promptly notify the Race Scorer via text at 831-905-8453. Remember to include the name of your boat in the text.

## 6.3 FINISH

6.3.a All boats will take their own finish time. Report **GPS** finish time, boat name and sail number to the Race Scorer by text: 831-905-8453 as soon as safely possible after crossing the finish. **Failure to do so in a timely manner (within 30 minutes of your finish time) will result in a "Did Not Finish" score.**

## 7. PENALTIES

7.1 RRS Appendix V1 and V2 will apply.

## 8. MARKS

The following locations given for marks are purely advisory in nature and the RC does not vouch for their accuracy. Inconsistencies are not grounds for protest, arbitration, or redress.

<b>MY1</b>	36 36.90' N	121 52.47' W
<b>Point Pinos</b>	36 38.87' N	121 56.66' W
<b>MLA</b>	36 47.92' N	121 48.08' W
<b>Green Can</b>	36 48.35' N	121 47.56' W

## 9. Prizes

9.1 Prizes shall be awarded to the top three (3) finishing (corrected) positions from each division with at least five (5) entrants.

2. Prizes for divisions of less than five (5) entrants are at the discretion of the Organizing Authority (OA).

**10. RISK STATEMENT** - RRS3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing 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.