Marina del Rey Venture Macgregor Fleet
Doug Steele Memorial Race
Saturday, November 1, 2025
Marina del Rey, California USA

NOTICE OF RACE

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Organizing Authority (OA) is Marina Del Rey Venture Macgregor Fleet (MDRVMF) | Web: www.mdrvmf.com
Commodore: John Schallert | See NoR 13 for contact information

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1. RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

1.2 A valid 2025 PHRF of Southern California (PHRF SoCal) certificate is required for all boats.

1.3 US Sailing Prescription RRS 81, Indemnification or Hold Harmless Agreements, does not apply.

1.4 [DP] All boats must carry the safety equipment required by the U.S. Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for U.S. Coastal Monohull races (Definition 1.0.2).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted by 2000 on Friday, October 31, 2025 via official notice board.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The Official Notice Board is linked on Regatta Network.

3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on normal domestic channels.

3.3 On the water, the RC may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio, including starting penalties. The channel will be stated in the SI.

3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all boats with a valid 2025 PHRF SoCal certificate.

4.2 There will be two divisions: Performance and Cruiser.

4.3 To be considered an entry, a boat shall complete the registration and payment requirements by the entry deadline of 1800 on the Wednesday before the race.

4.4 Entries submitted after an entry deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the event chair.

5. DIVISIONS / CLASSES

5.1 Boats compete in either the Performance or the Cruising Division and must have a minimum of three (3) paid entries by 1800 on Wednesday, October 29th to establish a Division.

5.2 The Performance Division includes handicap boats that compete with a rating that does not include any Configuration Adjustments found in Appendix F of the PHRF SoCal Class Rules.

5.3 The Cruising Division includes only those boats whose Performance Factor (PF) is ≤ 2. A boat with a PF > 2 may petition the event chair for inclusion in that Division. The event chair reserves the right to reassign boats from the Cruising Division to the Performance Division.

6. FEES

6.1   The entry fee is $35.

6.2   All boats can register for the race via the official notice board (see NOR 3.1)

6.3   Race payment to be made via Regatta Network upon registration.

7. SCHEDULE

There will be one (1) inverted start race scheduled.

Tuesday, September 2nd	1000	Registration Opens
Wednesday October 29th	1800	Entry deadline; SI posted, course descriptions posted
Friday, October 31st	1800	Individual starting times
Saturday, November 1st	1155	First warning signal

8. VENUE

The racing area is on Santa Monica Bay, starting offshore from the Marina del Rey breakwater.

9. COURSE

Course will be a Random Leg format. The course descriptions will be posted as "Course Description" on the official notice board by Wednesday, October 29th.

10. SCORING

10.1   The race is scored as a pursuit race, with individual starting times based on PHRF SoCal Area B RLC Ratings and course distance. Boats are scored according to their order of finish.

10.2   Boats from outside Area B will have Area B adjustments applied as available.

10.3   PHRF non-spinnaker offsets are authorized for use in the Cruising Division only. A boat competing in the Cruising Division may race without a spinnaker but must so declare the correct rating on the entry form.

11. PRIZES

11.1   Trophies will be presented to winners in the Performance and Cruising Divisions.

11.2   Trophies for each division will be based on the number of entries in each class.

12. HOSPITALITY

12.1   Post race hospitality will be hosted by Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club (SMWYC) located at 13589 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292

12.2   Non-hosted dinner and refreshments will be provided following the race.

13. RISK STATEMENT

13.1   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.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

Commodore: John Schallert at 310-936-8817 or mdrvmf@gmail.com
Vice Commodore: Lisa Bronitt at 818-693-5352 or lisa@lisabronitt.com

PHRF: Information about joining PHRF SoCal is available at www.phrfsocal.org or 562.438.6712

US Sailing: Information about joining US Sailing is available at www.ussailing.org or 800.877.2451

Competitor Information
Not part of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions

Guest Slips in Marina del Rey: MDRVMF welcomes all local and visiting racers to the Doug Steele Memorial Race in Marina del Rey, CA. For those participants coming from out of MDR and wish to stay for post-race hospitality at Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club, LA County offers guest docking at Burton Chace Park for free and the club is a short walk immediately to the north side of the park. The free public dock is located on the corner of the park by the statue and is available on a first-come basis. The pump-out station is a 20-minute tie up so please do not dock there.

The slips in front of the park are pay per stay and the gate is locked… you will not be able to re-access that dock without a code so please tie up accordingly.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Docks are unsecured so plan accordingly.