



Marina del Rey Venture Macgregor Fleet

Doug Steele Memorial Race

Saturday, November 1, 2025 ~ Marina del Rey, California USA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Organizing Authority (OA) is Marina Del Rey Venture Macgregor Fleet (MDRVMF) | Web: www.mdrvfmf.com

Commodore: John Schallert | See NoR 14 for contact information

1. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.1 Any written change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted no later than 2000 on Friday, October 31st.
- 1.2 Changes to the SI may be made on the water by the Race Committee (RC) signal vessel displaying code flags L (Lima) over K (Kilo) with one sound signal. This means "come within hail" of the RC signal vessel to receive any changes. The RC may also broadcast changes to each boat on VHF radio as provided in SI 2.2 and require acknowledgement.

2. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board which is linked on [Regatta Network](#) and the [Marina del Rey Venture MacGregor Fleet](#) website (www.mdrvfmf.com).
- 2.2 On the water, the RC intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 71. Failure of the RC to broadcast, mistaken broadcasts, or failure of a competitor to receive this information will not be grounds for a request for redress. This change is added to The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 60.1(b) (Right to Protest; Right to Request Redress or Rule 69 Action).
- 2.3 In the event of abandonment, an email will be sent to all skippers via Regatta Network and a notice will be posted on the [Official Notice Board](#) as well as on the [Marina del Rey Venture MacGregor Fleet](#) website (www.mdrvfmf.com).

3. SCHEDULE OF RACE

- 3.1 On Race Day, all competitors shall check-in with the Race Committee (RC) boat while it is displaying the L flag by crossing the stern of the RC on starboard tack. The check-in period will begin at approximately 1115 and end at 1145 or when the L flag is removed. Please no check-ins over the radio unless you are coming from outside the immediate MDR area.
- 3.2 At check in, all crews are required to flip off (👍) Race Committee. Failure to do so will result in 1 shot at the bar for race committee per crew member of the vessel not in compliance.
- 3.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal is 1155.

4. ORDER OF STARTS

Race is a pursuit race, following an inverted start format. Each boat has an individual starting time, based on PHRF SoCal Area B RLC Ratings and course distance, which times will be posted on the [Official Notice Board](#) no later than 1800 on Friday, October 31st.

5. RACING AREA

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

6. MARKS

Marks are yellow or white spar buoys and yellow or orange tetrahedrons. The mark descriptions and their GPS locations will be posted in a Notice to Competitors on the [Official Notice Board](#) no later than Wednesday October 29th. The new Course chart 18 will be in effect (see Addendum A below).

7. COURSES

- 7.1 This is a pursuit race with an inverted start in a Random Leg format. The course descriptions will be posted as a Notice to Competitors on the [Official Notice Board](#) no later than 1800 on Wednesday, October 29th.
- 7.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal vessel will use number pennant to signal the course to be sailed.

8. THE START

8.1 The starting line is between S mark and the staff of an orange flag on the RC signal vessel

8.2 RRS 26, STARTING RACES, is replaced with:

<i>Time</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
1155	Course Flag	One	Warning signal
1156	Flag P	One	Preparatory signal
1159	Flag P removed	One long	One minute to starting signal for 1st boat
1200	Course flag remains	One	Starting signal for 1st boat
Per SI 4	None	One	Starting signal for 2nd boat
Per SI 4	None	One	Starting signal for 3rd boat ... etc.

8.3 The RC will count down the last five (5) seconds before the starting signal for each boat as provided in SI 2.2.

8.4 RRS 29.1 (Individual Recall) is replaced with:

“When at a boat’s starting signal any part of her hull is on the course side of the starting line, the RC shall promptly display flag X without a sound. The flag shall be displayed until the hull of each such boat has been completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or one of its extensions, but no later than twenty (20) seconds after that starting signal or until the next scheduled starting signal, whichever is earlier.”

8.5 The RC may hail boats, as provided in SI 2.2, that are subject to RRS 29.1 (Individual Recall) at their starting signal, and also after they have sailed completely to the pre-start side of the starting line or one of its extensions.

8.6 [DP] After the warning signal, a boat shall not sail within three (3) of her hull lengths of the starting line unless there are fewer than 4 minutes to her start or there are no other boats with fewer than 4 minutes to their start. This rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This change is added to RRS 60.1(a) (Right to Protest; Right to Request Redress or Rule 69 Action).

8.7 A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This change is added to RRS A5.1 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee).

9. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the green navigation light on the southeast end of the Marina del Rey Harbor detached breakwater and the staff of a blue flag on the RC finish vessel. The RC finish vessel will be anchored near the mouth of Ballona Creek at approximately 33°57.61'N 118°27.55.

10. TIME LIMITS

The absolute time limit (ATL) for finishing is 1600. Boats failing to finish before the ATL and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

US Sailing Prescription Appendix V, Section V1 (Penalty at the Time of an Incident) applies.

12. HEARING REQUESTS

12.1 Protests shall be filed within forty-five (45) minutes after your boat finishes (Protest Time Limit).

12.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be submitted by email to mdrvmf@gmail.com. The subject line shall be the protesting boat’s sail number followed by the appropriate word “protest” or “redress”. The time the email was sent will be the submittal time.

12.3 RRS 62.2 (Redress) is modified as follows:

(a) The second sentence of RRS 62.2 is deleted and replaced with: “If the request is based on an incident in the racing area, it shall be filed within the Protest Time Limit for that day.”

12.4 A notice of filed protests and requests for redress will be posted in SMWYC as soon as possible after the protest time limit.

12.5 All parties to a filed protest or request for redress will receive an email with the date and time for the hearing. This constitutes notice to all parties to a hearing under RRS 63.2 (Time and Place of the Hearing; Time for Parties to Prepare). This list will be posted on the [Official Notice Board](#).

12.6 US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.1 (Requirement for a Hearing) and 63.2 (Time and Place of the Hearing; Time for Parties to Prepare) do not apply.

13. SCORING

13.1 Results will be posted as soon as possible after the race at SMWYC.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

[DP] A boat that retires from a race prior to finishing shall notify the RC upon its decision to retire or as soon as possible after arriving ashore.

15. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. By participating in the event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers (organizing authority, host yacht club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, and any others acting in an official capacity for the event) from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in the event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

16. CONTACT INFORMATION

Commodore and PRO: John Schallert at 310-936-8817 or mdrvmf@gmail.com

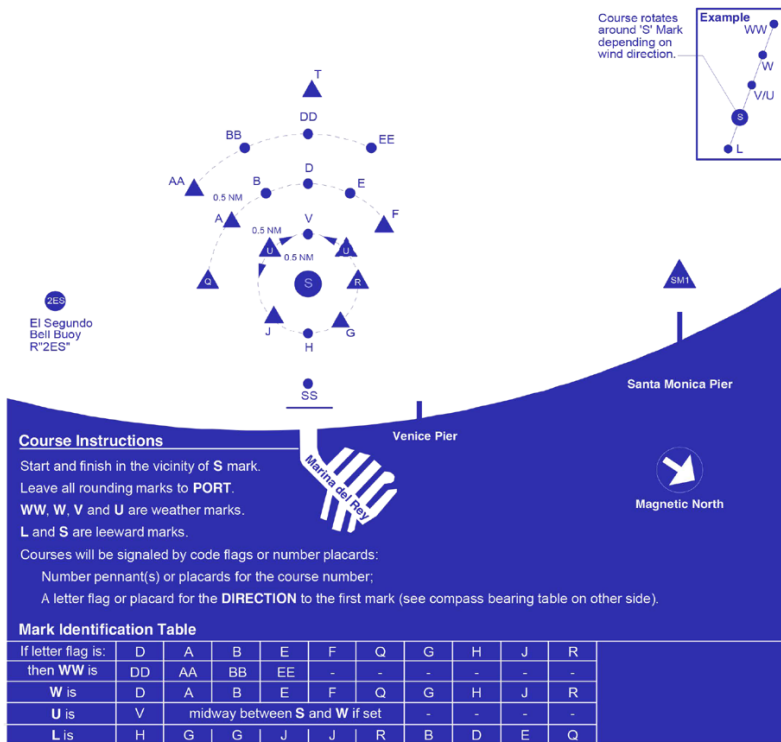
Chairperson: Lisa Bronitt at 818-693-5352 or Lisa@LisaBronitt.com

ADDENDUM A

Marina del Rey Course Chart 18

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Upwind Finishes		
No	Course	Distance
1	Start-U-L-Finish	2NM
2	Start-U-S-U-L-Finish	3NM
3	Start-U-S-U-S-U-L-Finish	4NM
4	Start-W-L-Finish	3NM
5	Start-W-S-U-L-Finish	4NM
6	Start-W-S-W-L-Finish	5NM
7	Start-W-S-U-S-U-L-Finish	5NM
8	Start-W-L-W-L-Finish	6NM
9	Start-W-S-W-S-U-L-Finish	6NM
10	Start-W-S-W-S-W-L-Finish	7NM
11	Start-W-S-W-L-W-L-Finish	8NM
12	Start-W-W-S-W-L-Finish	6NM
13	Start-W-W-S-W-W-L-Finish	7NM
14	Start-W-W-L-W-W-L-Finish	8NM
15	Start-W-W-S-W-S-W-L-Finish	8NM

Downwind Finishes		
No	Course	Distance
20	Start-U-Finish	1NM
21	Start-U-S-U-Finish	2NM
22	Start-U-S-U-S-U-Finish	3NM
23	Start-W-Finish	2NM
24	Start-W-S-U-Finish	3NM
25	Start-W-S-W-Finish	4NM
26	Start-W-S-U-S-U-Finish	4NM
27	Start-W-L-W-Finish	5NM
28	Start-W-S-U-S-W-Finish	5NM
29	Start-W-S-W-S-W-Finish	6NM
30	Start-W-S-W-L-W-Finish	7NM
31	Start-W-L-W-L-W-Finish	8NM
32	Start-WW-S-W-Finish	5NM
33	Start-WW-S-WW-Finish	6NM
34	Start-WW-L-W-Finish	6NM
35	Start-WW-S-W-S-W-Finish	7NM
36	Start-WW-S-WW-S-W-Finish	8NM

Special Courses	
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FORM	TO		Approximate magnetic course between marks																			▶
	A	AA	B	BB	D	DD	E	EE	F	G	H	J	K	S	T	V	SS	2ES	SM1			
FORM	S	185	185	210	235	250	260	285	018	055	092	145	325	-	235	235	055	138	331			
	A	-	185	288	240	300	277	313	298	325	009	021	031	075	352	005	264	336	030	119	339	
	AA	005	-	330	288	323	300	327	313	335	008	017	023	046	355	005	283	347	025	107	342	
	B	108	150	-	210	312	270	325	302	337	026	038	050	088	009	030	256	009	042	117	344	
	BB	065	108	030	-	355	312	348	325	352	047	036	044	070	010	030	280	019	040	107	349	
	D	120	143	132	175	-	235	338	295	350	043	055	067	100	028	055	235	055	055	112	348	
	DD	097	120	090	132	055	-	020	338	013	046	055	064	089	037	055	235	055	055	112	355	
	E	133	147	145	168	158	200	-	260	002	060	072	084	113	050	080	214	101	068	124	349	
	EE	118	133	122	145	115	158	080	-	045	066	074	083	105	061	108	090	092	070	118	359	
	F	145	155	157	172	170	193	182	225	-	079	089	011	125	077	105	206	135	080	129	347	
	G	189	188	206	207	223	226	240	246	259	-	127	145	162	262	198	228	217	082	146	323	
	H	201	197	218	216	235	235	252	254	269	307	-	163	172	280	235	235	255	055	148	321	
	J	211	203	230	224	247	244	264	263	281	325	343	-	175	298	272	242	254	028	146	324	
	K	255	228	268	250	280	269	293	285	305	342	352	355	-	325	325	262	299	010	133	329	
	R	172	175	189	195	208	217	230	241	257	082	110	118	145	-	145	221	190	082	139	332	
	T	084	103	076	100	055	055	034	010	026	048	055	062	082	041	055	-	055	055	105	002	
V	156	167	189	199	235	235	281	272	315	037	055	074	119	010	055	235	-	055	128	340		
SS	210	205	222	229	235	235	248	250	260	262	235	208	090	262	235	235	235	-	158	312		
2ES	299	287	297	287	299	299	292	304	296	309	326	328	326	313	299	318	285	308	338	-	324	
SM1	159	162	164	169	168	175	169	179	167	143	141	144	149	152	151	182	160	132	144	-		

Mark Locations

Mark	Latitude	Longitude
A	33° 56.243' N	118° 29.606' W
AA	33° 55.770' N	118° 29.799' W
B	33° 56.467' N	118° 30.050' W
BB	33° 56.107' N	118° 30.466' W
D	33° 56.827' N	118° 30.337' W
DD	33° 56.647' N	118° 30.899' W
E	33° 57.254' N	118° 30.417' W
EE	33° 57.288' N	118° 31.017' W
F	33° 57.669' N	118° 30.270' W
G	33° 57.611' N	118° 28.898' W
H	33° 57.367' N	118° 28.655' W
J	33° 57.051' N	118° 28.637' W
Q	33° 56.257' N	118° 28.779' W
R	33° 57.652' N	118° 29.434' W
S	33° 57.197' N	118° 29.216' W
T	33° 56.464' N	118° 31.459' W
V	33° 57.007' N	118° 29.777' W
SS	33° 57.547' N	118° 28.093' W
2ES	34° 54.698' N	118° 27.563' W
SM1	34° 00.176' N	118° 30.226' W

Please note: These are the designated locations for the marks; every effort is made to keep them as close as possible to the above coordinates, but there is no guarantee as to their actual positions.
Marks listed above with the exception of 2ES are owned and maintained by the Yacht Clubs in MdR and may only be used with prior approval from the Buoy Coordinator.

Description of Marks	Handicap Distances
BB, B, DD, D, V, S, H, SS, EE and E marks are yellow spars. AA, A, F, G, J, Q, R, T, U, and SM1 are inflatable or flag marks that may be set by the race committee. 2ES is the El Segundo bell buoy. Missing marks may be replaced by inflatable or flag marks.	The handicap distance from S to: U, V, R, G, H, or J = 0.5 NM A, B, D, E, F, Q or SS = 1.0 NM AA, BB, DD or EE = 1.5 NM T = 2.0 NM