



2026 William Berger Series & William Stein Series

Jan 3, Feb 15, Mar 22, Apr 11, May 9, Jun 6 & 7

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 2026 **Berger Series** and **Cruiser** boats to participate in **Stein Series** races. Races 2, 4, 5, and 7 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 RRS 90.3 (e) will apply with 24 hours changed to 72 hours.
- 1.3 Marina del Rey (MdR) Course Chart 18 and King Harbor Yacht Club (KHYC) Mark Guide - *Revised 08/10/22* will be used for some mark locations. These are available at ASMBYC.org/events.
- 1.4 The races for both of the series will be random leg races of 12→36 nm with options for shortened courses.
- 1.5 Rule 51 is modified to allow the positioning of movable ballast on boats as designed for it and rated by PHRF SoCal. All movable ballast systems shall be capable of manual operation if powered systems are inoperable.
- 1.6 Rule 52 is modified to allow the use of winches operated using stored power as rated by PHRF SoCal.
- 1.7 [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/racing. 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.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1** The event is open to boats possessing a PHRF SoCal certificate. A 2025 certificate may be used for Race 1 only, provided the Area B RLC rating will not be changing in 2026. Beginning with Race 2, the PHRF certificate must be current. The same rating will be used for all 7 races to be eligible for the perpetual trophies.
- 4.2** Should PHRF SoCal change a boat's rating during the series the RC will adjust the scoring for the affected races.
- 4.3** Boats will compete either in the Berger/Performance Division or the Stein/Cruiser Division.
- 4.4** The Cruiser Division includes only those boats whose Performance Factor (PF) is ≤ 2 . A boat with a PF > 2 may petition the RC for inclusion in that Division two days before each race.
- 4.5** 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 1800 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%.
- 4.6** Race 6 entries will be limited to a total of 50 boats. If >50 entries the RC will maintain a wait list.
- 4.7 NOVICES ARE WELCOME!** Skippers who have never raced, or have not raced in the past 3 years, are encouraged to contact the RC at racers@drylic.org to enter their boat as a Novice Cruiser. Novice does not require sail numbers or PHRF certification. Novices may compete in 2 races, but will not be scored for the series. To continue competing after 2 races a Novice shall comply fully with the Eligibility & Entry requirements.

5 FEES

- 5.1** The entry fee is a function of boat length and is payable at the time of entry.
- 5.2** Race 5 is King Harbor Yacht Club's Trans Harbor Race. Boats shall enter the Trans Harbor at khyc.org and B&S race 5 at drylic.org/racing.
- 5.3** Only one entry is required for Races 6 and 7, and this entry fee includes hospitality at DRYC's Catalina (Cat) Harbor facility after race 6 (See NoR 12). The entry fee does not include fees charged by the Catalina Island Company for moorings at Cat Harbor. Boats may compete singularly in Race 7, which does not include hospitality at DRYC's Cat Harbor facility.

Boat Length	Races 1-4 for each race	Race 5	Races 6 & 7 (both races)	Race 7 Only
< 30 ft	\$40.00	\$10.00	\$85.00	\$25
30 to 40 ft	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$105.00	\$25
40.1 to 50 ft	\$60.00	\$10.00	\$125.00	\$25
>50 ft	\$70.00	\$10.00	\$150.00	\$25

6 CLASSES

- 6.1** There will be four divisions: two divisions for Berger/ Performance and two divisions for Stein/Cruiser. Both Series will be split into two divisions based on PHRF ratings and both divisions in each series will be eligible for overall trophies in the series and engravings on the Berger and Stein Perpetual Trophies.
- 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 or division to another.

7 SCHEDULE

BERGER & STEIN SERIES RACES

Distances shown in nm below are approximate

Scoring distances will be specified in the SIs

Depending on wind conditions, the RC may signal an alternate course(s)

Race #	Day	Date	Long Course Distance	Short Course Distance	Scheduled First Warning	EVENT/RACE
1	Sat	Jan 3	22	13	1155	Malibu/Topanga & Return
2*	Sun	Feb. 15	16	TBA	1155	Regatta de Amor
3	Sun	Mar. 22	16	TBA	1155	Pier Pressure
4*	Sat	Apr. 11	22	TBA	1155	Spring Malibu
5*	Sat	May 9	21	TBS	1225	KHYC's Trans Harbor
6	Sat	Jun. 6	36	30	1055	Cat Harbor Layover
7*	Sun	Jun. 7	30	30	1155	Eagle Rock to MdR

*ASMBYC High Point Series

8 VENUES

- 8.1** Races 1-5 will be sailed on Santa Monica Bay.
- 8.2** Berger and Stein race 5 is race 2 in KHYC's spinnaker series. To be scored in the Berger or Stein Series for this race, boats must enter both races via KHYC.org and DRYC.org/racing. The RC will use the distances and times for Race 5 to calculate the corrected times used for the scoring the Berger and Stein series. Also see NoR 9.2
- 8.3** Races 6 and 7 begin/end on Santa Monica Bay and cross the San Pedro Channel between Point Vicente and Catalina Island. KHYC will score Race 7 as part of its Spinnaker Series

9 SCORING

- 9.1** For each race, all boats will be scored using their 2026 PHRF Area B Random Leg Course (RLC) Ratings. To be eligible to win either series the same rating for each shall be used for all of the races in the series. Should a boat's rating on her 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** Race 5 is will be scored by King Harbor Yacht Club using Time on Time (TOT). All races in the Berger & Stein series, including Race 5, will be scored using Time on Distance (TOD).
- 9.3** Performance Division boats' ratings shall not include any of the Configuration Adjustments in Appendix F of the PHRF SoCal Class Rules.
- 9.4** 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).
- 9.5** Five races are required to constitute a series. Series scoring will be done for each class.
- 9.6** RRS A5.3 shall apply
- 9.7** Series scores will be a boats best scores from 5 completed races.
- 9.8** For the overall Berger Series, all Performance classes will be combined and scored as a single class in the two divisions. Only boats that competed in 5, or more, races will be included in the overall Berger Series Scoring.
- 9.9** Scoring calculations for the overall Stein Series are the same as the overall Berger Series.
- 9.10** Races 2, 4, 5 and 7 are part of ASMBYC's High Point Series. More information is available at ASMBYC.org/high-point-series.

10 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance. .

11 RISK STATEMET

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 PRIZES

- 12.1** Class trophies will be awarded for each of the individual races. (1-5 starters, 1 trophy; 6-8 starters, 2 trophies; 10+ starters, 3 trophies).
- 12.2** Trophies for individual races may be presented immediately after the race.
- 12.3** At the end of both series, trophies will be awarded for each Division and Class.
- 12.4** The name of the overall winning boats and skippers in both Performance Divisions will be inscribed on the William Berger Series Perpetual Trophy. The names of the overall winning boat and skipper in both Cruiser Divisions will be inscribed on the William Stein Perpetual Trophy
- 12.5** Series trophies, and other trophies not yet presented, will be presented at an Awards Ceremony at DRYC at a later date.

14 CONTACT INFORMATION

Series Chair: Brendan Huffman, racers@dryc.org
Del Rey YC: (310) 823-4664

INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS

(NOT PART OF THE NOTICE OF RACE)

HOSPITALITY

After races 1-4, competitors and their crews are invited to enjoy refreshments and libations at DRYC.

After Race 6, 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 7, complimentary continental breakfast ashore will be available for racers.

BERTHING & MOORING

Limited docking will be available at DRYC on a first come first serve basis via this form: <https://fs12.formsite.com/drycmembership/0u0ezl6zdb/index>. In order to request slip accommodations, boats must first be registered in the next race.

DRYC will try its best to accommodate all boats based on the time skippers submit slip requests. DRYC will email slip assignments the Friday before the race. Other options in Marina del Rey might include local yacht clubs and public docks at Burton Chace Park. For more information, visit <https://beaches.lacounty.gov/marina-del-rey-guest-docks/>

For the Cat Harbor Layover (Race 6), moorings in Catalina Harbor will be available from the Catalina Island Company with reservations made through the Race 6 registration process, not DRYC staff.