



William Berger Series Race 4 (Spring Malibu)

William Stein Series Race 4 (Spring Topanga)

April 11, 2026

Del Rey Yacht Club: 13900 Palawan Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 [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 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any changes to the SIs will be posted before 0900 on the day of the race.
- 2.2 Changes to a SI may be made on the water by the RC transmitting the changes on VHF radio channel 68.

3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard located at DRYC.org/racing.
- 3.2 On the water, the RC intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on channel 68.

4 SCHEDULE & CLASS FLAGS

- 4.1 Classes, Flags, and scheduled warning times are shown in NOR Addendum A.
- 4.2 A pre-race briefing for competitors will be held via Zoom on Thursday April 9 at 1800. A link will be provided to all skippers before that time.
- 4.3 The scheduled time of the first warning is 1155.
- 4.4 Each boat shall check in with the RC via VHF radio by one of the two ways described below when the Lima (L) flag is displayed.
 - a) At approximately 1130, the RC will roll call all boats by name in alphabetical order on channel 68. Check-in is complete for a boat only after she responds to her name and is acknowledged by the RC.
 - b) Following the roll call but not later than 1155, boats that have not checked in during the roll call may hail the RC on channel 68 with her boat name and sail number. A boat is not checked in until the RC has acknowledged her transmission.
- 4.5 A boat that fails to check in, but sails the course and finishes, shall have 15 minutes added to her finishing time, without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

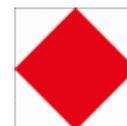
5 COURSES & MARKS

5.1 From the starting line, sail the course signaled by the RC. The RC will signal the same course for all classes in a division.

5.2 TOPANGA NEARSHORE: Handicap distance 13.6nm, Signal Flag E (Echo). Proceed to the Scripps Waverider Buoy whose anchor is 34°01.320'N, 118° 34.680' W, and bearing approximately 301°m from the start. The estimated orbit diameter is 100 yards. This spherical yellow buoy is approximately 3 ft in diameter with a whip antenna. It is National Data Buoy Center 46268 and detailed information is available at: https://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=46268
Round this mark leaving it to port and proceed to SI 5.5.



5.3 BIG ROCK: Handicap distance 17.2nm, Signal Flag F (Foxtrot). Proceed to the inflatable mark located at approximately 34° 01.896'N, 118° 36.839' W, and bearing approximately 295°m from the start. Round this mark leaving it to port and proceed to SI 5.5.



5.4 MALIBU: Handicap distance 22.7nm, Signal G (Golf). Proceed to the inflatable mark located at approximately 34° 02.094'N, 118° 40.494'W, and bearing approximately 285°m from the start. Round this mark leaving it to port and proceed to SI 5.5.



5.5 MDR OFFSET: This is an inflatable mark located at approximately 33° 57.333'N, 118° 27.412' W. This mark may be illuminated. Round this mark to port and proceed to SI 7, The Finish.

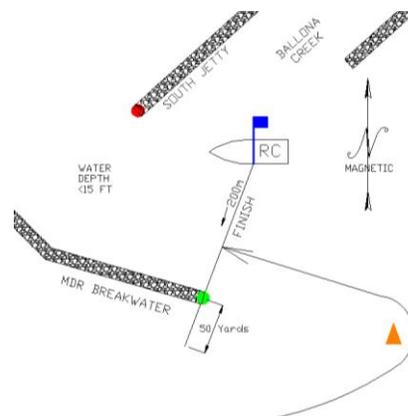
6 THE START

- 6.1 The starting area is in the vicinity of the Marina del Rey "S" Mark (See Marina del Rey Course Chart 18, available at ASMBYC.org/events.).
- 6.2 The starting line will be between the course side of an inflatable mark and the staff of an orange flag on the RC signal boat.
- 6.3 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and 5.2.

7 THE FINISH

7.1 The finishing line is between the staff of a blue flag on the RC boat in the mouth of Ballona Creek and the green light on the south end of the MDR detached breakwater. Only for Performance Division A Class A boats: the finishing line includes an optional extension 50 yards to seaward of the green light. The green light is located at 33° 57.501'N, 118° 27.630' W and its period is 6 seconds. Boats finishing after sunset shall illuminate their sail numbers.

- 7.2 [DP]The RC intends to be on station until all boats have finished or 1700, whichever is earlier. If the RC is absent when a boat finishes, she shall take her own finishing time when the green light in SI 7.1 bears 200°m (20°m if finishing outside the breakwater). Each boat that takes her own finishing time pursuant to this SI shall email her sail number and finish time on the subject line of an email and send to racers@dryc.org within 30 minutes of finishing.



8 TIME LIMITS

- 8.1 If no boat in a class finishes by 1700, the race for that class will be abandoned.
- 8.2 The time limit (TL) for finishing is 1830. Boats not finishing before the TL will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished in her class before the TL. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2, and A10.

9 HEARING REQUESTS

- 9.1 The protest time limit is one hour after a boat finishes or retires. Protests shall be submitted by email to racers@dryc.org, or dropped off at DRYC's front desk. For email submittals, the subject line shall be the sail number of the protesting boat followed by the word "protest". The time the email was sent will be the submittal time.
- 9.2 Hearing request forms are available at USSAILING.org.

10 SAFETY REGULATIONS

[DP] A boat that withdraws from racing (will not finish) or retires shall do two things:

- 10.1 Notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity on channel 68.
- 10.2 No more than 30 minutes after withdrawing or retiring, an email shall be sent to racers@dryc.org with the subject line to include:
- The boat's sail number
 - "withdraw" or "retired"
 - Time of withdrawal/retirement

11 [DP]SAIL NUMBERS AND REPLACEMENT

11.1 Should a boat use a sail with a different number than what is on her entry form, the RC shall be notified via email to racers@dryc.org before 0900 the day of the race. The subject of the email shall be: "SAIL # CHANGE" and the email shall include:

- 1) Entry's Sail Number
- 2) Boat's name
- 3) Number on the sail that will be used in the race.

Scoring errors caused by a failure to notify the RC of a sail number change shall not be grounds for redress.

11.2 Boats with sails not in compliance with RRS Appendix G may not be given a finish time

12 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to 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.

13 RACE OFFICERS

DRYC Event Chair: Brendan Huffman
PRO: Harlan Holmes
DRYC office:

racers@dryc.org
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(310) 823-4664

INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS

(NOT PART OF THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS)

HOSPITALITY

After the race competitors and their crews are invited to enjoy refreshments and libations at DRYC.

Awards for this race will be presented after the race along with the hospitality at DRYC.

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/>

UPCOMING BERGER & STEIN RACES

Enter these races at dryc.org/racing

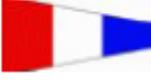
- Saturday May 9 KHYC's Trans Harbor (ASMBYC High Point Series)
- Saturday June 6 Cat Harbor Layover
- Sunday June 7 Eagle Rock to MdR (ASMBYC High Point Series)



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NoR Addendum A

CLASSES, FLAGS, & SCHEDULED WARNING TIMES

Division*	Class	PHRF RLC Rating	Flag	SCHEDULED Warning
Cruiser B	CB	≥ 110	6 	1155
Cruiser A	CA	< 110	5 	1200
Performance B	D	≥ 100	4 	1205
Performance B	C	50 to 99	3 	1210
Performance A	B	1 to 49	2 	1215
Performance A	A	≤ 0	1 	1220
Not Berger or Stein**	To Be Determined	N/A	0 	1230

* In some race documents Cruiser may be abbreviated "Csr", and Performance may be abbreviated "Perf".

** The RC may run a start sequence for a fleet of boats that are not competing in the Berger or Stein Series. Examples are Single Handers and Multihulls.