



MDRVMF Tuesday Night Trials
Marina del Rey Venture MacGregor Fleet
Series #1
March 31 – April 28, 2026
Marina del Rey, CA



Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

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

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Changes to an SI may be made on the water by the Race Committee (RC) via broadcast on VHF radio as provided in SI 3.2 and require acknowledgement.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the [Official Notice Board](#) which is the Regatta Network race page, a link to which can also be found on the [Marina del Rey Venture MacGregor Fleet](#) website (www.mdrvfmf.com).

3.2 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).

4. SCHEDULE OF RACE

4.1 All competitors shall check in with the RC via channel 71 between 1730 and 1745 only on the night of the race. No check ins will be allowed during any starting sequence.

4.2 RC has the right not to respond to any radio communication during all start sequences.

4.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1750.

5. CLASSES

5.1 There will be three (3) classes based on PHRF Area-B handicap rating:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Rating Group</i>
A	Up to 100
B	101 - 160
C	161 and higher

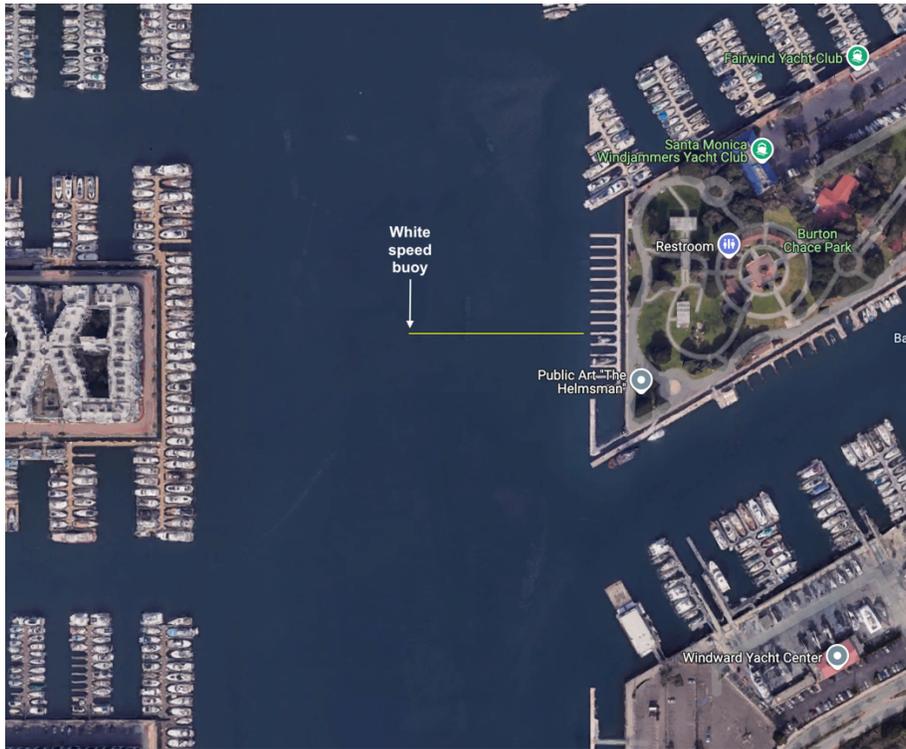
6. ORDER OF STARTS

6.1 Races will start in the following order:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Warning</i>
A	1750
B	1755
C	1800

7. THE START/FINISH LINE

7.1 The start/finish line will be an imaginary line from an orange flag above the 5th piling at the four-hour transient guest dock from the “Helmsman” statue and the white speed buoy directly across in the center of the marina.



8. THE START

8.1 Races will be started as follows. This changes RRS 26:

<i>Time</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
1750	Course Flag	One	Warning signal
1751	Flag P	One	Preparatory signal
1754	Flag P removed	One long	One minute to starting signal for A class
1755	Course flag remains	One	Starting signal for A class; warning signal for B class

- 8.2 The RC may count down the last five (5) seconds before the starting signal for each boat as provided in SI 2.2.
- 8.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 8.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail number, failure to hear such a hail, and/or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

9. MARKS

9.1 The weather mark will either be the detached break wall or the last No Sail buoy on the south side depending on the course announced by the RC.

10. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 All boats must stay within the No Sail buoys on both the north and south sides in the channel on the outbound leg of the race only.
- 10.2 All boats must stay between the north side No Sail buoys and the south jetty in the channel on the return leg of the race only.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 There will be 2 course options, a long course and a shortened course. RC will determine and announce the course for each class based upon the conditions at each class's warning time.
- 11.2 **Course 1:** From the start line, proceed toward the entrance channel and the detached break wall. Boats will exit the marina via the north entrance, keeping clear of the green shoal buoys passing them to starboard then rounding the detached break wall heading towards the south entrance. Boats will enter the marina via the south entrance, keeping clear of the red shoal buoys, proceed down the channel and return to the finish line.
- 11.3 **Course 2:** From the starting line, proceed toward the entrance channel and the detached break wall rounding the last No Sail buoy on the south side of the channel to port and return to the finish line.

<i>Course #</i>	<i>Course Flag</i>
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12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 Approximately 30 seconds before the finish line, boats must announce their approach with name of vessel to the RC on channel 71.
- 12.2 A boat is considered finished after the RC blows a horn to indicate they have crossed the finish line at which time they must immediately clear the area allowing others to finish without obstruction.

13. TIME LIMITS

The absolute time limit (ATL) for finishing is 2000. 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.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V, Section V1 (Penalty at the Time of an Incident) applies.
- 14.2 For all classes, RRS44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty.

15. HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1 As this series is intended to be fun, we strongly discourage any protests.
- 15.2 Protests shall be filed within forty-five (45) minutes after your boat finishes (Protest Time Limit).
- 15.3 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.
- 15.4 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."
- 15.5 Within fifteen (15) minutes after the Protest Time Limit, a notice of filed protests and requests for redress will be posted in SMWYC.
- 15.6 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](#).
- 15.7 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.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 Results will be posted as soon as practicable.
- 16.2 This series will be scored with a W/L spinnaker rating.
- 16.3 All spinnakers must be dropped before rounding the breakwater. No spinnakers are allowed in the main channel.
- 16.4 Only one headsail may be flown at a time in the channel, unless changing headsails.

17. 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.

18. HOSPITALITY

- 18.1 Post-race hospitality will take place at Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club (SMWYC) located at 13589 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292
- 18.2 Non-hosted food and refreshments will be available following the race.
- 18.3 Code to enter the parking gate is 654777

19. 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.

20. CONTACT INFORMATION

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