



# Sunset Series

Wednesdays: April 19 – September 6, 2023  
Marina del Rey, California

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**Amended 5.1**  
**April 17, 2023**

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Organizing Authority is California Yacht Club (CYC), located at 4469 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292  
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### 1. RULES

- 1.1 See NoR 1.
- 1.2 While racing, all boats shall
  - (a) display the class flag assigned for their class,
  - (b) have official sail numbers on their mainsail and any overlapping headsails (130% or greater). Competitors are reminded that RRS G1.2 states, in part, that sail numbers shall be “Arabic numerals,” “clearly legible,” and “of a contrasting color to the body of the sail.” Missing, improper, inconsistent, unclear, illegible, or numbers other than those used for registration are not permitted,
  - (c) fly all headsails on the same side when inside Marina del Rey Harbor; and
  - (d) drop spinnakers so the head is below the lowest spreader before first crossing a line from the southeast end of the detached breakwater to the south side of Ballona Creek. Spinnakers may not be used inside the harbor.
- 1.3 Competitors are reminded that RRS 23.1 states that, “if reasonably possible, a boat not racing shall not interfere with a boat that is racing.” You are not racing: (1) before the preparatory signal for your class; (2) after you finish and clear the finish line; or (3) anytime you retire on the race course.

### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SI) will be posted by 1600 on the Wednesday it will take effect.
- 2.2 Any change in the schedule of races, order of starts, starting times, class flag designations or class rating ranges will be posted by 1800 on the Monday before it will take effect.

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board which is the [Sunset Series](#) webpage.
- 3.2 On the water, the Race Committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 68. 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 RRS 62.1(a).

### 4. RACING AREA

The racing area is on Santa Monica Bay and inside Marina del Rey Harbor.

### 5. MARKS

- 5.1 **All marks designated by a letter on SI Addendum A Course Chart are yellow or white spar buoys of varying height and diameter.**
- 5.2 In the event a mark (spar buoy) is missing or off position, an inflatable tetrahedron may be used as a replacement.
- 5.3 In the event Mark T is missing, boats sent to this weather mark shall round a virtual mark in the position 33° 56.464' N / 118° 31.549' W.
- 5.4 RRS 32.1(c) is changed to require abandonment of the race for any class in which the designated weather mark, other than Mark T, is missing and not replaced.
- 5.5 The detached breakwater is not considered a “continuing obstruction” when boats are rounding the south end of it to enter the harbor. This means that RRS 18 applies.

### 6. THE COURSES

Courses are described in SI Addendum A.

## **7. THE START**

- 7.1 Races are started using RRS 26 as follows: The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with the starting signal of the preceding class, with classes starting in the order posted on the [Sunset Series](#) webpage.
- 7.2 The starting line is between the course side of Mark SS and the staff displaying an orange & white checkered flag on the port side of the RC signal vessel.
- 7.3 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 or boat name as provided in SI 3.2.
- 7.4 A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored as Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This change is added to RRS A5.1.
- 7.5 [DP] A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall not sail within three (3) of her hull lengths of the starting line during the starting sequence for other classes. This rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This change is added to RRS 60.1(a).

## **8. THE FINISH**

- 8.1 The finishing line is between a small yellow tetrahedron anchored toward mid-channel and the staff displaying a blue flag on the RC signal vessel at the CYC guest dock. If the signal vessel is not on station, the finishing line is between a small yellow tetrahedron anchored toward mid-channel and the southwest corner of the CYC guest dock. See US Sailing Prescription to RRS 34.
- 8.2 If the RC shortens course under SI 6.3, the finishing line is between the staff displaying an orange & white checkered flag toward mid-channel and the staff displaying an orange & white checkered flag near the Lifeguard Station (the RC signal vessel may be stationed at either end). This changes RRS "Race Signals." The RC may broadcast its intention to shorten course at 1850, 1900, and 1910 on VHF channel 68 as provided in SI 3.2.
- 8.3 Boats that have finished shall sail completely across the finishing line and shall not re-cross it. This rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This change is added to RRS 60.1(a).

## **9. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 9.1 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V, section V1, Penalty at the Time of an Incident, applies except when racing inside the harbor. When racing inside the harbor, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. A boat is "inside the harbor" when she crosses a line from the southeast end of the detached breakwater to the south side of Ballona Creek.
- 9.2 If a boat breaks SI 1.2(a) or (b), she shall receive a warning for the first infraction. Thereafter, she shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This change is added to RRS A5.1.
- 9.3 The penalty for breaking SI 1.2 (d) or 6.2 (d) shall be a One-Turn Penalty.
- 9.4 The RC may disqualify without a hearing any boat that the RC observes breaking SI 8.3. This change is added to RRS A5.1.

## **10. TIME LIMIT**

Boats not finishing by 2030 will be scored as Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35 and is added to A5.1.

## **11. HEARING REQUESTS**

- 11.1 The protest time limit for boats is one (1) hour after the protesting boat finishes. The protest time limit for the RC is one (1) hour after the last boat finishes.
- 11.2 RRS 62.2, Redress is modified as follows:
  - (a) The second sentence of RRS 62.2 is replaced with: "If the request is based on an incident in the racing area, it shall be filed within one (1) hour after the protesting boat finishes."
  - (b) A notice of boats scored per RRS A5.1 will be posted no later than thirty (30) minutes after the last boat finishes at the [View Starting Penalties](#) link on the [Sunset Series](#) webpage. The deadline for a request for redress based on these scores is one (1) hour after the last boat finishes.
- 11.3 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed using the hearing request forms available at the [File a Protest](#) link on the [Sunset Series](#) webpage.
- 11.4 A notice of filed protests and requests for redress will be posted within seventy-five (75) minutes after the last boat finishes at the [Protest Time Limit and Hearing Schedule](#) link located on the [Sunset Series](#) webpage. This constitutes notice to all parties under RRS 63.2.
- 11.5 Protests and requests for redress will be heard as soon as possible in the Gallery Room on the lower level of the CYC Clubhouse.
- 11.6 US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 do not apply.

## 12. SCORING

- 12.1 Preliminary results will be posted on the [Sunset Series](#) webpage as soon as possible after each race. Competitors shall notify the RC of any scoring errors within thirty (30) minutes after preliminary results have been posted using the *Submit Scoring Inquiry* link on the [Sunset Series](#) webpage.
- 12.2 Series scoring will use the Sunset Series Scoring System. For each race, a boat shall receive a score calculated as follows (rounded to three decimal places):

$$1 + \left( \left( \frac{\text{class\_starters\_placing\_after\_her} + 0.5}{\text{class\_starters}} \right) \times 9 \right)$$

“Class starters” is the number of boats that crossed the starting line after or just before the starting signal for that class (i.e., all official “starters” plus any OCS boats). A boat that did not compete, did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing or was disqualified shall be scored one (1) point. A boat that did not enter shall be scored zero (0) points. When a race is abandoned for fewer than all classes in a Division, boats in those classes shall be scored average points for that race. Average points will be defined as the average of a boat’s best three (3) scores out of the immediately preceding four (4) races, regardless of whether the boat competed in those races. For any of the first four races in the series, average points will be assigned upon completion of the fifth scored race.

- 12.3 A boat’s series score for both Class and Division (Performance or Cruising) scoring shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores as follows: after 7-10 races – exclude 1 score, after 11-14 races – exclude 2 scores and after 15+ races – exclude 3 scores. Races that have been abandoned for all classes in her Division will not be counted as part of a boat’s series score. Series ties will be broken by applying RRS A8.1 using places instead of scores. This changes RRS A8.

## 13. PRIZES

- 13.1 Trophies for individual races will be given out at CYC as soon as possible after each race according to the following provisions.
- (a) Class trophies for each race will be based on the number of starters as follows: 2-4 boats = 1 trophy; 5-7 boats = 2 trophies; 8-10 boats = 3 trophies; 11-13 boats = 4 trophies; 14+ boats = 5 trophies.
  - (b) First-place trophies will be awarded to the boats with the most points in each Class after the final race on September 6.
  - (c) Trophies not picked up on race night will be held for four weeks, after which they will be returned to inventory.
  - (d) The following perpetual trophies (which shall remain on display at CYC) also will be awarded on September 6 as follows
    - Marylyn Ritchie                      Performance Division                      1st place
    - Dr. Bob Crum                              Martin 242                                      1st place
    - Millard Rosing                              Cruising Division                              1st place
    - Allan Elliot                                      Cruising A                                      1st place
    - Jack Weber                                      Cruising B                                      1st place

- 13.2 Based on class and/or division standings at the end of the Sunset Series, (a) boats in the Performance Division will earn invitations to the King of the Hill, and (b) boats in the Cruising Division will earn invitations to the Sunset Series Cruising Championship. These events will be sailed on Wednesday, September 13.

## 14. [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race prior to finishing shall notify the RC either before leaving the Racing Area or as soon as possible after arriving ashore.

## 15. RISK STATEMENT

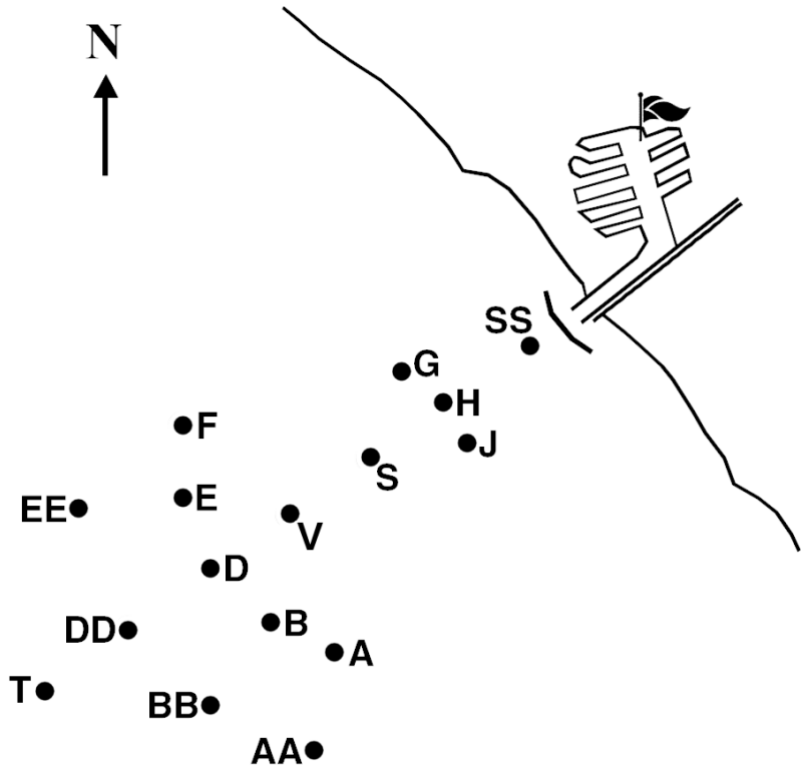
Competitors in the event participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 Decision to Race. By participating in the event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers (organizing authority, host yacht club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, and any others acting in an official capacity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

### 6. COURSES (continued)

- 6.1 At the warning signal for each class, the RC will signal the course by displaying letter code flag(s), indicating the first mark to be rounded. For Course V, the flag will be a white background with the letter V in black.
- 6.2 After starting:
- Leave to port the mark indicated by the flag(s) displayed for your class per SI 6.1.
  - Enter the Marina del Rey Harbor south entrance, leaving the end of the detached breakwater to port.
  - Leave to starboard the end of the south jetty, including any red or “shoal” buoys adjacent to the end of the jetty. Center-channel markers between the detached breakwater and the south jetty or buoys adjacent to the detached breakwater near the flagpole are not marks of the course.
  - Leave to port any “No Sail” (or “No Sailboats”) buoys designating the lane for leaving the harbor located along the northwest side of the entrance channel. The line between any two adjacent “No Sail” buoys is a continuing obstruction and a boat shall not sail with any part of her hull across this line. After the last of these buoys, there is no continuing obstruction between the remaining marks of the course.
  - In the main channel, leave to port (1) all center-channel speed markers (starting with the one that is closest to being in line with the US Coast Guard station pier) and (2) the yellow center-channel mooring cans, “B” and “A”.
  - Proceed to the finish line off the CYC Guest Dock, unless the course is shortened under SI 6.3 to finish at the Lifeguard Station (LS).
- 6.3 Courses may be shortened, at the discretion of the RC, to finish at the LS. If courses are shortened, the finishing line is changed as described in SI 8.2. This changed finishing line (shortened course) applies to all classes. There will be no “shortened course” signal flag displayed by the RC; boats must cross the new finish line. This changes Race Signals and RRS 32.
- 6.4 If the course is shortened per SI 6.3, handicap distances are reduced by 0.3 nm.

### COURSE CHART

Course Signal (& first mark)	Approx. Magnetic Bearing (from “SS”)	Handicap Distance (in NM)
J	208°	3.3
H	235°	3.1
G	262°	3.4
S	235°	4.1
V	235°	5.1
A	210°	5.6
B	223°	5.9
D	235°	6.1
E	248°	6.0
F	260°	5.7
AA	205°	6.5
BB	220°	6.9
DD	235°	7.1
EE	250°	7.0
T	235°	8.1



Distances from Mark **SS** are as follows: Mark **H** = 0.5 NM; Mark **S** = 1.0 NM; Mark **V** = 1.5 NM; Mark **D** = 2.0 NM; Mark **DD** = 2.5 NM; Mark **T** = 3.0 NM.