



CALIFORNIA YACHT CLUB

APRIL 12, 2023

# Sunset Series Seminar



# 2023 SUNSET SERIES DATES

**Wednesdays, April 19 through  
September 6**

**King of the Hill/Cruising  
Championship Sept 13**

CLASS SPLITS:

SAME AS LAST YEAR











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Marina del Rey, California USA

### CLASS SPLITS & FLAGS / STARTING TIMES

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Class	Rating Range	Class Flag (Numeral Pennant)	Starting Time
PHRF A	<24	1 	1755
PHRF B	24-59	2 	1800
PHRF C	60-96	3 	1805
PHRF D	97-120	4 	1810
Martin 242	OD	5 	1815
PHRF E	121-186	6 	1820
Cruising A	Assigned	7 	1825
Cruising B	Assigned	8 	1830





YOU MUST  
DISPLAY YOUR  
CLASS FLAG!

PURCHASE AT CYC RECEPTION OR  
WEST MARINE





SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SRO & S/C  
BILL STUMP'S

# THE DIRTY DOZEN

CYC REAR COMMODORE  
SUE SERVICE



1. Have legible, 'official' numbers on mainsail and overlapping headsails – **SI 1.2(b)**
2. Display your class flag from the backstay or boom-end – **SI 1.2 (a)**
3. Look for the course letter code flag(s) during **your** starting sequence – **SI 6.1**
4. Stay 3+ boat lengths away from the starting line until your warning – **SI 7.5**
5. Treat the end of the detached breakwater as a mark; rule 18 applies – **SI 5.5**
6. Drop your spinnaker before you have completed rounding the detached breakwater - **SI 1.2 (d)**
7. Treat the line between NW "No Sail" buoys as continuing obstruction – **SI 6.2 (d)**

8. Completely cross (sail through) the finish line and do not re-cross – **SI 8.3**
9. Finish before the (absolute) **2030** Time Limit – **SI 10**. Sail Fast!
10. Do Penalty Turn(s) if you break a rule, incl. SI 1.2(d) or 6.2(d) – see **SI 9.3**
11. **Protests may be filed on-line only:** CYC regatta page, *File a Protest Link*. Keep checking e-mail for the *Hearing Schedule* – **SI 11**.
12. **Race documents** include the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and Course Chart, and any amendments thereto. Don't leave home without them!

Note: If a designated 'windward' mark, per SI 6.2(a), is missing and not replaced per SI 5.2, the race will be abandoned for that class – **SI 5.4**. Then, average points will be assigned to all starters in that class – **SI 12.2**.

## Sail Fast – Sail Fair – Have Fun





# COAST GUARD CHANNEL BUOY

- 8.2 After starting:
  - (e) 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”.



# SHORTENED COURSE

If RC shortens course (SI 6.3):

- Finish line: between orange & white checkered flags near mid-channel and Lifeguard Station. RC boat may be stationed at either end.

- RC may broadcast intention to shorten course at 1850, 1900, and 1910 on VHF channel 68 (SI 3.2).

# MARKS

Ongoing storms have moved a number of marks off station, and Race Committee will adjust accordingly. No tetrahedrons will be set for 2023.

Marks specialist Denny Haythorn will be retiring from this position at the end of the season. Contact CYC Sail Committee Chair Miriam Moses if you're interested in training.



# RACE ABANDONMENT/WEATHER



- ***Please do not call the club.*** RC will notify the Sunset Series email list *immediately* upon making the decision to cancel. If boats are already on the water the RC boat will also broadcast abandonment on VHF as well as fly the Abandonment flags.
- The race can be called at any time but the RC will endeavor to make the decision as soon as reasonably possible. RC's goal is to always race unless conditions are judged to be unsafe, therefore, the RC may make the decision late in the day to continue observing conditions.

# RACE IN THE CORINTHIAN TRADITION

- The “Corinthian Spirit,” may be best expressed by the statement that *you sail by the rules even when no one is looking*. It also means, **no yelling or swearing** and no **bullying** your fellow sailors. When the one with the loudest voice wins – we all lose.



# CRUISING DIVISION RATINGS

CRUISING  
COORDINATOR  
S/C UTA LESLIE

If competing in the Cruising  
Division, you must have a valid  
**2023 PHRF SoCal Rating**  
SS uses W/L Ratings

The Cruising Division will  
include only those boats whose  
Performance Factor (PF) is  $\leq 2$ .  
A boat with a performance  
factor greater than 2 may  
petition for inclusion

You can apply for configuration  
adjustment at PHRF in Cruising  
class (under 1.75 performance  
factor)

RC reserves the right to re-  
assign boats from the Cruising  
Division to the Performance  
Division

**Cruising Division  
Coordinator:**  
[uleslie@earthlink.net](mailto:uleslie@earthlink.net)

# CRUISING DIVISION- SPINNAKERS

Spinnakers may be used in ***both*** Cruising Classes

Cruising A and Cruising B Spin Adjustments:

A + 9 secs/mi

B + 7 secs/mile

(Sunset Series ***does not*** use PHRF spin adjustments)

Must notify RC ***before*** racing. May change status ***once a season!***

Cruising skippers – ***remember to notify us*** at [cyc-sunset-series@cycfleet.com](mailto:cyc-sunset-series@cycfleet.com) ***if you're non-spin!***



# CRUISING DIVISION CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

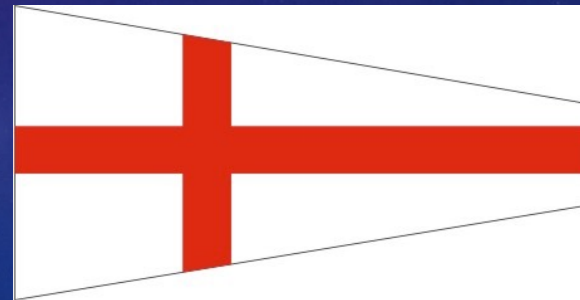
Class splits will be posted on the Sunset Series regatta page by 5pm ***Tuesday April 18***

**MAKE SURE YOU CHECK!**

Cruising A



Cruising B



Questions or concerns: Uta Leslie - Cruising Division Coordinator ([uleslie@earthlink.net](mailto:uleslie@earthlink.net))



# CRUISING CHAMPIONSHIP

- The Cruising Division has its own “King of the Hill” style race; the ***Sunset Series Cruising Championship!***
- Sept 13
- Eight total boats from CR-A and CR-B – based on avg class size and overall standing
- Inverted start - First boat home wins the Cruising Championship!
- See Cruising Championship NOR at:  
<http://www.calyachtclub.com/regattas>





# SAFETY AT SEA

USCG DIVISION VICE CMDR,  
SANTA MONICA BAY  
DREW BALDWIN



# Safety above all!

Skipper is responsible for the safety of the crew

Orient your crew; Life Jackets (PFDs), VHF Radio Ch 16, MOB Procedures, First Aid Kit, Fire Extinguishers

NEVER endanger other boats *regardless of the rules*

***You don't have to finish the race!*** You can turn around and go home anytime if you feel conditions are unsafe or marginal for your crew.



HAVE YOUR BOAT EXAMINED ANNUALLY -- *FREE*  
*DREW.BALDWIN@USCGA1242.ORG*



Drew with CYC Honorary Commodore Anthony Agolia

# REGISTRATION, SCORING AND RESULTS

CYC SCORING  
SPECIALIST PEGGY  
POWERS

CYC website: On the Water → Regattas → Sunset Series → Registration. Complete registration and pay prior to 1730 on race day, or entry will be deleted.

Fees:

Season \$285 US Sailing Members, \$325 non-members

Race by race : \$16 for US Sailing Members, \$18 non-members

Registration and payment ***must be done online***. No manual entries or payments will be accepted.

***Renew or apply for your rating immediately.*** The registration system will download and match what is on the PHRF website. If the rating is not there it will show "Rating Not Found."

Must use same Sail number as on PHRF Certificate.



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# REFUNDS FOR RACE ABANDONMENT?

If a race is abandoned due to weather, those with weekly entries, not season, will be moved to the next week's race. You can go into [Regattaman.com](https://www.Regattaman.com) and uncheck that race and move it to another one. No refunds!

# SCORING

- Handicap boats will be scored using their valid **PHRF SoCal Area B W/L ratings**.
- Non-Area B boats will get Area B adjustments applied as available.
- Boats with multiple PHRF SoCal Rating Certificates shall be considered a different boat for each Certificate.
- Non-spinnaker offsets for Cruising Division *only*.
- Series scoring uses the “Sunset Scoring System”, a weighted, modified high-point system that factors size of class (SI 12.3). A boat’s series score for both Class and Division scoring will 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; and after 15 races, exclude 3.



# RESULTS

- The official notice board for results of Sunset Series page of the CYC website ([calyachtclub.com/regattas](http://calyachtclub.com/regattas))



# PROTESTS



- File ONLINE ONLY up to 1 hour after protestor finish.
- Protestee notified immediately by email.
- Both parties are contacted about a hearing date, may be Zoom or in person.
- Chief Judge Rutter 206.551.9090 ([grrutter@gmail.com](mailto:grrutter@gmail.com)), Protest Secretary Suzanne Boone 310.600.3580 ([szboone@gmail.com](mailto:szboone@gmail.com)).





# AWARDS AND POST- RACE HOSPITALITY

Come for the BBQ, stay for the DJ and dancing

Trophies and race information every week!

# WOMEN ON THE WATER /WOMAN AT THE HELM

- Trophy for top female driver in each class
- Must helm entire race, boat must be registered
- Sign up by emailing [cyc-sunset-series@cycfleet.com](mailto:cyc-sunset-series@cycfleet.com) or at the podium before 2030 race day:

WAH name

Boat name

Class

- May 3
- June 7
- July 5
- August 2



# CYC JUNIOR SAILING PROGRAM

Our Double Handed and Opti programs train junior sailors, and these youngsters have a great amount of sailing and regatta experience. If you need extra crew, or are willing to give a kid a chance, consider including a CYC Junior Sailor.



Contact Uta Leslie: [uleslie@earthlink.net](mailto:uleslie@earthlink.net)



# UPCOMING CYC REGATTA DATES

SAIL COMMITTEE CHAIR  
MIRIAM MOSES





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## **Calling All Keelboat Racers!**

Classes include One-Design,  
PHRF, and Cruising

**Join us for the Harris Spring Regatta**  
**Sunday, April 16**

Registration is open and race documents are available  
at [calyachtclub.com/regattas](http://calyachtclub.com/regattas).

For more information, contact Regatta Chair  
Hank Toles at [hmt@toles.org](mailto:hmt@toles.org).

We look forward to seeing you on the water and  
celebrating at the after-party!

# HARRIS SPRING REGATTA

*THIS WEEKEND!*

REGATTA CHAIR: HANK TOLES



# Pacific Cup Deepwater Series



## PACIFIC CUP

Race 1: May 7

Race 2: July 23

Race 3: September 10

Regatta Chairs: Helen Brierley, Dan McGanty, S/C Richard Mainland



# CAL RACE WEEK

- Cal Race Week Regatta June 3-4
- Performance & Cruising Divisions
- Check website for early bird discount and entry deadline
- Regatta Chairs: Marilyn Cassedy and SEO Karen Stirling



# PROTESTS

CHIEF JUDGE  
GREG RUTTER

## STAY OUT OF THE ROOM!

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“If you go into a protest, you have a 50-50 chance of losing.”

-Dennis Connor



# PROTESTS

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## KNOW THE RULES

Review RRS rules 10 through 20

If in doubt, you probably broke a rule.  
Do your turns (they take less time  
that going to a protest)

A turn = 1 tack + 1 gybe

Penalties: 2 turns for a foul within 3 boat lengths of a  
mark; 1 turn everywhere else except as stated in the  
SI

# PROTESTS

## BARGING

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Barging is not a word in the RRS, it's just a violation of Rule 11: **“Windward keep clear of leeward”**

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Don't come in from the weather side and push (barge) into the start box

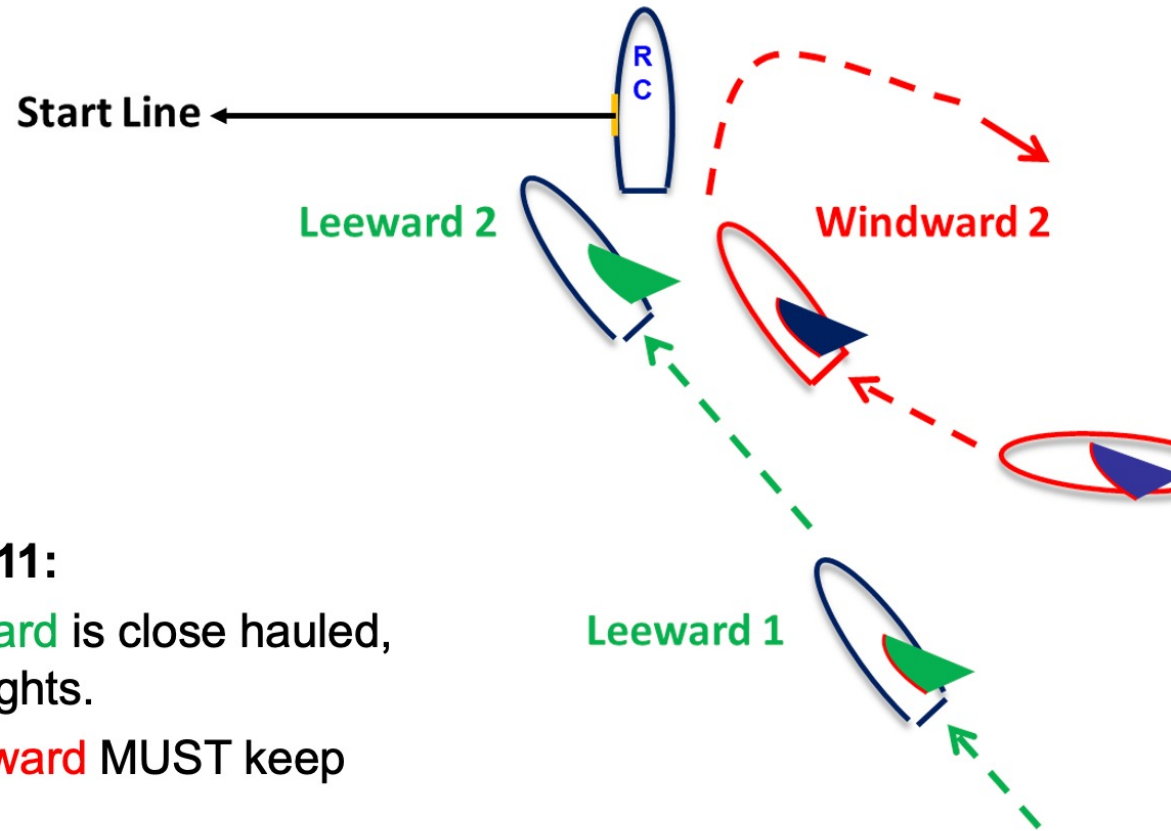
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This foul is usually committed in front of the Race Committee. **Bad idea.**



# PROTESTS

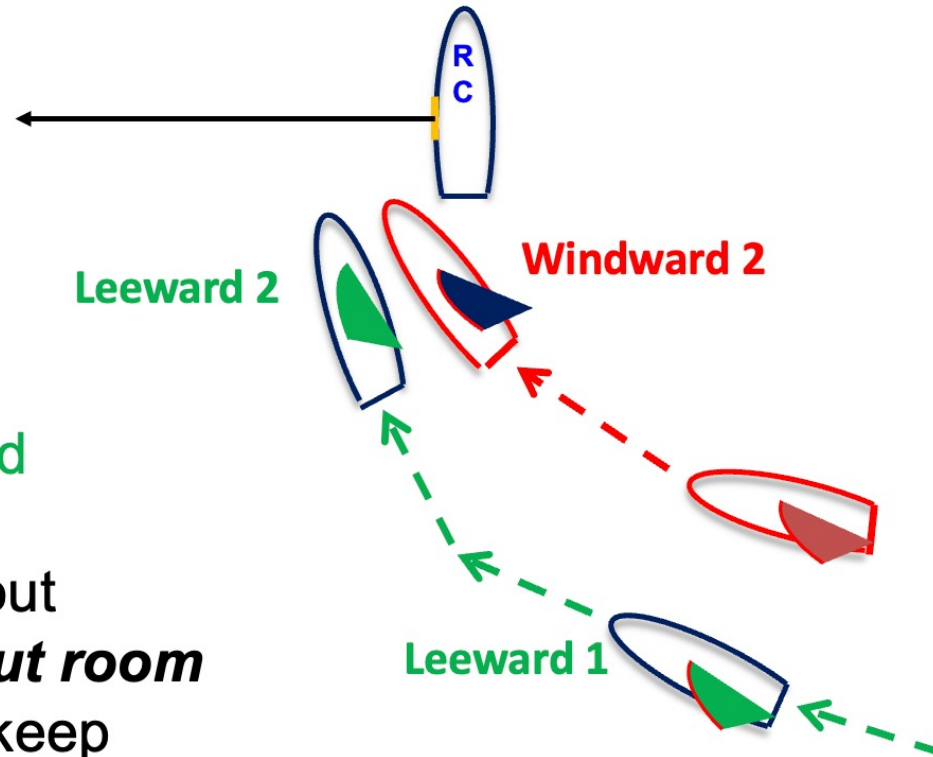
## “Barging” and Rules 11, 16



# PROTESTS

## “Barging” and Rules 11, 16

**Rule 16:** **Leeward** changes course, attempts to shut out **Windward** *without room* for **Windward** to keep clear. **Windward** now has rights





# PROTESTS

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## RULE 18

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Here's where the yelling happens:

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Detached breakwater

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Turning mark from Entrance to Main Channel

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Finish line

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# CREW UP

If you're a skipper looking for crew, or crew looking for a boat –talk *after the meeting*

We have a number of new people who want to race....

Invite them aboard

--For practice

--For races

--Ask them to join your crew at the after party

--Mentor and help build their skills

Racing alone is no fun!

Contact: [grrutter@gmail.com](mailto:grrutter@gmail.com)





**Thank you!**

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