



Año Nuevo Race

Saturday August 1, 2026

Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club
Monterey, CA

NOTICE OF RACE

1. BACKGROUND

The Año Nuevo Race has been organized by MPYC since 1963 and is an exciting offshore/coastal race. Past winners have included notable boats from Monterey and Santa Cruz such as **Octavia**, **Allure** and **Hijinx**. The present course starts in Santa Cruz, rounds the Año Nuevo buoy and finishes in Monterey. The organizing authority (OA) is MPYC.

2. RULES

- 2.1. This race will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2025-2028 *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 2.2. All boats shall comply with the **MBYRA Safety Equipment Requirements** (SER's) for **Coastal Races**. The current MBYRA SER can be found on the web at mpyc.org/race-documents, in the section "Safety Documents and Resources".
- 2.3. Racing rule 52 is changed for the Short Handed Sailing (SHS) class only, to allow the use of autopilots during the race.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats over 23 feet in overall length with valid 2026 Monterey Bay PHRF (MBPHRF) or Northern California PHRF (NCPHRF) certificates. Please upload a current certificate when registering or email to race@mpyc.org prior to the registration deadline.
- 3.2. Boats may register for one of the following classes:
 - A Fleet** (PHRF 80 or less)
 - B Fleet** (PHRF greater than 80)
 - Each class also has a SHS division option** (Short Handed Sailing, single or double-handed)

The Organizing Authority reserves the right to modify the Divisions based upon entries received.

3.3. Entries shall be made on-line, using the MPYC Regatta portal: [Año Nuevo Race](#)

3.4. Entries must be submitted on-line with all required documentation except float plan no later than:

Thursday, July 30 , 2026 at 18:00 hours. There will be no entries accepted after this time.

3.5. Each **boat owner/captain** is required to complete the on-line waiver during the registration process and to submit an **MPYC Float Plan** listing all crew and emergency contact information either at time of registration, or via email to race@mpyc.org prior to the registration deadline, or in person at the skippers meeting. The float plan form can be found on the web at mpyc.org/race-documents, in the section "Safety Documents and Resources".

3.6. Each **participating crew member** is required to submit a "MPYC Liability Waiver" release from liability either by: 1. Being included on the crew list during boat registration and responding to the liability form e-sign email, or 2. Downloading the liability form and e-mailing the completed document to race@mpyc.org prior to the entry deadline or 3. Delivering the completed liability waiver form in person at the skippers meeting. The MPYC liability waiver form can be found on the web at mpyc.org/race-documents, in the section "FORMS".

3.7. The registration of boats is not considered complete until all of the above required documentation is submitted and incomplete registrations will not be scored.

4. FEES

4.1. Entry fees shall be paid online at the time of registration.

4.2. Entry fees are as follows:

Registration by Thursday, **July 30, 2026** at 1800 hours - \$50

4.3. Entry fees for MPYC 2026 registered boats are included in their annual registration.

4.4. Registration is via the event web portal available here: [Año Nuevo Race](#)

5. SCHEDULE

5.1.1. Any amendments to the schedule will be posted on the race event website no later than 1200 hours on the day before they are to take effect.

Saturday, August 1, 10:00 Skippers meeting at the Santa Cruz Yacht Club. (mandatory unless waiver requested).

Saturday, August 1, 11:55 First warning signal.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1. The sailing instructions will be available on the [Año Nuevo Race website](#) no later than Thursday, **July 30**. They will also be available in hardcopy at the skipper meeting.

7. COURSES

7.1. The starting line will be in the vicinity of the SCYC starting buoy south of the Santa Cruz jetty entrance OR a temporary buoy in the same approximate location. After starting, boats shall leave the Año Nuevo buoy R "24" to port. The finish will be just outside Monterey Harbor between the Monterey Harbor Light #6 (flashing red) and a virtual pin end (see Sailing Instructions). The course is approximately 56 nm in length. The finishing line and procedure will be described in the sailing instructions.

8. SCORING

8.1. Scoring will be based on Monterey Bay PHRF (MBPHRF) OR Northern California PHRF (NCPHRF) ratings and will be scored time-on-time. Entrants that hold more than one certificate shall use the MBPHRF rating.

9. PRIZES

9.1. Prizes will be awarded to each Division for first place and additional places based upon the number of entries at the discretion of the organizing authority. Awards will be presented at the MPYC clubhouse after racing on Saturday and post-race chili will be served. The overall winner on corrected time will have their name inscribed on the **Año Nuevo Race perpetual trophy**.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

10.1. Sailing in an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, race committee, host club, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this race. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from all liability associated with each competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

11.1. For further information contact race@mpyc.org or Jean du Preez (831) 917-8757.

12. BERTHING IN MONTEREY

12.1. Boats needing berthing in Monterey are requested to make their own arrangements prior to the race. There is limited space available at the MPYC dock, contact Jean du Preez (831) 917-8757 with any questions. To contact Monterey Harbor during daytime hours (0800 to 1600), call 831-646-3950, the Night Harbormaster is 831-594-7760, or VHF CH 5A.