



Año Nuevo Race

August 1, 2026

Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club

Monterey, CA

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1. This race will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2025-2028 *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and these sailing instructions.
- 1.2. All boats shall comply with the current 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".
- 1.3. All competitors are required to wear personal flotation devices while racing per RRS 40.1.
- 1.4. Racing rule 52 is changed for the Short Handed Sailing (SHS) class only, to allow the use of autopilots during the race.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS, SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be made on the SCYC official notice board in the SCYC clubhouse.
- 2.2. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast at the SCYC regatta shed in the dry storage yard.
- 2.3. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will not be less than 60 minutes after signal AP is lowered.
- 2.4. Changes to the Sailing Instructions (if any) will be posted no later than 1030 hours on the day of the race.
- 2.5. Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be announced on the water by the race committee prior to the start on VHF channel 68 as per RRS 90.2(c).

3. SCHEDULE AND CLASS FLAGS

- 3.1. There will be one start that includes all classes and divisions.
- 3.2. The Class Flag will be code flag F.
- 3.3. The warning signal is scheduled for **1155** hours on Saturday, August 1, 2026.

4. RACING AREA AND COURSE

- 4.1. The racing area will be between Santa Cruz, Año Nuevo and Monterey, crossing outer Monterey Bay, a distance of approximately 56 nm.
- 4.2. The starting line will be between Schuyler Mark and a Signal Boat. The Schuyler Mark is a yellow ball west of the Santa Cruz harbor.
- 4.3. After starting, boats shall leave the Año Nuevo government 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 7.1)

5. START CHECK-IN

- 5.1. All boats shall check in with the race committee on USA VHF 68 prior to the start between the hours of 1130 and 1155. This communication will verify the float plan data for the calling vessel. Any changes from the filed float plan in the number and names of crew on board must be communicated to the Race Committee at this time. Check in is not complete until a boat has verified that the float plan is complete and receives confirmation from the race committee. Failure to complete this communication successfully shall result in a score of DNC. This changes rules 63.1 and A5.

6. THE START

- 6.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the SCYC race committee signal boat and Schuyler Mark, a yellow ball at location **36° 56.85'N 122° 01.29'W**. A boat on the course side of the starting line at the start that does not comply with rule 29.1, will receive a penalty of 10 minutes added to her elapsed time.
- 6.2. After the start all boats are requested to monitor VHF 16.

7. THE FINISH

- 7.1. The finishing line will be a virtual line between Monterey Harbor Light #6 (flashing red) and a virtual “Pin end” located at **36° 36.49'N 121° 53.18'W**. See Appendix A.
- 7.2. Competitors shall take their own finish time to the second and report it by texting boat name and time to (831) 917-8757. Competitors equipped to do so are requested to also take a screenshot of their chartplotters showing their boats crossing the virtual line.

7.3. A boat retiring before finishing a race shall notify the RC as soon as reasonably possible by texting the Race Committee at (831) 917-8757. Retiring boats shall also inform the Race Committee once they are back in port.

8. SCORING

8.1. Scoring will be based on Monterey Bay PHRF (MBPHRF) OR Northern California PHRF (NCPHRF) ratings and will be scored on Time-On-Time (TOT). The corrected time will be calculated as $CT = ET * (650 / (550 + PHRF))$. Entrants that hold more than one certificate shall use the MBPHRF rating.

8.2. Division assignments will be made prior to the skippers meeting at the race committees' discretion. It is anticipated that there will be a PHRF A, PHRF B and Short Handed Sailing (SHS) division.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1. RRS Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply.

10. TIME LIMIT

10.1. The time limit for the race will be 0000 hours on Sunday, August 2. This changes RRS 35.

10.2. All boats retiring or not finishing by 0000 hours on Sunday, August 2, shall report the fact to the race committee at MPYC, by texting (831) 917-8757.

11. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

11.1. Protests shall be delivered to a member of the Año Nuevo Race Committee, at MPYC, Municipal Wharf 2, Monterey, CA, by 0900 hours on Sunday, August 2, or two hours after finishing, whichever is later. Notices will be posted on the Bulletin Board at MPYC and the race website "notice" section, no later than one day after receipt of the protest, to inform competitors of time and place of hearings in which they are parties. Protests will be heard as soon as reasonably possible.

12. PRIZES

12.1. 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 for MPYC boats will be at the MPYC clubhouse after racing on Wednesday, August 12. Arrangements will be made to deliver awards for SCYC boats. The overall winner on corrected time will have their name inscribed on the **Año Nuevo Race perpetual trophy**.

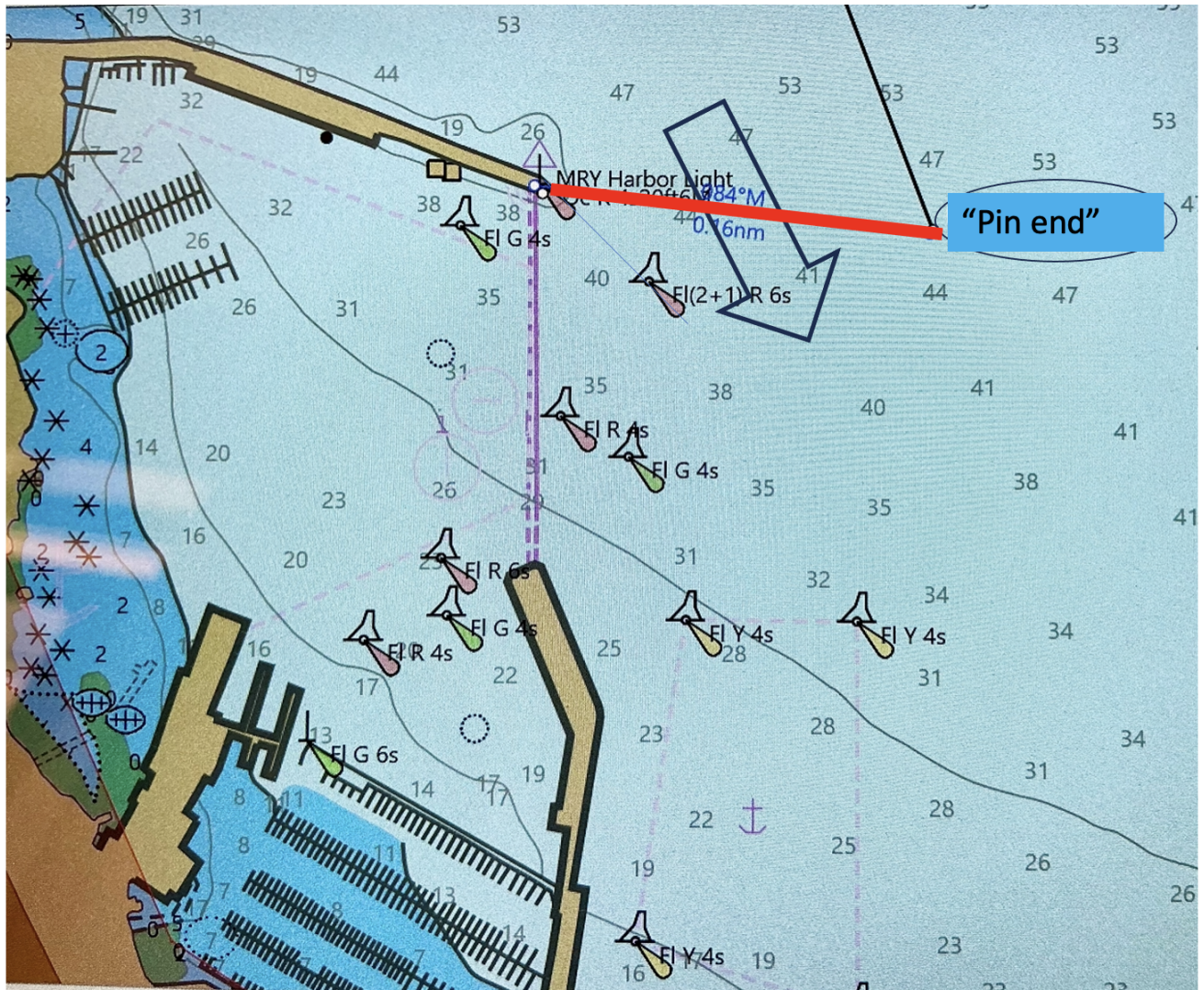
13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1. 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.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

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

APPENDIX A. Finish Line Location in Monterey



See 2026 SI's for "Pin" Position