



Single-Handed Long-Distance Race

July 11, 2026

Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club
Monterey, CA

NOTICE OF RACE and SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Amendment 2

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. Harvey Kilpatrick was the perpetrator of this annual classic in 1966! He and Pat Patterson (then Rear Commodore) designed the unspeakable trophy, which was always discreetly covered by a black cloth! Unfortunately, the original trophy was tucked under a table and left behind at a Commodore's Ball, never to be seen again. Allan Patterson replaced the trophy by having a new one cast.
- 1.2. The race is 42 nautical miles in length, forming a large equilateral triangle in southeast Monterey Bay. All boats shall have only one person on board.

2. RULES

- 2.1. This race will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2025-2028 *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), MPYC 2026 Standing Sailing Instructions and these SI's.
- 2.2. All boats shall be crewed by a single skipper.
- 2.3. All boats shall comply with the current MBYRA **Coastal** *Safety Equipment Requirements* (SER's). The current MBYRA SER can be found on the web at mpyc.org/race-documents, in the section "Safety Documents and Resources".
- 2.4. Racing rule 52 is changed to allow the use of autopilots during the race.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. Entry is open to all boats with a current MB PHRF certificate.
- 3.2. There is no fee for boats currently registered for MPYC Specialty Races.
- 3.3. Non-Specialty Race registered boats may enter and pay a one-time \$50 fee by contacting the race chair at race@mpyc.org.
- 3.4. Registration is via the MPYC event website and must be submitted by 18:00 hours on July 10, 2026.
- 3.5. All skippers must e-sign the MPYC liability waiver as part of the registration process. If the waiver is not e-signed during the registration process, it can be downloaded from the MPYC website and forwarded to race@mpyc.org.
- 3.6. A mandatory skippers meeting will be held at MPYC at 10:00 hours on Saturday, July 11, 2026. Failure to attend the skippers meeting may be grounds for disqualification from the race.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. The warning signal for the start of the race will be at 11:55 hours on Saturday, July 11, 2026.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1. 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).
- 5.2. **THE START:** Will be between the race committee boat and Monterey Mile Buoy (R “4”).
 - 5.2.1. All boats are required to check in with the Race Committee on VHF 68 prior to starting.
 - 5.2.2. After the start, all boats are requested to monitor VHF 16
- 5.3. **THE COURSE:** After starting, boats will round MBARI M1 and Santa Cruz Mile (RW “SC” Mo A) Buoys to starboard.
- 5.4. **THE FINISH:** Boats will finish between a temporary mark in the vicinity of MY-X buoy location and the flagpole on the MPYC clubhouse rooftop, taking the mark to port. Boats are requested to take their own finish times and forward to the race committee race@mpyc.org or text (831) 917-8757.
- 5.5. Boats that retire are requested to contact the race committee immediately via text.
- 5.6. **TIME LIMIT:** The time limit for the race will be 21:00 hours on July 12, 2026.

6. SCORING

- 6.1. Scoring will be based on Monterey Bay PHRF (MBPHRF) ratings and will be scored time-on-time as per RRS Appendix A.
- 6.2. Boats will be scored as one PHRF fleet.

7. PRIZES

- 7.1. The names of the winning boats in each fleet will be engraved on the infamous “middle finger” perpetual trophy. Prizes will be awarded to the first boat in each division. Additional places may be awarded based upon the number of entries at the discretion of the organizing authority.

8. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 8.1. Sailing is 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.

9. FURTHER INFORMATION

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