The Kelp Cup Regatta

October 25, 2026

Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club

Monterey, CA

NOTICE OF RACE and SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **BACKGROUND**

1.1. This MPYC Race is a competition between the season winners of the three classes racing in Monterey, Shields, Santana 22, and PHRF, also known as “The Champion of Champions Regatta”. In 2026 the Kelp Cup will be raced on Shields one design class boats.

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 (SI) rev. 1/27/26, these sailing instructions, and any properly posted notices and amendments.

3. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

3.1. Entry is open to MPYC season fleet winners or their representatives by invitation.

3.2. Registration is not required.

3.3. There is no fee for boats.

3.4. Boats will be assigned at a boat drawing at 530pm on 23 October 2026 in the MPYC Bear Flag Bar.

3.5. There is no skippers meeting.

4. **SCHEDULE**

4.1. The warning signal for the start of the first race will be at approximately **1255 hours** on Sunday, October 25, 2026.

4.2. Three races are planned and at least one race must be completed for the regatta to be scored.

4.3. The second and third races each day shall be started shortly after completion of the preceding race.

5. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

5.1. **Notices**. Official notices, changes in the Sailing Instructions or schedule shall be posted on the Regatta Notice Board outside the dining room entrance to the MPYC Clubhouse

prior to 1000 on the day they are to take effect. These notices will also be posted on the MPYC Kelp Cup website on ClubSpot.

5.2. 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).

5.3. **THE START**: The starting line shall be between an orange flag on the committee boat and an inflatable mark (X). Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.

5.4. **Marks**.

X=start / finish mark

W=windward mark

L=leeward mark

Marks will be orange inflatables unless substituted by fixed marks as indicated on a course display board on the RC boat. All marks may not be on station prior to the start.

5.5. **COURSES**: **Start / Finish at X**

1. Wp-finish.

2. Wp-Xp-Wp-finish.

3. Wp-Xp-Wp-Xp-Wp-finish.

4. Wp-Lp-finish.

5. Wp-Lp-Wp-Lp-finish.

5.6. **Multi-lap Courses.** Courses 4 and 5 may be sailed 2 or 3 times around by displaying “x2” or “x3” from the RC boat. In this event boats must cross the start / finish line to complete a lap and start the next lap.

5.7. **Changes of Course After the Start.** A change of course after the start will be signaled before the lead boat has begun the leg, although the relocated mark may not yet be on station. Any mark to be rounded after the relocated mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

5.8. **Shortened Course**. In the event a shortened course is signaled, finish between the boat displaying the “S” flag and the nearby mark from the direction of the last mark, regardless of which side the mark was originally to be left. For example, if Course 2 were signaled and the RC (in its position as the starting boat) displayed “S” after the fleet rounded mark W for the first time, mark X would be left to starboard.

5.9. **Obstructions**. Large bodies of kelp and the waters surrounding a stationary dive boat or flag up to a radius of 100’ shall rank as obstructions.

5.10. **The Finish**. The finish line shall be between an orange flag on the committee boat and mark X, except that in the event of a shortened course, between code flag “S” displayed from the committee boat or mark boat and the nearby mark.

6. **PROTESTS**. Protests shall be written on forms available at the MPYC Clubhouse and delivered to a member of the Race Committee within one hour after the committee boat returns to the dock at the end of the day’s racing.

7. **SCORING**

7.1. The RRS low point scoring shall be used. There are no throw-outs.

8. **SAFETY.** Competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy while racing. Boats leaving the race course before the end of the day’s racing are requested to notify the Race Committee before leaving the course area if possible. **Boats are encouraged to monitor VHF Channel 68 for safety and other announcements.**

9. **PRIZES.** Prizes will be awarded to the overall winning boat, additional places may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

9.1. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.** 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.

9.2. **FURTHER INFORMATION.** For further information contact race@mpyc.org or Jean du Preez (831) 917-8757.