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2026 Grace T Veeder Perpetual Challenge Cup September 5, 2026 Notice of Race

The following abbreviations apply to the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI):

PC: Protest Committee

RC: Race Committee

RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing

OA: Organizing Authority

DP: PC Discretionary

ONB: Official Notice Board

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) including Appendix C and the Declaration of Trust and the Conditions Governing the Grace T. Veeder Perpetual Challenge Cup as amended October 1, 2013 (Trust).
- 1.2 In accordance with the Trust, SCYC and MPYC have agreed to determine who will be the winner of the Grace T. Veeder Perpetual Challenge Cup by match racing Santa Cruz 27 type boats.
- 1.3 SCYC and MPYC have agreed to race Santa Cruz 27-type boats that are as similar as practical, conforming to one-design class standards with no mast, rudder, or spinnaker pole modifications. Class sails shall be used; the spinnaker must also conform to class size standards, and all sheet leads/tracks shall be in their stock ODR positions. The only jibs to be used will be the #1 and #3 jibs. Five person crews shall be used.
- 1.4 Outboard motors are not required aboard.
- 1.5 The last paragraph of Trust item 6 regarding a crew member from a non-competing Monterey Bay Yacht Club shall not apply.
- 1.6 Item 7 of the Trust is changed to read: All match racing will take place on the same day. The option to stop racing and continue the next day if either Club is down 0-2 is waived. Instead, the team down 0-2 may request an on-the-water postponement of up to 30 minutes.
- 1.7 RRS C8.7 is changed so that when a match umpire, together with at least one other race official, decides that a boat has broken rule 14 and damage resulted, they may impose a points penalty as described in Addendum A Damage Penalties without a hearing.
- 1.8 (DP) RRS 40.1 applies while racing.
- 1.9 (DP) All boats shall have an operational VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on VHF Channel 68.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The SIs will be available online no later than September 3, 2026, 1800 hours on the SCYC Races Upcoming Regattas page under the Veeder Cup (<https://scyc.org/upcoming-races>).

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted online on the SCYC Upcoming Regattas page under the Veeder Cup (<https://scyc.org/upcoming-races>).
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the SCYC Race Office.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 68.
- 3.4 The race committee will communicate on VHF channel 68 which jib competitors must use based on the true wind speed. Competitors shall acknowledge receipt on VHF Ch 68.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Entry is by invitation.

5. FEES

- 5.1 There will be no entry fees for racing.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Races will be held September 5, 2026.
- 6.2 Five (5) races are scheduled unless additional races are necessary to reach 3 points.
- 6.3 Skippers shall attend a briefing at 1000 with the PRO and Umpires September 5, 2026 in the SCYC clubhouse.
- 6.4 1st Warning will be at 1155.
- 6.5 Competitors and Race Committee volunteers are invited back to SCYC for an awards and social event following the races.

7. VENUE

- 7.1 Racing will be around temporary inflatable buoys and fixed buoys within a three-mile radius of the Santa Cruz Harbor.

8. EVENT FORMAT

- 8.1 The contest shall be decided in favor of the first boat to score three points. If neither boat has accumulated three points after the scheduled races, the RC may conduct additional racing.
- 8.2 If no boat reaches three points at the end of the day, then the series will be declared abandoned.
- 8.3 The course will be windward –leeward around temporary inflatable buoys.
- 8.4 Competitors will race using the same size jib as determined by the race committee based on wind conditions.
- 8.5 Competitors shall start and finish each race with the same headsail. Headsails shall not be changed during any race.

9. RIGHTS TO USE NAME, LIKENESS, AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

- 9.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio, and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

10. RISK STATEMENT

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

11. PRIZES

- 11.1 The winning boat's and skipper's name shall be inscribed on the Veeder Cup Trophy and the Cup shall be displayed at their club until another Grace T. Veeder Cup Regatta can be conducted.

12. INSURANCE

- 12.1 Participating boats shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

13. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the event and boats shall be in the water as of 2000, September 4. Exceptions may be granted by the PRO or OA.

14. Contacts

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ADDENDUM A

Damage Penalties without a hearing

Match Racing Penalties for Damage resulting from contact between boats. Appendix C6.6 (c) and C8.7 permits the umpires or protest committee to decide the penalty when a boat breaks RRS 14. These tables explain how damage will be assessed and gives general guidance on the appropriate penalty. When the protest committee has good reasons to do so, it may apply a different penalty.

Damage will be divided into 3 levels as shown in the following table:

LEVEL OF DAMAGE	EXTENT OF DAMAGE	EFFECT AND REPAIR OF DAMAGE
Level A Minor Damage (No pt penalty)	Does not significantly affect the value, general appearance or normal operation of the boat.	Boat may race without repair although some minor surface work may be required after the event. Repairs should not normally require more than 1 hour of work.
Level B Damage (3/4 pt penalty)	Affects the value and/or general appearance of the boat.	The damage does not affect the normal operation of the boat in that race but may need some (temporary) work before racing again. Requires more than 1 hour of work but should not normally require more than 3 hours of work.
Level C Major Damage (One pt penalty)	The normal operation of the boat is compromised and its structural integrity may be impaired.	The boat will need some repair work before racing again. Requires more than 3 hours of work.