

NOTICE OF RACE

MERCURY CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2026

Hosted by Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club

Wharf #2, Monterey CA 93940

Organizing Authorities: Mercury Class Yacht Racing Association
Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club

1. Rules

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028 (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The Mercury Class Yacht Racing Association (MCYRA) prescription *Rules Governing the Mercury Championship Series* shall apply.
- 1.3 RRS 40 is deleted and replaced with “All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device while racing.” Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix T1 *Post Race Penalties* will apply.
- 1.5 RRS Appendices T2, T3 and T4 pertaining to arbitration will apply.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 The regatta is open to eligible yachts of the Mercury Class with skippers who are current members in good standing in the MCYRA.
- 2.2 Eligible yachts may enter by completing the online registration available on the regatta website (<https://mpyc.org/regatta/w8rj843Zfc>) and paying applicable fees no later than 1030 hours on Friday September 25.
- 2.3 Silver Fleet enrollment will be managed by the Race Committee in accordance with current MCYRA policy (see Article VIII, Section 10 of the Association’s bylaws). Skippers enrolled in the Silver Fleet may contact the Regatta Scorer to request reassignment to the Open (Gold) Fleet.
- 2.4 All competitors (skipper and crew) must sign the waiver form you will receive when you register. Registration is not complete without this form.

3. Fees

- 3.1 The fee for entries received before September 8 is \$160.
- 3.2 The fee for entries received on or after September 8 is \$180.
- 3.3 Payment may be made by credit card on the regatta website.

3.4 The entry fee covers:

- 3.4.1 Temporary boat and trailer parking in reserved spaces near the hoist on September 25 and September 26.
- 3.4.2 Trailer parking in MPYC boatyard during racing
- 3.4.3 Hoisting and rafting at MPYC floats
- 3.4.4 Two dinner tickets at MPYC on Saturday

4. Schedule

4.1 Registration

- 4.1.1 Thursday, September 24: 1200-1800 (MPYC)
- 4.1.2 Friday, September 25: 0900-1030 (MPYC)

4.2 Measurement and inspection

- 4.2.1 Thursday, September 24: sails, weight, jib leads, safety equipment 1200-1800 (MPYC)
- 4.2.2 Friday, September 25: weight, jib leads & safety equipment 0900-1030 (MPYC)

4.3 Launching

- 4.3.1 Thursday, September 24: 1200-1800 (adjacent to MPYC)
- 4.3.2 Friday, September 25: 0900-1030 (adjacent to MPYC)

4.4 Competitors Meeting

- 4.4.1 Friday, September 25: 1100

4.5 Dates of racing

- 4.5.1 Friday, September 25: Races 1, 2 and 3
- 4.5.2 Saturday, September 26: Races 4 and 5
- 4.5.3 Sunday, September 27: Make-up races, if necessary.

4.6 Scheduled time of warning signal for the first race of the day:

- 4.6.1 Friday, September 25: 1230
- 4.6.2 Saturday, September 26: 1200
- 4.6.3 Sunday, September 27: 1200 if necessary

4.7 The Race Committee reserves the right to make changes to the racing schedule.

5. Measurements

- 5.1 All participating yachts shall have a valid measurement certificate on file with MCYRA and recorded on the MCYRA website.
- 5.2 Section 6(d) of MCYRA's *Rules Governing the Mercury Championship Series* notwithstanding, the Chief Measurer (Tom Priest) shall determine

which yachts must have an updated weight certificate prior to competing in the Championship.

- 5.3 New sails that have not been measured and previously measured sails that have been modified must be measured and marked no later than 1800 on Thursday, September 24. The Chief Measurer will authorize measurers to complete the process at convenient times and places.
- 5.4 Section 6 of Article III (Hull) under Measurement specifies the minimum distance between the bearing points of the jib fairleads. Compliance with this measurement will be checked no later than 1030 on Friday, September 25.
- 5.5 Safety equipment, as outlined in Article VIII of MCYRA's *Measurement* prescriptions, will be checked no later than 1030 on Friday, September 25.

6. Sailing Instructions

- 6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available online at the regatta website.
- 6.2 A copy of the Sailing Instructions will be provided to each yacht at registration.

7. Courses

- 7.1 The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

8. Scoring

- 8.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply, except that no score will be excluded.
- 8.2 All boats will start together in each race. Every boat will be scored in accordance with its overall finishing position and is eligible for Open (Gold) Fleet awards based on that scoring. Boats in the Silver Fleet are also eligible for Silver Fleet awards as determined by their final position relative to other Silver Fleet entrants.
- 8.3 A minimum of three (3) races must be completed to constitute a championship series.

9. Mooring

- 9.1 The floats at MPYC will be cleared for rafting. Competitors should bring adequate fenders and dock lines.
- 9.2 Once a yacht has been launched, it cannot be pulled from the water prior to the conclusion of racing without the permission of the Organizing Authorities.

10. Radio Communications

10.1 The Race Committee will use VHF 69 to make any announcements on the water.

11. Prizes

11.1 Mercury Class Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to winning teams.

11.2 Gold Fleet awards will be presented to the top three (3) teams.

11.3 Silver Fleet awards will be presented to the top two (2) teams.

12. Social Schedule

12.1 Thursday September 24: MPYC Bar is open.

12.2 Friday September 25: No-host Drinks & Dinner, London Bridge Pub
(adjacent to MPYC) 6:30 PM

12.3 Saturday September 26: Awards Dinner at MPYC 6:30 PM

(2 tickets included with entry fee)

Note: If racing has not concluded on Saturday, Dinner will still be scheduled for Saturday, and Awards will follow the conclusion of racing on Sunday.

13. Rigging, Hoisting and Trailer Parking

13.1 For Thursday arrivals, it is recommended that competitors not go directly to the hoist; rather, they should turn left before the Sapporo Restaurant and proceed to the large parking area near the boat ramp and Harbor Office. Look for Jack McAleer's blue van; he will have several reserved parking spots nearby. You can then register at MPYC, rig your mast and be checked for safety gear and jib lead measurement. When you are ready, proceed to the hoist.

For Friday morning arrivals, there will be four reserved parking spaces near the hoist. Detach your trailer and back it into one of these spaces. You can then register at MPYC, rig your mast and be checked for safety gear and jib lead measurement. When you are ready, proceed to the hoist.

Note: Access to the hoist is limited to back-in only-- no drive-through. After launching, your trailer may be left in the MPYC boatyard—please use designated spaces.

Also Note: The hoist motor has only one speed --“coarse”-- making “planting” the boat precisely on the trailer difficult at the end of the regatta. Competitors are urged to check their trailers for ample padding.

14. Pre-Regatta Planning

- 14.1 Competitors with new (unmeasured) sails are urged to arrange for measurement before the regatta-- on Thursday, September 24 at the very latest.
- 14.2 For those who plan on sailing in the Stillwater Labor Day Regatta (August 29-30) and the Championship, a few spots in the MPYC boatyard will be available for storage between the two regattas. The charge will be \$120; sign up with Jack McAleer by August 24. Preference will be given to Southern California fleets.

15. Further Information

- 15.1 Regatta forms, notices, and general information will be available on the regatta website.
- 15.2 Contact Jack McAleer, Regatta Chair at jmcaleer753@gmail.com or call 831-298-7245 with questions.