



Marina del Rey Venture Macgregor Fleet Doug Steele Memorial Race

Saturday, November 2, 2024
Marina del Rey, California USA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Organizing Authority (OA) is Marina Del Rey Venture Macgregor Fleet (MDRVMF) | Web: www.mdrvmf.com
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1. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.1 Any written change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted no later than 1000 on Saturday, November 2nd.
- 1.2 Changes to an SI may be made on the water by the Race Committee (RC) signal vessel displaying code flags L over K with one sound signal. This means “come within hail” of the RC signal vessel to receive any changes. The RC may also broadcast changes to each boat on VHF radio as provided in SI 2.2 and require acknowledgement.

2. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board which is the [Marina del Rey Venture MacGregor Fleet](http://www.mdrvmf.com) website (www.mdrvmf.com).
- 2.2 On the water, the RC intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 71. Failure of the RC to broadcast, mistaken broadcasts, or failure of a competitor to receive this information will not be grounds for a request for redress. This change is added to The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 60.1(b) (Right to Protest; Right to Request Redress or Rule 69 Action).

3. SCHEDULE OF RACE

- 3.1 On Race Day, all competitors shall check in with the Race Committee (RC) boat while it is displaying the L (Lima) flag by crossing the stern of the RC on starboard tack. The check-in period will begin at approximately 1115 and end at 1145 or when the L flag is removed. Please no check ins over the radio unless you are coming from outside the immediate MDR area.
- 3.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal is 1155.

4. ORDER OF STARTS

Race is a pursuit race, following an inverted start format. Each boat has an individual starting time, based on PHRF SoCal Area B RLC Ratings and course distance, which times will be posted on the [Official Notice Board](#) no later than 1800 on Friday, November 1st.

5. RACING AREA

The racing area is on Santa Monica Bay starting offshore from the Marina del Rey breakwater.

6. MARKS

Marks are yellow or white spar buoys and yellow or orange tetrahedrons. The mark descriptions and their GPS locations will be posted in a Notice to Competitors on the [Official Notice Board](#) no later than Wednesday October 30th.

7. COURSES

- 7.1 This is a pursuit race with an inverted start in a Random Leg format. The course descriptions will be posted as a Notice to Competitors on the [Official Notice Board](#) no later than 1800 on Wednesday, October 30th.
- 7.2 No later than the warning signal for each race, the RC signal vessel will use number pennant to signal the course to be sailed.

8. THE START

8.1 The starting line is between S mark and the staff of an orange and white checkered flag on the RC signal vessel

8.2 RRS 26, STARTING RACES, is replaced with:

<i>Time</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
1155	Course Flag	One	Warning signal
1156	Flag P	One	Preparatory signal
1159	Flag P removed	One long	One minute to starting signal for 1st boat
1200	Course flag remains	One	Starting signal for 1st boat
Per SI 4	None	One	Starting signal for 2nd boat
Per SI 4	None	One	Starting signal for 3rd boat ... etc.

8.3 The RC may count down the last five (5) seconds before the starting signal for each boat as provided in SI 2.2.

8.4 RRS 29.1 (Individual Recall) is replaced with:

“When at a boat’s starting signal any part of her hull is on the course side of the starting line, the RC shall promptly display flag X without a sound. The flag shall be displayed until the hull of each such boat has been completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or one of its extensions, but no later than twenty (20) seconds after that starting signal or until the next scheduled starting signal, whichever is earlier.”

8.5 The RC may hail boats, as provided in SI 2.2, that are subject to RRS 29.1 (Individual Recall) at their starting signal, and also after they have sailed completely to the pre-start side of the starting line or one of its extensions.

8.6 [DP] After the warning signal, a boat shall not sail within three (3) of her hull lengths of the starting line unless there are fewer than 4 minutes to her start or there are no other boats with fewer than 4 minutes to their start. This rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This change is added to RRS 60.1(a) (Right to Protest; Right to Request Redress or Rule 69 Action).

8.7 A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This change is added to RRS A5.1 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee).

9. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the green navigation light on the southeast end of the Marina del Rey Harbor detached breakwater and the staff of a blue flag on the RC finish vessel. The RC finish vessel will be anchored near the mouth of Ballona Creek at approximately 33°57.61’N 118°27.55.

10. TIME LIMITS

The absolute time limit (ATL) for finishing is 1600. Boats failing to finish before the ATL and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

US Sailing Prescription Appendix V, Section V1 (Penalty at the Time of an Incident) applies.

12. HEARING REQUESTS

12.1 Protests shall be filed within forty-five (45) minutes after your boat finishes (Protest Time Limit).

12.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be submitted by email to mdrvmf@gmail.com. The subject line shall be the protesting boat’s sail number followed by the appropriate word “protest” or “redress”. The time the email was sent will be the submittal time.

12.3 RRS 62.2 (Redress) is modified as follows:

(a) The second sentence of RRS 62.2 is deleted and replaced with: “If the request is based on an incident in the racing area, it shall be filed within the Protest Time Limit for that day.”

12.4 Within fifteen (15) minutes after the Protest Time Limit, a notice of filed protests and requests for redress will be posted in SMWYC.

12.5 All parties to a filed protest or request for redress will receive an email with the date and time for the hearing. This constitutes notice to all parties to a hearing under RRS 63.2 (Time and Place of the Hearing; Time for Parties to Prepare). This list will be posted on the [Official Notice Board](#).

12.6 US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.1 (Requirement for a Hearing) and 63.2 (Time and Place of the Hearing; Time for Parties to

Prepare) do not apply.

13. SCORING

13.1 Results will be posted as soon as possible after the race.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

[DP] A boat that retires from a race prior to finishing shall notify the RC upon its decision to retire or as soon as possible after arriving ashore.

15. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. By participating in the event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers (organizing authority, host yacht club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, and any others acting in an official capacity for the event) from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in the event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

16. CONTACT INFORMATION

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