



Monterey Bay Yacht Racing Association Championship Series

NOTICE OF SERIES

(2/15/25)

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. Based on the historic Monterey Bay Yacht Racing Yacht Association (MBYRA) Ocean Racing Series, the MBYRA Championship series aims to encourage safe ocean racing in a Corinthian spirit between PHRF rated yachts from the Elkhorn Yacht Club (EYC), Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club (MPYC) and Santa Cruz Yacht Club (SCYC), hereafter referred to as the “Organizing Clubs”.
- 1.2. The Championship series will draw on the results from five individual ocean races organized by the three Monterey Bay yacht clubs. The Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions for the five individual races will be issued by the respective Organizing Clubs.
- 1.3. The Championship will be administered by the MBYRA Organizing Committee in collaboration with the Race directors of the three Organizing Clubs.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The Championship and the five individual races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). In addition, participating yachts shall comply with the 2025 MBYRA Safety Equipment Requirements.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. To qualify for the MBYRA Championship series, eligible yachts must register for and compete in four of the five ocean races listed below (Note: the Double Angle Race (Race # 5a or # 5b) count as one race). To qualify for the Merlin Individual Perpetual Trophy, competing yachts shall register for and compete in the Around Monterey Bay race.
 - 3.1.1. MBYRA Race # 1: Otter Cup Invitational Race (26 April 2025) sponsored by EYC in collaboration with MPYC
 - 3.1.2. MBYRA Race # 2: Around Monterey Bay Race (10 May 2025) sponsored by MPYC
 - 3.1.3. MBYRA Race # 3: Little Boreas Invitational Race (7 June 2025) sponsored by EYC in collaboration with SCYC
 - 3.1.4. MBYRA Race # 4: Firecracker Invitational Race (5 July 2025) sponsored by SCYC in collaboration with MPYC

- 3.1.5. MBYRA Race # 5a: Double Angle Invitational Race starting in Santa Cruz (23 August 2025 sponsored by EYC in collaboration with SCYC)
- 3.1.6. MBYRA Race # 5b: Double Angle Invitational Race starting in Monterey (23 August 2025) sponsored by EYC in collaboration with MPYC

- 3.2. Entries for each of the MBYRA qualifying races will be managed by the Organizing Club for that race.
- 3.3. At least one person on board each of the qualifying yachts shall be an active member of the Organizing Clubs.

4. CLASSES

- 4.1. For purposes of the overall MBYRA Championship, qualifying MBYRA yachts with a PHRF rating less or equal to 90 will compete in A class, while yachts with a PHRF rating of 91 and above will compete in B class. NOTE: Fleet divisions for each of the five races will be the purview of the Organizing Clubs.

5. SCORING

- 5.1. Finishing times for the MBYRA awards (Overall Campions and Club Champion) will be based on the posted results of each race in the MBYRA series.
- 5.2. MBYRA Overall Championship (competing for the Merlin Individual Perpetual Trophy):
 - 5.2.1. The MBYRA Overall Championship will be scored using the results of each of the five qualifying races as listed in 3.1 above. If a race is scored/run using Time on Distance (TOD), the posted elapse times will be used to recalculated Time on Time (TOT).
 - 5.2.2. To qualify for the Merlin Individual Perpetual Trophy, competing yachts shall register for and compete in the Around Monterey Bay race.
 - 5.2.3. Bearing in mind 5.2.2, each MBYRA competing yacht will be allowed to throw out the results of one of the five races in the series.
 - 5.2.4. The name of the yacht with the lowest aggregated score will be engraved on the Merlin Individual Perpetual Trophy.
- 5.3. MBYRA Club Championship (perpetual trophy rotating between winning clubs)
 - 5.3.1. All scores of all yachts (A and B classes) entered in the five races will be used. Any yacht with more than four scores will have its highest score thrown out.
 - 5.3.2. Scores will be added together per club and divided by the number of scores for that club to calculate a club average.
 - 5.3.3. The club with the lowest aggregated score will be awarded the overall Club Championship trophy.

6. FEES

- 6.1. Entry fees for each qualify race will be specified in the Notice of Race for that race and collected by the sponsoring Organizing Club.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. The Sailing Instructions for each qualifying race will be issued by the respective Organizing Club and will apply for that particular race.

7. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 7.1. Yachts competing in the MBYRA races shall comply with the 2025 MBYRA Safety Equipment Requirements (SERs) as applicable for each of the MBYRA races.
- 7.2. The MBYRA Coastal SERs shall apply for the Around the Bay Race (MBYRA Race #2), the Firecracker Race (MBYRA Race #4) and Double Angle Race MBYRA Race #5a and 5b). The MBYRA Nearshore SERs shall apply for the Otter Cup Race (MBRYA Race #1) and the Little Boreas Race (MBYRA Race #3).
- 7.3. Additional safety requirements may be published in the Sailing Instructions for individual MBYRA races.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The courses for the five qualifying MBYRC races will be described in the individual Notices of Race issued by the respective Organizing Clubs.

9. PRIZES

- 9.1. Merlin Individual Perpetual Trophy: The names of the winning yachts in A and B classes will be engraved on the perpetual trophy.
 - 9.1.1. Trophies and prizes for individual races will be determined by the Organizing Club for those races.
- 9.2. MBYRA Club Championship: The yacht club with the lowest aggregated scores (see 5.3 above) will be awarded the perpetual trophy.

10. DISCLAIMER AND LIABILITY

- 10.1. Competitors voluntarily participate and compete in the MBYRA series entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event and/or regatta.