



Del Rey Yacht Club William Berger Series Race 1

Malibu and Return
Saturday, January 2, 2010

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

1.1 This race will be governed by the “*rules*” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 This event is open to all yachts whose owners or charterers are members of a yacht club recognized by US Sailing or SCYA. Yachts must have a valid 2010 PHRF certificate, ORR or ORCA rating to race in the Berger fleet. The Race Committee will determine if a boat is eligible for entry in a class.

2.2 Entries must be delivered to DRYC, or entered on line, no later than 1700 on Wednesday, December 30, 2009.

2.3 This is a PHRF Category 4 Event and PHRF boats must meet the requirements of this category..

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted by 0900, race day, on the bulletin board in the right hallway inside the main entrance of the DRYC clubhouse (Notice Board). Notices available before race day will also be posted on the website at www.dryc.org.

4. SCHEDULE

4.1 There will be one race, and the Attention signal will be made at 1050 (See **SI 7.1** below for starting sequence details).

4.2 CHECK-IN: There will be a Check-In boat for the race (separate from the RC Boat) which will be located inside the breakwater, between the North and South entrance. Prior to the Attention Signal, and *after* the L Flag (Come Within Hail flag) is hoisted on the Check-In boat, boats shall sail past her and be recognized for check-in. Check-in is required to be classified as a starter. Boats not from the Marina Del Rey Harbor may check-in via VHF (see **SI 12.2**) before the Attention signal.

5. CLASSES

5.1 The Classes, class rating splits, and Order of Starts will be established based upon the number of entries received by 1700 Hours on the Wednesday before the race and will be posted on the Notice Board by 0900 hours on the morning of the race. The RC will attempt to update the information on the DRYC website at www.dryc.org.

5.2 A separate class does not guarantee a separate start. Some classes may start with another class depending on the number of entries so check the class flag during the warning signal.

5.3 In PHRF, If a sufficient number of boats are deemed by the Race Committee to be of a sport boat type, a Sport Boat class may be established within a limited rating band. The Race Committee will determine the boats entered into this class. Boats should verify if they have been assigned to the Sport Boat Class.

6. HANDICAP RATINGS

6.1 Area B RLC Ratings will be used for PHRF Classes. ORCA Fleet will use ORCA ratings. ORR yachts will use ORR ratings.

6.2 PHRF Non-Spinnaker Offsets will not be applied.

7. THE START

7.1 The starting sequence modifies RRS 26 as follows.

7.2 There will be multiple sounds approximately one minute before the starting sequence to indicate that the starting sequence is imminent.

7.3 The first signal of the starting sequence will be an "Attention Signal". The Race Committee will hoist the Q flag with one sound. The Q flag will remain up for 4 minutes. The flag will be removed one minute before the warning signal. In case of a postponement, the starting sequence will again begin with the "Q" Flag.

7.4 The Warning flag for the first class will be given in accordance with RRS 26. Subsequent starting signals will be the warning for the next class.

7.5 The absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

7.6 The starting area is in the vicinity of the Marina Del Rey "H" Mark. This mark is located approximately 1/2 nm at a heading of 235° from the middle of the MDR detached breakwater. The starting line will be between an inflatable mark in the water, and an orange flag on the race committee boat.

8. COURSE

8.1 From the starting line, proceed to "D" Mark (Approximately 1.5 nm from the starting line at a heading of 235 degrees). Leaving "D" mark to starboard, proceed to the Malibu Coast Guard Buoy, located slightly east of the Malibu Pier at 34-02.09 North, 118-40.22 West. This mark is a round white mooring buoy, with a blue stripe, and marked "CG". Leave this mark to port. Proceed to the FINISH described below.

8.2 Handicaps will be computed based upon a distance of 23 NM.

9. THE FINISH

9.1 The Race Committee boat will be anchored in the vicinity of "H" mark.

9.2 The finishing line for all boats will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat, and a yellow inflatable mark in the water. The inflatable mark will have a white flashing strobe attached after dark.

9.3 In the event that the Race Committee is not on station, the finishing line will be between the yellow inflatable mark, and an orange flag on a pole in the water. Both marks will have a flashing white strobe attached.

9.4 Please note your finish position with respect to boats ahead or behind in case of dispute. See **SI 16** regarding the method for determining the time.

9.5 The Race Committee boat intends to be on station at least thru 1800. If the committee boat is not on station, or if the Race Committee boat is not visible due to fog, take your own finish time as indicated below.

9.6 All boats shall self-finish (if required) by recording the time when they cross the "line" between the yellow inflatable finish mark, and the orange flag on a pole in the water. (See **SI 9.3**)

9.7 All boats self finishing shall report their finish time as soon as possible after finishing (see **SI 18**) in order to facilitate the timely completion of Race Results. In this instance, a Finish Form must also be submitted to the Race Committee within one hour of finishing before the boat can be officially scored. This form is attached as Appendix A.

9.8 After dark, racers are requested to hail the Race Committee via VHF Channel 68 to warn the Race Committee of their impending finish. This should be done approximately 10 minutes before a boat's expected finish. If the RC boat is no longer on station, contact the phone number in **SI 18** as described in **SI 9.8** above. Additionally see **SI 12.1** regarding RC communications with racers after dark.

9.9 Time Limit: Boats not finishing by 1800 will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

10. PROTESTS

10.1 INTENT TO PROTEST: Any Boat intending to protest must make this intent known to the Race Committee PRO by 1900 on the day of the race, or within one-half hour after they finish (whichever is earlier). Contact DRYC on VHF 9 Call Sign KHY or in person. This modifies RRS 61.1(a).

10.2 Protests must be filed at DRYC before 1900 or One hour after the last boat has finished (PROTEST TIME LIMIT). Protest forms will be available at the DRYC Front Desk.

10.3 Within fifteen (15) minutes after the Protest Time Limit, a notice of filed protests will be posted on the window of the front desk at DRYC which will inform competitors that there will be a hearing in which they are parties to a protest. This will constitute notice to all parties under RRS 63.2.

11. SCORING

11.1 This race shall be scored as provided in Appendix A of the RRS using the Low Point System. Series scoring is defined in the Notice of Series.

12. COMMUNICATIONS

12.1 While racing, a boat shall neither make nor receive communications that are not available to all boats, except as specified in this SI. As a courtesy to racers, the RC intends to announce recalls and other information via loud hailer and via VHF Channel 68. After dark, RC may also contact boats who have not finished on VHF Channel 68 to determine finish ETA. Absence of the above described communication from the RC shall not constitute grounds for redress.

12.2 VHF Channel Usage: Class assignments, Finish time, Race Withdrawal and Protest communications shall be on Channel 9 Call Sign KHY. All other communications (including Check-In) with the Race Committee will be on Channel 68.

13. WITHDRAWAL OR RETIREMENT FROM RACE

13.1 A boat that withdraws from a race prior to finishing or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall notify the RC as specified in **SI 18**. **BOATS NOT REPORTING RETIREMENT MAY BE BARRED FROM FUTURE DRYC RACES.**

14. CLUB FACILITIES

14.1 Participants are welcome to use the bar, dining room, and other facilities of DRYC on race day. There will be Mexican style hors d'oeuvres and a post-race party, co-sponsored by the 2011 MDR to Puerto Vallarta Race Series Committee.

15. HEAL THE BAY

15.1 Competitors shall not intentionally discharge waste material into the waters of Marina del Rey harbor or Santa Monica Bay.

16. TIME BASIS

16.1 Boats required to provide their own finish times after dark should use a GPS for determining time.

17. AWARDS

Awards will be given after the race, except for Awards affected by a protest that has not yet been resolved (as described in SI 10). There will be three trophies awarded in each class.

18. SPECIAL CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS

18.1 To report after hours finishes, retirement from the race, and intention to protest please contact DRYC at VHF Channel 9 Call Sign KHY or phone 310-823-4664, or in person at DRYC.

General Race Committee Questions:

Sterling Tallman – Berger/Stein Chair (310) 823-4664 E-mail – sterlt@hotmail.com

Appendix A – Finish Form

**Del Rey Yacht Club
Finish Time Form**

*All Finish Forms must be returned in accordance with the Sailing Instructions for the event.
No substitute for this form will be accepted.*

Race	Class
Skipper Name	Yacht Name
Day Phone	Sail Number
Evening Phone	Did You Start in the Race? Yes____ No _____
Non Finish Report	
Retired or DNF the Race? Retired _____ DNF _____	Reason for DNF/Retirement
Notified Race Committee? Yes _____ No _____	Method of RC Notification Phone _____ Club _____ VHF _____
Time of Notification	Race Committee Member Contacted
Finish Report	
Race Committee Finish Boat on Station? Yes _____ No _____	Yacht Finish Time Hours _____ Minutes _____ Seconds _____
Note: If your timepiece is not set to GPS time as stated in the Sailing Instructions, please note the difference in time between the watch you used and an atomic clock	Timepiece Used is Set To: Atomic Clock _____ Commercial Radio _____ www.time.gov _____ GPS _____ Other _____
Race Participants in View Ahead (List in Order from Closest to Farthest)	Race Participants in View Behind (List in Order from Closest to Farthest)
Skipper's Signature	Date Signed
Race Committee Signature	Time Received