

# *Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club Presents*

## **MERCURY CLASS 2017 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA AUGUST 25-27, 2017**

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

**Organizing Authority: Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club**

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017-2020 (RRS).
- 1.2 The Mercury Class Yacht Racing Association (MCYRA) Constitution *Rules Governing the Mercury Class Championship Series* shall apply.
- 1.3 RRS 40 is deleted and replaced with "Competitors shall wear life jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy while racing." Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 1.4 Appendix T1, Post Race Penalties, will apply.
- 1.5 Appendix T2 Section D, Arbitration, will apply.

#### **2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 The regatta is open to eligible boats of the Mercury Class with skippers who are current members of the MCYRA.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached entry form and paying applicable fees by August 25 at 1100.
- 2.3 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third- party liability insurance.

#### **3. FEES**

- 3.1 The fee for entries received before August 17 will be \$145 per boat.
- 3.2 The fee for entries received on or after August 17 will be \$150 per boat.
- 3.3 A discount of \$5.00 may be taken by US Sailing members.
- 3.4 Entry fee includes two dinners on Saturday night at MPYC.

#### **4. SCHEDULE**

- 4.1 Registration
  - Thursday, August 24: 1400-1800 (MPYC Clubhouse)
  - Friday, August 25: 0900-1100 (MPYC Clubhouse)
- 4.2 Measurement and Inspection
  - Thursday, August 24: 1400-1800 (MPYC Small Boat Yard)
  - Friday, August 25: 0900-1100 (MPYC Small Boat Yard)
- 4.3 Competitors' Meeting
  - Friday, August 25: 1130 (MPYC Clubhouse)
- 4.5 Dates of Racing
  - Friday, August 25: Three races are scheduled
  - Saturday, August 26: Two races are scheduled
  - Sunday, August 27: Reserve Racing Day
- 4.6 Scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day.
  - Friday, August 25: 1255
  - Saturday, August 26: 1155
- 4.7 Five races are scheduled. If five races have not been completed by the end of racing on Saturday, the regatta may be continued on Sunday, August 27.
- 4.8 The Race Committee reserves the right to make changes in the racing schedule.

## **5 MEASUREMENTS**

**5.1** All boats to be sailed in this event shall have a valid measurement certificate noted online at [www.mercury-sail.com](http://www.mercury-sail.com).

**5.2** Safety equipment as outlined in Section VIII, Requirements, page 21 of the 2017 MCYRA Yearbook may be checked.

**6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** The sailing instructions will be available at registration and online at the [www.mpyc.org](http://www.mpyc.org) and [mercury-sail.com](http://mercury-sail.com).

**7. VENUE:** The racing area will be in Monterey Bay near Monterey Harbor.

**8. COURSES:** The courses to be sailed will be described in the *Sailing Instructions*.

## **9. SCORING**

**9.1** The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply, except that no races shall be excluded.

**9.2** Three races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

**10. BERTHING:** Berthing for the regatta will be at the MPYC Docks in front of Clubhouse. Additional berthing will be assigned at registration if needed. Participants must be prepared to raft.

**11. RADIO COMMUNICATION:** The Race Committee will use VHF channel 68 to make any announcements on the water.

## **12. PRIZES:**

**12.1** Mercury Class Championship Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the winning teams.

**12.2** Gold Fleet Skipper and Crew places 1 through 5 and Silver Fleet Skipper and Crew places 1 through 3 will receive trophies.

## **13. SOCIAL**

**13.1** Friday, August 25: 1800 Hosted BBQ at Wood residence.

**13.2** Saturday, August 26: 1800 Regatta Dinner & Awards, MPYC Dining Room. Two dinners will be included in the entry fee. Additional dinners will be available at MPYC for \$25.00 each.

**13.3** Sunday, August 27 (if applicable): After Racing Awards Ceremony, MPYC Dining Room.

## **14. PARKING AND TRAILER STORAGE**

**14.1** Vehicle and trailer parking is available at the Monterey Marina on Thursday, August 24, Friday, August 25, Saturday, August 26, and Sunday, August 27, if necessary.

**14.2** Trailer storage for the duration of the regatta will be near the launching site.

**15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. 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 regatta. Participating skippers must sign the liability waiver on the entry form.

## **16. Right To Use Name and Likeness**

By participating in the Mercury Class Championship a competitor automatically grants the organizers and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

**17. FURTHER INFORMATION:** Contact Dave Morris, Regatta Chair: 831-277-5602, [kaveinga@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kaveinga@sbcglobal.net)

## 2017 Mercury National Championship Regatta

### ENTRY FORM

Skipper's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Crew \_\_\_\_\_

Yacht Club \_\_\_\_\_ Sail Number \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee \$145 After August 13, \$150. USSA Member # \_\_\_\_\_ (deduct \$5)

The Entry Fee includes 2 tickets to the Annual Dinner on Saturday, August 26

Please make the check out to MPYC and MAIL to David Morris,

1228 Shafter Ave, Pacific Grove, CA 93950

GOLD FLEET \_\_\_\_\_ SILVER FLEET \_\_\_\_\_

#### RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry by the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club in these races, I hereby accept all risks and responsibilities of my boat's participation in the races and waive to the fullest extent permitted, any and all claim I may have against Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club, it's members, officers, directors, committees, and/or employees because of such participation. I agree to abide by the Sailing Instructions, IYRU and US Sailing Rules. I agree that this release and waiver is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted, and if any portion, clause, or sub clause here of is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall continue in full force and legal effect. I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND IT'S CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND SIGN IT OF MY FREE WILL.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_