

Part 4 - MYC Sunset Race Standard Sailing Instructions.

1 Rules

- 1.1 MYC Sunset Races will be governed by
The Racing Rules of Sailing,
The Rules of the RORC IR 2000 Rating System (Parts 1, 2 and 3 - IRC)
The Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme, as administered by the MYC Rating Committee
Individual Event Notices of Race
And by these Sunset Race Standard Sailing Instructions.
Succeeding items will take precedence.
- 1.2 The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, (Steering and Racing Rules) will apply between sunset and sunrise and will replace RRS Part 2
- 1.3 The MYC Sunset Races are classified as Category C events (ISAF Advertising Code – Regulation 20, unless varied by any published Notice of Race.

2 Entries (RRS Rule)

- 2.1 Eligible boats shall be entered by sailing in the vicinity of the Signal Boat.
- 2.2 A minimum of three boats in a class is required to have entered for such boats to rank as starters and to constitute a valid race.

3 Notice to Competitors

Notice to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Manila Yacht Club

4 Changes to Sailing Instructions (RRS Rule 88.2 (C))

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than 2 hours prior to the published start of the Race, except that any change to the schedule of Races will be posted at least 24 hours prior to the published start.

5 Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the service boat landing pier.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6 Schedule of Races

- 6.1 The races are scheduled by the published MYC Race Calendar or as prescribed by any published Notice of Race.
- 6.2 The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the Sunset Race is 1810 hrs
- 6.3 No scheduled race will be started if local storm warning No. 1 or higher is hoisted covering Metro Manila.

7 Class Flags

The Class Flag will be: Number "1"

8 Race Area

The race area for Sunset Races will be between

	To the West	Quarantine Mark	120° 53' E	To the
North	Pasig River	14° 36' N		
	To the South	Plaza Mark	14° 30' N	

9 The Course

- 9.1 The list of courses in Appendix D from which the course will be selected form part of, these Sailing Instructions.
- 9.2 The course selected to be sailed will be signalled no later than the Warning Signal, by the Signal Boat displaying the appropriate number.
- 9.3 The appropriate compass bearing from the Signal Boat to the first Mark may be displayed on a board by the Signal Boat.

10 Marks

- 10.1 The marks of the Course will be inflatable Club buoys and fixed navigation marks.
- 10.2 South Harbour Breakwater is defined as the complete length of the breakwater between the lighthouses.
- 10.3 The starting and finishing marks will be a buoy equipped with a white flashing light.

11 The Start

- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS Rule 26.
- 11.2 The Start Line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag and orange flashing light on the Signal Boat at the Starboard end and the Port-end starting mark.
- 11.3 An inner distance mark may be laid and, if laid, boats shall pass between the port-end starting mark and the inner distance marks when approaching the line to start or starting.
- 11.4 A floodlight will illuminate the signal flags. The flag movements and details of boats OCS will be broadcast on Marine VHF Channel 72. Failure to hear the radio broadcast will not be grounds for redress.
- 11.5 A boat starting later than 9 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4.1

12 Change of the Position of the next mark.

For Sunset Races mark positions will not be changed once racing has started.

13 The Finish

The finish will be between a mast displaying an orange flag and an orange flashing light on the Signal Boat and the nearby finishing mark.

14 Time Limits

- 14.1 Irrespective of a course being shortened and/or a delayed start, the time limits for a boat to finish will be 2030 hrs.
- 14.2 Any boat that has not finished within this time will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) This changes RRS Rule 35 and A4 .1.

15 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 15.1 A boat intending to protest shall register that intention by hailing the Signal Boat and receiving an acknowledgement.
- 15.2 Protest Forms are available at the MYC Race Office. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Office within the protest time limit.
- 15.3 Protest Time Limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished.
- 15.4 Notices of Protests by the Race Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS rule 61.1 (b)
- 15.5 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 15.6 Hearings will be held in the MYC on the same evening, unless persons are not available to form a Protest Committee. In this case the protest will heard on the day following the race at 1830 hrs, or later if agreed between the parties and the Protest Committee Chairman.
- 15.7 The parties to the protest will be notified of the protest hearing by 30 minutes of the end of Protest time.
- 15.8 The protestor and protested shall be responsible for contacting their own representative witnesses.
- 15.9 For the purpose of RRS rule 89, a protest committee will be a committee appointed by two members of the Race Committee. For the purpose of this instruction the Race Officer is deemed to be a member of the Race Committee.
- 15.10 A Protest Committee shall consist of at least 3 members, one of whom will have been approved by the Sailing Committee to act as the Chairman of a protest hearing.

16 Scoring

- 16.1 The modified Cox Sprague Scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 For the results of races under handicap systems, the handicaps to be used will be those posted on the Official Club Notice Board prior to the start of the race.

17 Safety Regulations

- 17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Officer by radio, hail or message before leaving the Race Area.
- 17.2 During Sunset Races participating keelboats will carry the following equipment:
- One lifejacket for each person on board fitted with a light and a whistle.
 - One suitable anchor with anchor line and chain
 - Two buckets with at least 8 litres capacity, with stout handles and lanyards
 - A suitable First Aid Kit
 - At least one suitable fire extinguisher
 - At least one bilge pump operable from outside the cabin
 - Emergency communications equipment consisting of a Marine VHF of at least 5 watts capacity or flares conforming to ISAF Safety Category 4
 - Man overboard equipment consisting of lifebuoy, light, drogue and pole
 - Navigation Lights conforming to IRPCS
- 17.3 During Sunset Races participating dragons, flying fifteens and dinghies will carry the following equipment, or equipment as defined in their class rules.
- One lifejacket for each person on board
 - One buckets with at least 8 litres capacity, with stout handles and lanyards
 - One paddle
 - A towing line
 - A hand scoop
 - Navigation Lights conforming to IRPCS
- 17.4 The use of spinnakers is not permitted

18 Insurance

All boats taking part in Sunset Races shall have valid adequate third party insurance

19 Radio Communications

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

20 Prizes

Prizes awarded will be as stated in the MYC Race Programme

21 Disclaimer of Liability (RRS 4, Decision to Race)

- 21.1 Competitors participate in the racing entirely at their own risk. The Organising Authority, the Manila Yacht Club, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the racing.
- 21.2 All skippers are required to sign a disclaimer form at the start of each season.
- 21.3 A designated skipper or visiting yacht skipper must sign a disclaimer form before starting to race.
- 21.4 The term 'Skipper' shall mean the person, whether or not the owner of the boat, who is designated on the disclaimer form as the 'skipper'. The skipper shall be in charge of the boat during the race and is responsible for the boat, its handling and safety, conduct of the crew during the race and compliance with Sailing Instructions.