



2021 Vic Smith Tuesday Night Trials

Organizing Authority: Marina Del Rey Venture MacGregor Fleet <http://mdrvmf.org>

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Every Tuesday March 16 through November 2, 2021

Notice Of Race

NO AFTER RACE FESTIVITIES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

1. RULES

- 1.1 This series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Standard Rule 26 will be used for the starting sequence but may be modified by the sailing instructions.
- 1.3 The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.4 Rule 87 is modified no class rules apply to the classes in this race.
- 1.5 Rule 32.2 is modified as follows: If the race committee elects to shorten the course it will announce the shortened course over VHF and will provide no other visual or audible signal.
- 1.6 The Race Committee may hail a boat as OCS over VHF as well as using the X flag method this changes rule 29.1

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The series is open to all boats that can safely complete the course and has submitted information to the RC to establish a rating. The race committee may reject entries they consider not able to meet the above requirement.
- 2.2 Each entrant will need to join the MDRVMM for an annual cost of \$20. The fee for each race will be \$1. A \$50 payment can be made to cover the membership fee and all 34 races for the season. The first warm up series is free and a temporary membership in the MDRVMM is given for free during the warm up series.
- 2.3 For boats that may be sailing with different skippers throughout the season, the boat may be registered instead of the skipper. A responsible party must be named to resolve any protests or issues with the entry for each race.

3. CLASSES

- 3.1 The 3 classes in the series will be Performance, Class A, and Class B. Other classes can be created by the RC if there is sufficient interest. The classes do not conform to any class rules and all ratings are assigned by the RC.
- 3.2 The classes and order of starts for the classes will be stated in the Sailing Instructions and may change from series to series. The handicaps will be adjusted from race to race in Class A and B using a formula made available to racers.
- 3.3 **Class Spinnaker Rules:**
 - 1) **A class:** May declare spinnaker before the first race in a series - will use non-spin adjustments as default.
 - 2) **B class:** No spinnakers flown in the B class. Will never use non-spin adjustments.
 - 3) **Performance:** May declare non-spinnaker before the first race in a series - will use standard as default.
 - 4) Once a final result in a series has been recorded with a non-spin adjustment you may not use a spinnaker in that series.
 - 5) No spinnakers may be flown in series 0, 1 or 6 (inside marina rounding break wall courses).

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The exact times of starts will be in the sailing instructions for each series. The season will consist of 34 races. The racing will be each Tuesday March 16 through November 2, 2021. There will be a free warm up series of 4 races with no awards and not counting toward season point count which will be series 0, and will be 4 races. There will be 6 series of 5 races each which will count towards awards.
- 4.2 The first starting classes starting time will be 17:55 for series 2,3,4 and 5, and each class will start five minutes after the class before. The first starting classes starting time will be 17:25 for series 0,1 and 6 and each class will start five minutes after the class before. Starting times and order may be changed in the sailing instructions.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Sailing instructions will be posted to the website at <http://mdrvmf.org> - updates and changes may be posted up to 8pm the night before any race. Racers are responsible to check for updated instructions.
- 5.2 Each series will have a different set of sailing instructions.

5.3 The RC can modify the sailing instructions by notifying the fleet over VHF prior to the start of any race.

6. COURSES

6.1 Each series will have a different set of sailing instructions and may have a different set of courses.

7. SCORING

7.1 High point Appendix A scoring will be used. Each boat will be scored with 1 point for each boat they finish ahead of in their class, including boats scored DNF and DNS.

7.2 One race from each series will be excluded if there are at least 4 races sailed. Abandoned or cancelled races will not count as an exclude or as a sailed race.

7.3 Excluded races will not be considered in the calculation for overall season prizes. Total points received in non excluded races will determine the overall season winners for each class.

7.4 Boats not participating in a race that are not present on race day in the area of the start will be scored DNC and given 0 points.

7.5 Any boat that is present in the area of the start a race will be scored at least 1 point. A boat that does not finish will be scored DNF and will be awarded 1 point. A boat that is present in the starting area and does not start will be scored DNS and will be awarded 1 point.

7.6 If a race is abandoned no score will be given for the race for any boat.

7.7 A boat must participate in 3 races in a series in order to be considered for series awards. If a race is abandoned in a series, the number of races needed for consideration is reduced by the number of races abandoned.

7.8 If a boat participates in more than one class during a series, it cannot be considered for any awards for that series.

7.9 Any boat that has previously sailed in a race must receive permission from the PRO or a member of the RC prior to the start of any later race in order to change classes. The PRO may assign any boat to a different class at their discretion. A boat that starts in the wrong class or changes classes without permission from the RC will be scored as DNS.

7.10 Performance class will be scored using standard TOD scoring with distance approximated, A and B class will be scored with a custom handicap adjustment system from race to race based on TOT scoring.

7.11 The custom adjusted handicaps will reset for each series to the base handicap for the A class, and will carry forward for B class.

8. RADIO COMMUNICATION

8.1 The race committee will communicate with the fleet via **VHF on Channel 71** to make adjustments to the course and communicate with the fleet. Each boat shall monitor channel 71 for information and updates unless the channel is changed in the sailing instructions.

9. RACE COMMITTEE (RC)

9.1 The MDRV MF Race Chair (Michael McKinsey) will be the Primary Race Officer (PRO) for the series and will have final decision on the methods for protests, the final sailing instructions for each series, and any decisions on the water.

9.2 The race committee responsibilities, including the planning of the courses for each series, the recording of the finish times over VHF and any other tasks associated with race committee may be assigned to skippers or crew of the boats including while they are racing in the series themselves and may be rotated throughout the season at the discretion of the PRO.

9.3 Other yacht clubs or organizations may provide the on the water RC functions and will be detailed in the SI for each series.

10. FINISHING

10.1 Finish times are recorded by the RC over VHF, or at the finish line if a race committee member is present according to the sailing instructions. The RC may or may not be present at the finish line and may be on one of the competing boats taking times over VHF.

10.2 Every boat when approximately 30 seconds from finish shall hail over VHF stating "[insert boat name] Approaching."

10.3 When there is no Race Committee member present at the finish line taking finish times, when you have finished hail "[insert boat name] Mark." This is not necessary if the RC is present and blows a horn to signify your finish.

10.4 Each radio operator will take into consideration that only one radio may transmit at a time and allow a boat that is finishing to hail their mark before transmitting. If two boats are finishing at nearly the same time, explain your relative position to the other boat when you get a chance - wait for their mark to be made and then mark yourself, e.g. "RowBoat Mark - we were 2 seconds behind Cruise Ship".

10.5 Each competitor should record their own finish using GPS time in case there is a problem recording finishes.

10.6 The scorer will use all available information to decide on the most likely finish time and relative positions of the boats and will have final say on the official finish time of each boat. If a digital GPS track of the race for a boat is available (for example from <http://raceqs.com>) this information can be used to calculate finish times.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1** End of season awards will be given for each boat that finishes first in their class in a series (one award will be awarded per boat with a note of all series won).
- 11.2** Awards will be given for total point leader in each class across all series. The winners of each class in overall points will be added to the VSTNT Perpetual Trophy.
- 11.3** The details of the awards will be decided at MDRVMF fleet meetings, and usually all awards will be presented at the holiday dinner held in December.
- 11.4** When available awards may be presented for the winners of each class for each race.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1** Competitors participate in this series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. By participating in this series, 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 this event) from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this series to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 12.2** Each competitor is responsible to make sure they are complying with all applicable laws and requirements regarding safety and health of crew members including safety requirements imposed to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic.

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