

Ocean racing returns Saturday when the Monterey Bay

The course covers 44.1 miles. The MBYRA series will end with a make-up race on Oct. 15.

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Merlin Returns

Merlin, Bill Lee's Transpac-winning record-setter returns to the Alameda Sailboat Show Afloat Fall '77, which opens Friday at Mariner Square, Alameda. The sleek 67-footer was designed by Lee and built at his Soquel yard. It will be on public display at the West Coast's largest in-the-water sailboat show. Merlin joins 150 other cruising and racing boats, plus 22 foreign and domestic boats which make their U.S. debut. Show hours are noon to 7 p.m., weekdays, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. The show runs through Sept. 25.