



2018 George Griffith Series

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Saturday, March 24

Saturday, April 21

Saturday, May 5

The 2018 George Griffith Series will be presented by Los Angeles Yacht Club®. The club is located at 285 Whaler's Walk, San Pedro, California 90731. The LAYC® telephone number is 310-831-1203, and the web address is LAYC.org.

1. Rules.

- 1.1. This race will be governed by the "rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 (RRS), except as modified by this notice of race and the sailing instructions. Compliance with the US Safety Equipment Regulations (USSER), US Nearshore Race level, as effective January 1, 2017, is recommended.
- 1.2. RRS 52 is modified to allow the use of winches operated using stored power.
- 1.3. RRS 55 is modified by adding the following sentence to the rule: "However, discarding biodegradable sail stops when setting a sail is permitted."
- 1.4. All competitors are asked to observe USCG Navigational Rule 9, which in part reads "A sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway."
- 1.5. Further, USCG Navigational Rule 34, in part reads "...When vessels in sight of one another... is in doubt whether sufficient action is being taken by the other to avoid collision, the vessel in doubt shall immediately indicate such doubt by giving at least five short and rapid blasts on the (horn)." Any boat participating in an LAYC race that is identified in any complaint from the Coast Guard, Harbor, Pilot or a Commercial Vessel Captain that has warned that participating boat by sounding five horns will be presumed to have infringed this instruction. **RRS 60.2, 63.1 and A5 are modified to add that the Protest Committee may disqualify a yacht infringing this instruction without a hearing.**

2. **Eligibility and Entries.** This race is open to yachts possessing a current Southern California PHRF handicap. Boats are REQUIRED to have a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on VHF 71. The maximum allowable PHRF rating shall be 180. Yachts that wish to race under other handicap systems, one-design or level-rating classes will be welcome by prior arrangement with the Race Committee. A minimum of four entries will be required to establish a class. Entry fees shall be \$110.00 and all entries must be accompanied by a current PHRF certificate. Entries must be received by 1800 hours Thursday, March 22, 2018. Late entries will only be accepted with the approval of the Race Committee Chairman. Late entries will not be considered without a current PHRF certificate, completed necessary entry forms and entry fees. Entries shall be made by completing an LAYC Race Entry form available through Regatta Network.

- 3. Cruising Class.** Entries in the Cruising Class will be allowed for any yacht with a valid PHRF rating and a completed Cruising Class Rating Worksheet. Worksheets and valid ratings must be submitted and available for verification by the Race Committee Chairman no later than 24 hours prior to race start or the entry will not be considered complete. Cruising Class yachts are subject to additional rules as set forth in the Sailing Instructions. A minimum of four entries will be required to establish a Cruising Class.
- 4. Schedule of Races.** The Warning Signal for the first start will be at 1255. Subsequent starts will follow the first start. All races will be inverted start. The schedule of races is as follows:

Race #1	March 24, 2018	Griffith 1
Race #2	April 21, 2018	Griffith 2
Race #3	May 5, 2018	Griffith 3

5. Race and Start Sequence.

5.1 Start and Finish lines. The *start line* will be located inside Los Angeles Harbor east of Pier 400 in the vicinity of these coordinates: *N33 43.01', W118 14.58'*. The finish line for all races will be located inside the Los Angeles Harbor East of the Lane Victory in the vicinity of *N33 43.00', W118 16.22'*.

5.2 Courses.

- 1) All three races in this series will utilize a "pursuit" or Reverse Handicap start.
- 2) All three races will use the same course, #1, unless the Principal Race Officer (PRO) decides that the shorter course, #2, is more appropriate for the day. If the PRO elects to use Course #2, they will hail on VHF 71 prior to the attention signal. The course will also be displayed using the number boards on the Race Committee boat. All marks to be rounded to port.
- 3) Courses will be either of the following:
 - a. Course 1: Start, 50, 19, 8, Finish. 11.9 nm
 - b. Course 2: Start, 50, 19, Finish. 7.6 nm

Marks are listed on the LAYC 2016 George Griffith Course Chart available at LAYC clubhouse. All previous course charts should be discarded. Additional course charts may be passed out from the Race Committee boat on station and will also be available at LAYC prior to 0930 on Saturday, March 24, 2018.

5.3 The Start.

- 1) Boats will be checked in at the time of their individual start.
- 2) The races will be started using Rule 26 except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 3) The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a nearby orange mark. There may be a limiting buoy to protect the Race Committee boat. No yacht shall sail between this limiting buoy and the Race Committee boat. **There may be both upwind and downwind starts in this series.**
- 4) Starting times will be staggered according to assigned PHRF handicaps. A list of starting times will be available no later than 1900 on March 23, 2018.

- 5) To alert everyone that a starting sequence is about to commence, multiple sound signals will be made approximately one minute before the warning signal.
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| Attention Signal | 1254 |
| Warning Signal | 1255 (Raise Flag with letter 'A') |
| Preparatory Signal | 1256 (I Flag) |
| First Start | 1300 (Lower Flag with letter 'A') |
- 6) RRS 30.1 is modified: ("I- Flag, Round-The-Ends") will apply to ALL starts. (See SI 5.4)
- 7) Beginning at 1310, a horn will sound at 10 minute intervals, accompanied by the Numeral Pennant on the stern of the RC signal boat as follows: "1" at 1310, "2" at 1320, "3" at 1330, etc. These flags will be lowered 1 minute prior to the next flag.
- 8) **A whistle will be sounded at each individual start time.**
- 9) In the event of a postponement, the "AP" flag will be lowered and a sound signal made 1 minute prior to the Warning Signal. The starting sequence described above will then begin. At or before the warning signal, the RC vessel will display the number of minutes that the start has been delayed by white boards from the upper deck of the RC vessel. To correct their start time after a postponement, yachts should add the indicated number to their scheduled start times.
- 10) For the purpose of establishing a boat's Preparatory Signal time, it shall be four minutes prior to her start time. **Boats not racing (see Definitions in back of rule book) shall keep clear of the racing area!** All competitors are reminded to review RRS 22.1 and 64.1c in their rule books.

5.4 Recalls.

- 1) **Modify RRs 30.1:** RRS 30.1 ("Round-the-Ends") will apply to all starts. Code Flag "I" will be displayed with the Preparatory Signal. It will remain flying and in effect for all subsequent starts. It will be lowered after all boats have started.
- 2) Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29 with a horn for a sound signal, except that Code Flag X will not be flown. *This modifies RRs 29.1 and "Race Signals"*.
- 3) As a courtesy the Race Committee will attempt to hail boats On Course Side (OCS) by VHF hail on Ch. 71. Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.1a.

5.5 Time Limit and Retirement.

- 1) Boats finishing after 1630 hours shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A4.
- 2) A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee by hailing or by VHF 71 before leaving the race area.

6. Protests and Request for Redress.

- 6.1 A boat intending to protest shall notify the Race Committee and identify the boat being protested promptly after finishing.
- 6.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the LAYC front desk and filed there within one hour after the Race Committee boat has docked. The Protest Time Limit shall be displayed at the LAYC front desk as soon as possible.
- 6.3 The Protest Committee will hear protests as soon as practical in approximately the order of the receipt.

7. **Scoring.** The Low Point system of Appendix A will apply. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series. A yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores. There will be no "throw out" race. This changes RRS rule A.2.
8. **Trophies.** Trophies will be presented at the LAYC clubhouse during the post-race party after each race.
 - 8.1 Take home trophies for individual races will be awarded to the winning yacht on corrected time in each class.
 - 8.2 Take home trophies for the series will be awarded for each class on the following basis: up to 4 entries, 2 trophies for corrected time finishes; 5 or more entries, 3 trophies for corrected time finishes.
 - 8.3 The series winner for each class will be engraved on the **George Griffith Perpetual Trophy**.
 - 8.4 The first female skipper winner overall will also be awarded the **Dean Harrell Perpetual trophy**.
 - 8.5 Yacht Club Challenge: any yacht club that has at least three boats entered will be eligible to enter in the Yacht Club Challenge. All yachts will be automatically entered when there is the requisite number of boats from a club unless a boat/skipper notifies the Race Committee that they would prefer not to participate in the challenge. There is no limit to the number of boats or clubs that may be represented, however at least two clubs must be entered in the Yacht Club Challenge for a trophy to be awarded. The top three overall placing yachts from each club will be scored in the challenge. At the conclusion of the series, the yacht club that compiles the best series score will be awarded the Yacht Club Team Challenge trophy.
9. **Social Events and Hospitality.** The races will be followed immediately by parties at the LAYC clubhouse with complimentary hors d'oeuvres, a no-host bar and free beer. Skippers, crews and families are invited to participate.
10. **Berthing.** Los Angeles Yacht Club may be able to assist with limited berthing. For further information please contact the yacht club office.
11. **Disclaimer of Liability.** Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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