



LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB

2018 Kenneth Watts Perpetual Trophy Series

NOTICE OF RACE SERIES

August 16 through 18, 2018 and September 29 and 30, 2018

The 2018 *Kenneth Watts Perpetual Trophy Series* will be presented by Los Angeles Yacht Club©. The Club is located at 285 Whaler's Walk, San Pedro, California 90731, (310) 831-1203. The Club's web address is LAYC.org. The Kenneth Watts Perpetual Trophy was deeded to Los Angeles Yacht Club in May, 1986 in honor of Kenneth Watts, an innovative sailmaker and Los Angeles Yacht Club member for 48 years. The trophy is symbolic of accomplishments in ocean racing.

1. Rules.

This series will be governed by the "rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 edition, as modified by the Mercury Class Rules, the Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions for each regatta and the US Safety Equipment Requirements, (USSER), US Nearshore Race level, effective January 1, 2018, except as modified by the notices of race, sailing instructions and Mercury Class Rules. USSER equipment requirements are available at: [SER Instructions, Categories, Appendix, & History of Revisions 2018.0](#)

- 1.1. 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."
- 1.2. 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 series is open to all Mercury Class Sailboats whose owners or charterers are members of the Mercury Class Association. There shall be no entry fee and entry in the Mercury National Championship Regatta to be held on August 16 through 19, 2018 and the Mercury Pacific Coast Championship to be held on September 29 and 30, 2018 shall qualify each entrant to participate in the Series.

3. **Schedule of Races.** The schedule of races shall be as stated in the Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions for the Mercury National Championship Regatta to be held on August 16 through 19, 2018 and the Mercury Pacific Coast Championship to be held on September 29 and 30, 2018.

4. **Scoring.** The winner of the trophy shall be the boat competing in both the Mercury National Championship and the Mercury Pacific Coast Championship having the best combined final total score earned in each regatta, using the low point system.
5. **Trophies.** The winner will be named on the Kenneth Watts Perpetual Trophy and will receive an interesting and unique memento of the award, which will be announced following completion of racing in the 2018 Mercury Pacific Coast Championship.
6. **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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