



LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®

Los Angeles Yacht Club Presents

**MERCURY CLASS 2018 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
REGATTA AUGUST 16-19, 2018**

NOTICE OF RACE

**Organizing Authority: Los Angeles Yacht Club
285 Whalers Walk, San Pedro, CA 90731**

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017-2020 (RRS).

1.2 The Mercury Class Yacht Racing Association (MCYRA) Constitution *Rules Governing the Mercury Class Championship Series* shall apply.

1.3 RRS 40 is deleted and replaced with "Competitors shall wear life jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy while racing." Flag Y will not be displayed.

1.4 Appendix T1, Post Race Penalties, will apply.

1.5 Appendix T2, Section D, Arbitration, will apply.

1.6 Appendix V1, Penalty at the time of an Incident, will apply.

1.7 All competitors are asked to observe USCG Navigational Rule 9, which in part reads "A vessel shall not cross a narrow channel or fairway if such crossing impedes the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within such channel or fairway."

1.8 Further, USCG Navigational Rule 34, in part reads "...When vessels in sight of one another are approaching each other... and either vessel ... 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 ENTRY

2.1 The regatta is open to eligible boats of the Mercury Class with skippers who are current members of the MCYRA.

2.2 Eligible boats may enter through Regatta Network and by paying applicable fees on or before August 16 at 1100.

2.3 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third- party liability insurance.

3. FEES

- 3.1 The fee for entries received before August 1 will be \$150 per boat.
- 3.2 The fee for entries received on or after August 1 will be \$160 per boat.
- 3.3 The entry fee includes two dinners on Saturday, August 18 at Los Angeles Yacht Club.

4. SCHEDULE

4.1 Registration

Thursday, August 16: 1400-1800 (LAYC Clubhouse)
Friday, August 17: 0900-1100 (LAYC Clubhouse)

4.2 Measurement and Inspection

Thursday, August 16: 1400-1800 Cabrillo Dry Boat Storage, 2845 Miner Street,
San Pedro, CA 90731 (CDBS)
Friday, August 17: 0900-1030 CDBS

4.3 Competitors' Meeting

Friday, August 17: 1100 (LAYC Clubhouse)

4.5 Race Dates

Friday, August 17: Three races are scheduled
Saturday, August 18: Two races are scheduled
Sunday, August 19: Reserve Race Day

4.6 Scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day.

Friday, August 17: 1155
Saturday, August 18: 1155

4.7 Five races are scheduled. If five races have not been completed by the end of racing on Saturday, the regatta may be continued on Sunday, August 19.

4.8 The Race Committee reserves the right to make changes in the racing schedule.

5 MEASUREMENT

5.1 All boats to be sailed in this event shall have a valid measurement certificate noted online at www.mercury-sail.com. (See: Electronic Yearbook→Digital Yearbook tab→Hull Info tab→Numerical Listings of Mercury Class Boats page.)

5.2 Safety equipment as outlined in Article VIII, Requirements, at Page 21 of the 2018 MCYRA Yearbook may be checked. In addition, any other measurement item may be checked on any boat at the measurer's discretion.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: The sailing instructions will be available at registration and online at www.LAYC.org and www.mercury-sail.com.

7. VENUE: The racing area will be in upper Los Angeles Harbor.

8. COURSES: The courses to be sailed will be described in the *Sailing Instructions*.

9. SCORING

9.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply, except that no races shall be excluded.

9.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

10. BERTHING: Berthing for the regatta will be at the LAYC Docks in front of Clubhouse. Additional berthing will be assigned at registration if needed. Participants must be prepared to raft. Launch and haul out will occur at Cabrillo Dry Boat Storage, 2845 Miner Street, San Pedro, CA 90731.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION: The Race Committee will use VHF channel 71 to make any announcements on the water. Skippers are REQUIRED to carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on this channel.

12. PRIZES:

12.1 Mercury Class Championship Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the winning teams.

12.2 Gold Fleet Skipper and Crew places 1 through 5 and Silver Fleet Skipper and Crew places 1 through 3 will receive trophies.

13. SOCIAL

13.1 Friday, August 17: 1800 Friday Night Bistro Dinner is available at Los Angeles Yacht Club.

13.2 Saturday, August 18: 1800 Regatta Dinner & Awards, LAYC Dining Room. Two dinners will be included in the entry fee. Additional dinners will be available at LAYC for \$29.50 each, inclusive of tax and gratuity.

13.3 Sunday, August 19 (if applicable): After Racing Awards Ceremony, LAYC Dining Room.

14. PARKING AND TRAILER STORAGE

14.1 Trailer parking and storage for the duration of the regatta is available at Cabrillo Dry Boat Storage on Thursday, August 16, Friday, August 17, Saturday, August 18, and Sunday, August 19, if necessary.

14.2 Automobile parking for the duration of the regatta will be available adjacent to Los Angeles Yacht Club.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Participating skippers must sign the liability waiver on the entry form.

16. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in the Mercury Class Championship, a competitor automatically grants the organizers and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Kevin Heffernan, R/C Chair (626) 255-1856; racing@LAYC.org