



LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®

2018 Midwinter Around Catalina Island Race

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Saturday, February 3, 2018

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Los Angeles Yacht Club (LAYC). The Host Club and Race Management will be provided by LAYC. LAYC is located at 285 Whalers Walk, San Pedro, CA , 90731. Phone number is (310) 831-1203. Club and Event information are available at www.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 Coastal Race level, as effective January 1, 2017, is recommended. [**This changes NOR 1.1.**]
- 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.
- 1.6. US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 are NOT in effect.

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located just outside the main entrance to Los Angeles Yacht Club

3. Changes To Sailing Instructions

3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 hours on the day of the race.

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Club's Flagstaff, located just north of the Clubhouse.

5. Schedule

5.1. The warning signal for the first class will be at 1155 hours.

5.2. There will be no competitor's meeting.

6. Racing Area

6.1. 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'.

6.2. The finish line will be inside Los Angeles Harbor in the vicinity of the start area.

7. Course and Marks

7.1. The course to be sailed will be as follows: Start, leave Santa Catalina Island to port, and return to finish. Handicap distance is 70.5 nautical miles.

7.2. SKIPPERS PLEASE NOTE: There is a submerged material storage site immediately to the east of the start/finish area. This shallow area is nominally 15 feet deep and is marked by steel markers, as more fully described on Chart 18751, Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors, 48th Edition 46, July 2016.

8. The Start

8.1. The starting line will be between a staff supporting an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end of the line and an orange mark on the port end. 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

8.2. The classes will start in the following order:

Class	Class Flag
PHRF A	"A"
PHRF B	"B"
PHRF C	"C"
Cruising	Code Flag "0" Zero
PHRF Multihull	Code Flag "1" One

8.3. Race Committee starting class flags referenced above for PHRF class divisions will be dark blue rectangular flags with white letters as indicated. Race boats are NOT required to fly their class flag from the backstay.

- 8.4. To draw attention that the race starting sequence is about to begin, multiple sound signals will be made approximately one minute before the first warning signal.
- 8.5. Boats starting later than 10 minutes after the last class has started shall be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.

9. The Finish

- 9.1. The finish line will be between a staff supporting an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and an orange mark.
- 9.2. A boat finishing when the race committee boat is not on station shall take her own time from the GPS as she passes within 50 feet of the official finish position of N33 43.01', W118 14.58'. If the next boat is within sight, a boat taking her own time shall wait and take the finish time of that boat and report both times to the Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing.

10. Time Limit

- 10.1. There will be no time limit. The Race Committee will attempt to remain on station until 1200 Sunday, February 4. Boats still on the course at that time shall notify LAYC or the Race Committee of their position and expected finish time. Contact with the Race Committee boat can be made via VHF 71. The RC Chair's cell phone number is 626.255.1856 and may be used if boats are unable to make contact via VHF.

11. Protests

- 11.1. A boat intending to protest shall notify the race committee and identify the boat involved promptly after finishing.
- 11.2. Protests shall be written on forms available at the Los Angeles Yacht Club front desk and filed there within one hour after the last boat finishes or the Race Committee boat docks, whichever is the later. The close of Protest Time shall be displayed at the front desk as soon as possible.
- 11.3. The Protest Committee will hear protests as soon as practical in approximately the order of receipt.

12. Scoring

- 12.1. The low point system of RRS Appendix A will apply

13. Check-In, Rounding East End and Retirement

- 13.1. When the Race Committee boat is anchored on station and code flag L is displayed, each boat shall pass the stern of the race committee boat and hail her sail number, which will be acknowledged.
- 13.2. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee at the very first opportunity after retiring. The Race Committee attempts to monitor VHF channel 71. The Race Committee can also be reached at 626-255-1856. An alternate number for LAYC communications during working hours is 310-831-1203.
- 13.3. **All boats shall notify the Race Committee upon rounding the east end.**

14. Radio Communications

- 14.1. The Race Committee intends to monitor VHF Channel 71. Skippers are REQUIRED to have a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on this channel.
- 14.2. Boat's must make contact with the Race Committee boat via VHF 71 or thru Race Committee Chair Kevin Heffernan at 626.255.1856 to advise upon rounding the east end of Catalina.
- 14.3. The Race Committee may use VHF 71 to broadcast information such as the location of the Race Committee boat, sail numbers of yachts recalled, change of course, etc. Failure to receive or hear such radio transmission will not be grounds for redress.
- 14.4. As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to notify recalled boats by hailing their sail number over VHF channel 71. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification shall not relieve her of her obligation to start correctly and shall not be grounds for redress. A boat's position in the sequence of hailed numbers or broadcast numbers shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15. Trophies

- 15.1. Perpetual trophies will be awarded to the combined PHRF fleet as follows:
 - 15.1.1. **The Mayor Norris Poulson Trophy** for the Mid-Winter Catalina Island Race will be awarded to the overall winning yacht on corrected time in PHRF.
 - 15.1.2. Take home trophies will be awarded in each class on the following basis: up to 4 entries, 1 trophy; 5 to 7 entries, 2 trophies; 8 or more entries 3 trophies.
- 15.2. Trophies will be awarded at LAYC during the hospitality event at 1700 on Sunday, February 4, 2017. The Angels Gate Bar will be open, and hors d'oeuvres will be served at the LAYC Clubhouse. Racers, family and crew are encouraged to attend.

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