



LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®

2020 BREAKOUT REGATTA SERIES

NOTICE OF RACE

June 13-14; June 27-28; July 11-12; August 29-30

The Los Angeles Yacht Club 2020 Breakout Regatta Series will be at hosted at Los Angeles Yacht Club. The Organizing Authority (OA) is Los Angeles Yacht Club, located at 285 Whaler's Walk, San Pedro, California 90731. The LAYC telephone number is 310-831-1203. www.layc.org

The Covid-19 Pandemic appears to have significantly changed our daily lives for the foreseeable future and has completely altered 2020 yacht racing calendars globally, by entirely erasing most spring and summer schedules. As of the date this NOR is posted, it is impossible to predict precisely when and to what extent yacht racing for the 2020 season will resume. In an attempt to mitigate this disruption LAYC is proposing a schedule for a new offshore Southern California distance series. The standing dates will be dependent upon various factors, including the current State Lockdown Order, guidance from Federal and State health authorities, among others. If it becomes impossible to run any of the scheduled races, then that particular date will be **canceled not postponed**. Please monitor our website for updates, or by telephoning the office.

1. Rules

1.1 This series will be governed by the "rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 (RRS), and the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements, (USSER), US Coastal Race level, effective January 1, 2020, except as modified by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The USSER is included in this document as ADDENDUM 2-US_SER_2019.0_Categories.

1.3 USSER compliance may be monitored with random inspections to be made after the finish of each race for minimum equipment compliance. If selected, you will be contacted by a technical committee member to make arrangements for the inspection. [DP]

1.4 [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

1.5 [NP] denotes a rule for which competitors may not protest. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1.6 RRS 52 is modified to allow the use of winches operated using stored power.

1.7 RRS 55 is modified by adding the following sentence to the rule: "However, discarding biodegradable sail stops when setting a sail is permitted."

1.8 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.”

1.9 Breaches of **IRPCAS Rule 10, Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS)**, will not be grounds for a protest by a yacht. [NP] This changes rule 60.1(a). However, a yacht that is reported by a government authority for a breach of IRPCAS Rule 10, may be protested by the Race Committee, and also subject to any penalties levied by the government authority. [DP] This change rule 60.2.(a)

1.10 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.

1.11 For determination of the right of way between contestants, Part 2 of the racing rules shall govern, except between sunset and sunrise, the following shall be substituted for Rule 17: “When two boats are on the same tack and within three of the larger boat’s overall length of each other, the overtaking boat shall keep clear and neither boat shall alter course toward the other.” Sunset and sunrise shall be determined as published by the US Naval Observatory at each boat’s current position.

1.12 [DP] All boats are reminded that launching/controlling/flying any unmanned aerial system (UAS or “drone”) over federally controlled areas or in close proximity to commercial vessels is strictly prohibited.

1.13 Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions will be available at the LAYC front desk by 1700 hours on Friday, June 12th, 2020. Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and forms related to entry will also be available on the LAYC website.

1.14 Because of the Covid-19 Pandemic, LAYC reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race at any time. Amendments to this notice will be posted at www.layc.org and on the official notice board inside the clubhouse.

2. Eligibility

2.1 This series is open to yachts possessing a current Southern California PHRF handicap. The Area “C” Random Leg Rating will apply. The maximum allowable PHRF rating shall be 72. It is intended to start two classes; Class A, PHRF -30 or faster and Class B, between PHRF -30 and 72.

2.2 There is a onetime entry fee of \$150.00 to cover the complete series and all entries must be accompanied by a current PHRF certificate. Entries must be received by 1800 hours Thursday, June 11th, 2020. 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. PLEASE UPLOAD CURRENT PHRF CERTIFICATE WHEN REGISTERING, or email to kpcnut@aol.com.

2.3 A possible multihull fleet would require at least two boats to enter by the registration date for the first race. The PHRF rating for this class would have to rate -30 or faster. If LAYC agrees to start a multihull fleet then they would start as Class C. The start for Class B would be the warning for Class C. The multihull course would be the same as Class A and their rating will be -30 PHRF or faster.

2.4 There is no plan to use Offshore Racing Association rules for rating of boats in this event.

2.5 The 'person in charge' shall be responsible for completing the form listing crew names and email addresses, and ensure the crew list accurately reflects the crew onboard at the start. This should include people listed as emergency contacts. Emergency contacts provided shall be available directly to the U.S. Coast Guard.

3. Transponders

3.1 Satellite transponders will not be issued for any of these races.

3.2 AIS may be used if a competitor wishes to.

4. Entry

4.1 Entries may be made by completing an LAYC Race Entry form, at www.layc.org or through Regatta Network no later than 1800 hours on Thursday June 11th. (Re Covid-19; registration will be opened when deemed appropriate by LAYC, and from that time entries will also be accepted at the club front desk).

4.2 PLEASE UPLOAD CURRENT PHRF CERTIFICATE WHEN REGISTERING, or email to kpcnut@aol.com.

4.3 The race committee for each race may broadcast information about each day's start on a VHF USA channel 71. All boats at each event are required to check in before each start of each race per this instruction. At check-in boats will be asked for the total number of crew on board. If there has been any change from the online registration, boats will be asked to switch to VHF USA channel listed in the SI to provide the new information. Check-in for each race is not complete until confirmation is received from the race committee. Boats failing to check in with the race committee by VHF radio, including providing the number of crew onboard, may be scored DNC for that race. [DP]

4.4 The OA intends that all registered boats shall utilize The US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSERs), Coastal Level.

4.5 The technical committee shall be appointed by the OA to conduct any post-race inspections required to satisfy USSER as directed by the OA.

4.6 Class breaks will be posted online and at LAYC by 1800 Friday June 12th.

5. Schedule of Races.

5.1 It is intended to attempt up to four races in this series. This entire series is completely dependent on Covid-19 policies, procedures and restrictions as announced by Federal, California State and local government entities.

5.2 There will not be a skippers' meeting for any of these races.

5.3 Any changes or amendments to the Sailing Instructions on the morning of the race will be posted and available as hard copy at the clubhouse. Committee will attempt to notify of any such change over VHF channel 71 or by hail on the water.

5.4 The warning signal for each race day will be at 1155 for Class A. The start for Class A shall be the warning for Class B.

5.5 Racing Area. The start for all races will be located outside of Los Angeles Harbor, approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from Angel's Gate, easterly of the Point Fermin Buoy.

5.6 The start line for both classes in all races will be between an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and a tetrahedron at the port end.

5.7 The finish line for both classes in all races will be between the Angel's Gate Light and the inside edge of the detached breakwater. A whaler will be on station at the detached breakwater end to take finishes. If it is not on station or after dark competitors shall take their own finish time and the position of other competitors ahead and astern of them as they round the Angel's Gate light.

6. Race Courses

6.1 All four races will start outside Los Angeles Harbor easterly of the Point Fermin Buoy, and finish at Angel's Gate.

6.2 Race one Class A; June 13th – Starting near Point Fermin, round Santa Barbara Island to port. Return to finish at Angel's Gate. 84.7 nm

Race one Class B; Starting near Point Fermin round "R 10" buoy off Palos Verdes to port, round Eagle Rock, Catalina to port, Catalina west end to starboard, return to finish at Angel's Gate. 52.2 nm

6.3 Race two Class A; June 27th – Starting near Point Fermin, round Coast Guard buoy off Malibu Pier to port, round Eagle Rock, Catalina to port, Catalina west end to starboard, return to finish at Angel's Gate. 85.7 nm

Race two Class B; Starting near Point Fermin round "R 10" buoy off Palos Verdes to port, round Eagle Rock Catalina to port, Catalina west end to starboard, return to finish at Angel's Gate. 52.2 nm

6.4 Race three Classes A and B; July 11th – RACE THREE IS EXPECTED TO¹ CONSTITUTE A TRANSPAC 2021 OCEAN RACE QUALIFIER². There will only be one course for both classes to meet the required distance. Starting near Point Fermin leave Production Platform GINA to port, Anacapa Island to port, Santa Barbara Island to port, return to finish at Angel's Gate. 150 nm

¹ Based on experience, the OA believes that the timing, format and length of race three may be sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the April 2, 2020 Transpac 2021 NOR 8.1.1 "Yacht Race/Passage Qualification." The OA will make reasonable efforts to reach an accord with TPYC to confirm this expectation before the start of race three.

² 8.1.1 Yacht Race/Passage Qualification

Each yacht shall have completed a 150-nautical mile or longer sailing race or sailing passage (no motoring) prior to two days before its Transpac Race start. Yachts launched after 1 January 2021 shall complete this requirement by 16 June 2021.

6.5 Race four Class A; August 29th – Starting near Point Fermin, round NOAA Buoy 46025 to port, return to finish at Angel’s Gate. 79.5 nm

Race four Class B; Starting near Point Fermin, round Eagle Rock, Catalina to port, Catalina west end to starboard, return to finish at Angel’s Gate. 44.0 nm

7. Scoring

7.1 The Low Point system of Appendix A will apply, except that each boat’s series score shall be the total of all of her race scores. No score shall be excluded. One race shall constitute a complete series.

7.2 Results will be posted online and on the official notice board in the clubhouse.

8. Trophies and Celebration

8.1 On Sunday, August 30th, at approximately 5:00 pm a celebration and trophy presentation will take place at LAYC’s clubhouse. Skippers, crews and families are all cordially invited to participate.

9. Berthing

9.1 Los Angeles Yacht Club may be able to assist with limited berthing for the individual races. For further information please contact the LAYC office.

9.2 Cabrillo Way Marina on the east side of the harbor would be very happy to accommodate any racers but not until the City of Los Angeles Covid-19 restrictions are rescinded or relaxed. They have slips as well as their 300’ long dock and can assign based on draft and length, etc.

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10. Covid-19 Pandemic

10.1 This event is being held in compliance with all the current requirements, policies, restrictions and procedures promulgated by Federal, California State and local government entities that may apply during the Covid-19 Pandemic, furthermore, this guidance shall be carefully followed by LAYC, competitors, and other race staff.

11. Disclaimer of Liability.

11.1 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, illness, 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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