



LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®

2021 George Griffith Series

NOTICE OF RACE



Saturday, March 20

Saturday, April 17

The 2021 George Griffith Series is 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.

Important Covid-19 Preamble

Please read the following Covid-19 related information carefully. 2021 is the second year of the Covid-19 Pandemic. The event named above is being held and organized 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 volunteers, competitors, and other race staff.

As the Organizing Authority, LAYC will work within the six items listed below for the year 2021, **unless there is a substantial improvement in the health procedure guidelines.**

1. Registration will **only** be offered online at www.layc.org
2. There will be no gathering at the clubhouse before or after racing. This to include hospitality. There will not be a skippers' meeting. See SI's for detail.
3. Results will be posted as soon as possible on www.layc.org and trophies will be handled separately after the event. See SI's for detail.
4. Protests will be handled either outside with the participants adhering to social distancing protocols or online as a zoom meeting. See SI's for detail.
5. Unless the entire crew of a boat has already had Covid-19 vaccination, the crew must wear face covering or masks and attempt to follow other re-mediating procedures while on board.
6. The person in charge of each boat is responsible for providing LAYC Race Committee with contact information for each crew member to enable individuals to be traced for any reason during or after the event. This list should be emailed to David Collins (davidcollins@mindspring.com) and Ken Cory (kpcnut@aol.com) before the start.

1. Rules.

- 1.1. The preamble to Appendix J of the 2021-2024 RRS states that the SI need not repeat a rule from the NOR so please **carry copies of both the NOR and SI on board at all times**.
- 1.2. This series will be governed by the “rules” as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024 (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, 2020, is recommended.
- 1.3. The USSER is included in this document as ADDENDUM 2-US_SER_2019.0_Categories. (https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/US_SER_2019.0_Categories.pdf).
- 1.4. 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.
- 1.5. RRS 52 is modified to allow the use of winches operated using stored power.
- 1.6. RRS 55 is modified by adding the following sentence to the rule: “However, discarding biodegradable sail stops when setting a sail is permitted.”
- 1.7. 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.”
- 1.8. Breaches of **IRPCAS Rule 10, Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS)**, will not be grounds for a protest by a yacht. 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. The penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes rule 60.2.(a)
- 1.9. Further, **USCG Navigational Rule 34**, in part reads “...When vessels in sight of one another... [are] 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.**
- 1.10. 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.

2. Eligibility and Entries.

- 2.1. This race is open to yachts possessing a current Southern California PHRF handicap. The maximum allowable PHRF rating shall be 180. Boats are **REQUIRED** to have a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on VHF 71.

2.2. The one-time entry fee is \$100.00 and covers the two-race series. All entries must be accompanied by a current PHRF certificate. PLEASE UPLOAD CURRENT PHRF CERTIFICATE WHEN REGISTERING, or email the certificate to LAYC Race Committee Chairman, Ken Cory (kpcnut@aol.com). Entries must be received by 1800 hours Thursday, March 18, 2021. 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. Entries with Corinthian ratings are welcome but shall not submit a 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.**

4.1. 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	Date	Race Name	Start Type
1	March 20, 2021	Griffith 1	Pursuit (Reverse Handicap)
2	April 17, 2021	Griffith 2	Pursuit (Reverse Handicap)

4.2. **Pursuit Race Start.** The Race Committee will assign starting times for all yachts. Starting times for both courses will be posted on the [LAYC Website](#) as soon as possible after the entry window has closed at 1800 hours on Thursday, March 18, 2021 and, in no case, later than 1700 hours on Friday, March 19, 2021.

5. **Racing Area.** 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* will be located inside Los Angeles Harbor inside the west breakwater, east of the Lane Victory in the vicinity of these coordinates: *N33° 43.00', W118° 16.22'*.

6. **Race Courses.** The 2021 George Griffith Series Course Chart is included here and in the Sailing Instructions. The documents define two courses; a long course (course 1) and short course (course 2).

6.1. Course 1, the long course (11.9nm) will be used for both races; Start east of the Pier 400 area of Los Angeles Harbor, round the west end of the middle breakwater (50) to port, leave the east end of the middle breakwater (19) to port, round Island Chaffee (8) to port, and finish the race inside the west breakwater, east of the Lane Victory.

6.2. Course 2, the short course (7.6nm) will only be used if conditions favor a shorter course. Start east of the Pier 400 area of Los Angeles Harbor, round the west end of the middle breakwater (50) to port, round the east end of the middle breakwater (19) to port, and finish the race inside the west breakwater, east of the Lane Victory.

6.3. Because the length of the race affects the starting times of all boats, starting times for both courses will be posted no later than 1700 hours, Friday, March 19, 2021 just in case conditions favor course 2 on the day of the race. (See paragraph 4.2.)

7. **Sailing Instructions.** The Sailing Instructions will be available **online only** at or before 1700 hours on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. All documents including the Sailing Instructions, 2021 Griffith Series Course Charts, Cruising Class Worksheets and Race Entry Forms are available only on the LAYC® website at www.LAYC.org.
8. **Scoring.** The Low Point system of RRS 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.
9. **Trophies.** Results will be published online as soon as scoring is complete after the second race. Take home trophies will be delivered to recipient's homes via common carrier as soon as possible after the completion of the second race.
 - 9.1. Take home trophies for individual races will be awarded to the winning yacht on corrected time in each class.
 - 9.2. 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.
 - 9.3. The series winner for each class will be engraved on the **George Griffith Perpetual Trophy**.
 - 9.4. The first female skipper winner overall will also be awarded the **Dean Harrell Perpetual trophy**.
10. **Social Events and Hospitality.** Due to COVID-19 guidelines, no social events are planned after either race.
11. **Berthing.** Los Angeles Yacht Club may be able to assist with limited berthing. For further information please contact the yacht club office.
12. **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 3, 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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