



LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB

Fast Friday 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

General Information

The Organizing Authority is Los Angeles Yacht Club located at 285 Whalers Walk, San Pedro, CA 90731
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The **Covid-19 Pandemic** has significantly changed our daily lives for the foreseeable future and has completely altered 2021 yacht racing calendars globally, and thus changing the event calendar. As of the date this SI is posted, it is impossible to predict precisely when and to what extent yacht racing for the 2021 season will resume. The standing dates will be dependent upon various factors, 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 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024 (RRS), except as modified by the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Please note that in the RRS 2021-2024 the preamble of Appendix J states that "A rule in the Notice of Race need not be repeated in the Sailing Instructions" so carry both documents onboard.
- 1.3 PHRF of Southern California (PHRF SoCal) class rules will be in effect for handicap boats.
- 1.4 RRS 55 is modified by adding the following sentence to the rule: "However, discarding biodegradable sail stops when setting a sail is permitted."
- 1.5 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.6 While racing all boats shall display the class flag assigned for their class [DP].
- 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 Further, USCG Navigational rule 34, in part reads "...When vessels in sight of each other...[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 5 short and rapid blasts of 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 5 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.

- 1.9 Compliance with the US Safety Equipment Regulations (USSER), US Nearshore Race Level, is recommended.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at <http://www.layc.org> and at the front desk by 1700 hours on Friday, of the first race scheduled.

3 VENUE

- 3.1 The venue and racing areas are Los Angeles harbor adjacent to Cabrillo Marina, but with the option of racing outside to round the Point Fermin buoy.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted online and on the official noticeboard located inside the main entrance.

5 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1700 on the day it will take effect.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
Express 37	Letter "A"
PHRF A	Letter "B"
PHRF B	Letter "C"

7 RACING AREAS

Attachment **Addendum C** shows the location of racing areas.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 **Addendum C** diagrams the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.
- 8.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 All marks are permanent buoys or structures within the Los Angeles harbor as described in **Addendum C**, with the exception of the start finish line, and the Point Fermin buoy.
- 9.2 The starting and finishing marks will be set by Race Committee near the entrance of Cabrillo Marina, see Addendum C.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

There are submerged rocks close to the Point Fermin buoy that must be avoided. See Addendum C.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The scheduled time of the warning for the first start will be 5:55pm.
Express 37 Class start time 6:00pm
PHRF A start time 6:05pm
PHRF B start time 6:10pm
- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 and 27.1 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat at the starboard end and a designated mark at the port end.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]
- 11.4 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.5 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal and she is identified, rule 29.1 will be implemented and additionally the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 71. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.6 The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be the starting signal for the preceding class.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 There is no provision to change any of the legs of the course. This changes RRS 32 and 33. In the event that there is insufficient wind for certain boats to finish, those boats will be scored DNF, and can retire whenever they choose.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and a designated mark in the harbor.
- 13.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The penalties are as follows: RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2 A boat intending to protest shall notify the Race Committee and identify the boat being protested promptly after finishing. [DP]

15 TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 A boat that retires from a race (DNF) shall notify the Race Committee by hailing or by VHF 71 before leaving the race area.
- 15.2 For all classes the time limit for finishing will be 7:30 pm.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at the LAYC Clubhouse. Written protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit. **The specific time for submitting a protest for each competitor shall be 45 minutes after that boat finishes.** There is no general time limit for protest submissions.
- 16.2 Notices will be posted as soon as possible to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.3 Hearings may be held in the protest room, located at the LAYC Clubhouse. It may be necessary to

- hear protests using a virtual format as dictated by Covid-19 restrictions with jury and parties participating by a computer interface system rather than in one room at the clubhouse. If this is the case the process and time for the protest hearing will be decided on the night of the incident.
- 16.4 If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than the protest time limit for the last finisher. This changes rule 62.2.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 The scoring system is as follows: Appendix A low point system.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]

19 TROPHIES and PRIZES

- 19.1 If possible, trophies will be presented at the LAYC clubhouse during the post-race party.
19.2 Prizes will be given to the winners of each class for the specific Friday night's racing.

20 SOCIAL EVENTS AND HOSPITALITY.

If Covid-19 requirements allow we do plan to open the bar, and skippers, crew and friends are all invited to participate in the weekly post-race party at the clubhouse.

21 COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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.

22 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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