



LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®

2016 Mid-Winter Catalina Island Race

NOTICE OF RACE

Saturday, February 13, 2016

The 2016 Mid-Winter Around Catalina Island Race will be presented by Los Angeles Yacht Club. The club is located at 285 Whaler's Walk, San Pedro, California 90731. The LAYC® telephone is 310-831-1203.

1. Rules.

1. This race will be governed by the "rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016 (RRS) and the US Safety Equipment Regulations, (USSER), US Coastal Race level, effective April 23, 2014, except as modified by this notice of race and sailing instructions. The equipment requirements are available at: <http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/US-SER-Categories-2014-3.pdf>.
2. Yachts shall sail in compliance with their current PHRF Certificate.
3. RRS 52 is modified to allow the use of winches operated using stored power.
4. RRS 55 is modified by adding the following sentence to the rule: "However, discarding biodegradable sail stops when setting a sail is permitted."
5. Cruising Class is subject to additional rules as set forth in the Sailing Instructions.
6. 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."
7. 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 Race Committee (R C) may disqualify a yacht infringing this instruction without a hearing.***

2. Eligibility and Entries. This race is open to yachts possessing a current Southern California PHRF handicap. The maximum allowable PHRF rating shall be 180. Yachts desiring to race under other handicap systems, one-design or level-rating classes will be welcome by prior arrangement with the Race Committee. A minimum of four entries will be required to establish a class. Each entrant must submit a completed LAYC entry form, a copy of their current PHRF certificate, and entry fee of \$80 by 1800 hours on Friday, February 12, 2016. Entries are also available at RegattaNetwork.com. Late entries will only be accepted with the approval of the Race Chairman.

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. 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 Race. The Warning signal for the first class will be at 1155. Subsequent starts if required will follow the first start.

5. Racing Area. The starting area will be located approximately 1.5 nautical miles NE of the Los Angeles Lighthouse. The finish line will be inside Los Angeles Harbor in the vicinity of the start area. The course to be sailed will be as follows: Start, leave Santa Catalina Island to port, and return to finish.

6. Entries. Entry forms, including the Cruising Class Rating Worksheet, are available at the LAYC desk. Forms are also available on the LAYC website at www.LAYC.org. All forms and on-line entry are available at RegattaNetwork.com.

7. Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions will be available at the LAYC front desk by 1700 hours on Saturday, February 6, 2016. Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and forms related to entry will also be available on the LAYC website at www.LAYC.org.

8. Trophies. Trophies will be presented in the clubhouse during the hospitality event at 1700 on Sunday, February 14, 2016. Take home trophies for the event 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 for corrected time finishes. **The Mayor Norris Poulson Trophy** for the **Mid-Winter Around Catalina Island Race** will be awarded to the overall winning yacht on corrected time in PHRF.

9. Social Events and Hospitality. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar will be available to all competitors, their families and guests at the Los Angeles Yacht Club clubhouse beginning at 1700 on Sunday, February 14.

10. Berthing. Los Angeles Yacht Club will be able to assist with limited berthing. For further information please contact the yacht club office.

11. 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.

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