



# LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®

## 2016 George Griffith Series

### NOTICE OF RACE

Saturday, March 26, 2016   Saturday, April 2, 2016   Saturday, May 7, 2016

The 2016 George Griffith Series will be presented by the 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.

#### 1. Rules.

- 1.1. This series will be governed by the "rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016 (RRS), and the US Safety Equipment Requirements, (USSER), US Nearshore Race level, effective January 1, 2016, except as modified by this notice of race and sailing instructions. USSER equipment requirements are available at: <http://www.ussailing.org/wpcontent/uploads/DARoot/Offshore/SER/SER%20Categories%202016.pdf>
- 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. Yachts shall sail in compliance with their current PHRF Certificate.
- 1.5. Cruising Class is subject to additional rules as set forth in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.6. 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."
- 1.7. 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 Protest Committee 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. Yachts that wish 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. Entries for the series or for individual races may be made by completing an LAYC Race Entry form available at LAYC.org, at the club, or through Regatta Network. All entries must be accompanied by a current PHRF certificate or rating sheet from the PHRF website unless prior arrangements have been made. Entry fees shall be \$40.00 per individual race, or \$100.00 for the series. Entries must be received by 1800 hours on the Friday preceding each race. 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.
3. **Cruising Class.** Entries in the Cruising Class will be allowed for any yacht with a valid PHRF Base OWC rating of 40 or higher and a Performance Factor less than 1.8. 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 Races.** The Warning Signal for the first start will be at 1155. Subsequent starts will follow the first start. All races will be inverted start. The schedule of races is as follows:

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| Race #1 | March 26, 2016 | Griffith 1 |
| Race #2 | April 2, 2016  | Griffith 2 |
| Race #3 | May 7, 2016    | Griffith 3 |

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 for all races will be located inside the Los Angeles Harbor East of the Lane Victory in the vicinity of *N33 43.00', W118 16.22'*.
6. **Sailing Instructions.** The Sailing Instructions will be available at the LAYC front desk by 1700 hours on Tuesday, March 22, 2016. The Sailing Instructions, Griffith Series Course Charts, Cruising Class Worksheets and Race Entry Forms will also be available on the LAYC website at [www.LAYC.org](http://www.LAYC.org).
7. **Scoring.** The Low Point system of 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.
8. **Trophies.** Trophies will be presented at the LAYC clubhouse during the post-race party after each race.
  - 8.1 Take home trophies for individual races will be awarded to the winning yacht on corrected time in each class.
  - 8.2 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.
  - 8.3 The series winner for each class will be engraved on the **George Griffith Perpetual Trophy**.
  - 8.4 The first female skipper winner overall will also be awarded a perpetual trophy to be identified.
  - 8.5 Yacht Club Challenge: any yacht club that has at least three boats entered will be eligible to enter in the Yacht Club Challenge. All yachts will be automatically entered when there are the requisite number of boats from a club unless a boat/skipper notifies the Race Committee that they would prefer not to participate in the challenge. There is no limit to the number of boats or clubs that may be represented, however at least two clubs must be entered in the Yacht Club Challenge for a trophy to be awarded. The top three overall placing yachts from each club will be scored in the challenge. At the conclusion of the series, the yacht club that compiles the best series score will be awarded the Yacht Club Team Challenge trophy.
9. **Social Events and Hospitality.** The races will be followed immediately by parties at the LAYC clubhouse with complimentary hors d'oeuvres, a no-host bar and free beer. Skippers, crews and families are invited to participate.
10. **Berthing.** Arrangements can be made for guest slips for each race by contacting LAYC.
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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