



2017 Catch Me Who Can

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Saturday, September 16, 2017

The 2017 Catch Me Who Can Pursuit Race 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 race will be governed by the "rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 (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, 2017, is recommended.
- 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. 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."
- 1.5. 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. The maximum allowable PHRF rating shall be 180. A minimum of four entries will be required to establish a class. Entry fees shall be \$60.00 and all entries must be accompanied by a current PHRF certificate. Entries must be received by 1800 hours Thursday, September 14, 2017. 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. 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 start will be at 1155. Subsequent starts will follow the first start.

5. Racing Area and Start Sequence.

5.1 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'*.

5.2 Refer to the included chart for course.

5.3 This race will utilize a “pursuit” or Reverse Handicap start.

5.4 The start sequence.

- 1) Boats will be checked in at the time of their individual start.
- 2) The races will be started using Rule 26 except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 3) The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a nearby orange mark. There may be a limiting buoy to protect the Race Committee boat. No yacht shall sail between this limiting buoy and the Race Committee boat.
- 4) Starting times will be staggered according to assigned PHRF handicaps. A list of starting times will be available no later than 1900 on September 15, 2017.

6. Scoring. The Low Point system of Appendix A will apply.

7. Trophies. Trophies will be presented in the clubhouse during the hospitality event at 1700 on Saturday, September 16, 2017. 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.

8. Social Events and Hospitality. Hors d’oeuvres and no-host bar will follow the race at the LAYC clubhouse.

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

10. 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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