



LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®

2016 Howland's Layover Race

NOTICE OF RACE Saturday-Sunday, October 14-15, 2017

The 2017 Howland's Overnight 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, and the web address is LAYC.org. The organizing authority for the Race is the Los Angeles Yacht Club. *Please note: The Series will consist of two races: to Catalina Island and back, with a layover at LAYC Howland's Landing on Saturday Night, 10/14/17.*

1. Rules.

- 1.1. This race will be governed by the "rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (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. 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. Entry fees shall be \$80.00 and all entries must be accompanied by a current PHRF certificate. Entries must be received by 1800 hours Thursday, October 12, 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 class will be at 1225 on both days. Subsequent starts, if required, will follow the first start.

Race #1: San Pedro to Howland's Landing
Race #2: Howland's Landing to San Pedro
- 5. Racing Area.** The start line will be in the vicinity of Los Angeles Harbor, with the starting area approximately 1.5 nautical miles northeast of the Los Angeles Harbor entrance in the inside middle breakwater area. Finish area for Race #1 and Start area for Race #2 will be off Howland's Landing, Catalina Island. The finish area for Race #2 will be inside Los Angeles Harbor in the vicinity of the start area. Course details will be published in the Sailing Instructions.
- 6. Sailing Instructions.** The Sailing Instructions will be available at the LAYC front desk by 1700 hours on Saturday, October 7, 2017. The Sailing Instructions, Cruising Class Worksheets and Race Entry Forms will also be available on the LAYC® website at 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 in the clubhouse during the hospitality event at 1700 on Sunday, October 15, 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.
- 9. Social Events and Hospitality.**

 - Catalina: There will be a no-host discounted bar available at Howlands Landing Saturday evening. Hors d'oeuvres and snacks provided, boats should bring an entrée to grill on the BBQ.
 - Mainland: The Sunday 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.** N/A.
- 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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