LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®

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Amendment 1 to Sailing Instructions

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2018 Mercury Class Pacific Coast Championship
Saturday and Sunday
September 29 and 30, 2018

Sponsored by

Los Angeles Yacht Club
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San Pedro, California 90731
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1.   Rules

The regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, except that if there is a conflict, the class rules as defined in the MCYRA Bylaws will prevail.

2.   Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3.   Schedule of Races

3.1   Saturday, September 29. Four race are scheduled.
Sunday, September 30.   Three races are scheduled.

3.2   The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1155 hours.

3.3   After the first race, the warning signal for each succeeding race shall be made as soon as practicable. To alert all boats that a race will begin soon, a series of short sound signals and a radio announcement will be made.

4.   Racing Area

The racing area will be inside the upper breakwater West of Angel's Gate.

**5.	The Courses**

5.1	The course chart and courses are attached to this document as Appendix 1. The courses will be windward-leeward in nature.

5.2	On all courses, the weather mark and offset mark will be taken to port

**6.	The Start**

6.1	Races will be started using Rule 26.
	Note: The class flag will be the Mercury Class flag.

6.2	The starting line shall be between an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a floating orange shape or flag.

**7.	Changing position of the next mark.**

To change the position of the next mark, the race committee may move the original mark to the new position. This change will be signaled using code flag "C" before the lead boat has begun the leg towards the moved mark.

**8.	The Finish**

The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the chase boat and the weather mark.

**9.	Scoring**

The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply. A boat's score shall be the total of her individual race scores with no throw outs. This changes RRS A2.

**10.	Protests**

Protest forms will be available at LAYC front desk. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee representative within one hour after the last boat finishes the final race of the day. This time shall be posted.

**11.	Personal Buoyancy**

All competitors are required to wear life jackets or personal buoyancy while racing.

**12.	Haul-out Restrictions**

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta without approval of the PRO.

13.   Radio Communication

The Race Committee may use VHF channel 71 to communicate information about course selection, time to start, and sail numbers of boats that are OCS or have violated RRS 30. Neither failure of the Race Committee to communicate the sail numbers of recalled boats in a timely manner, nor failure of a recalled boat to receive or hear transmitted information, will be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
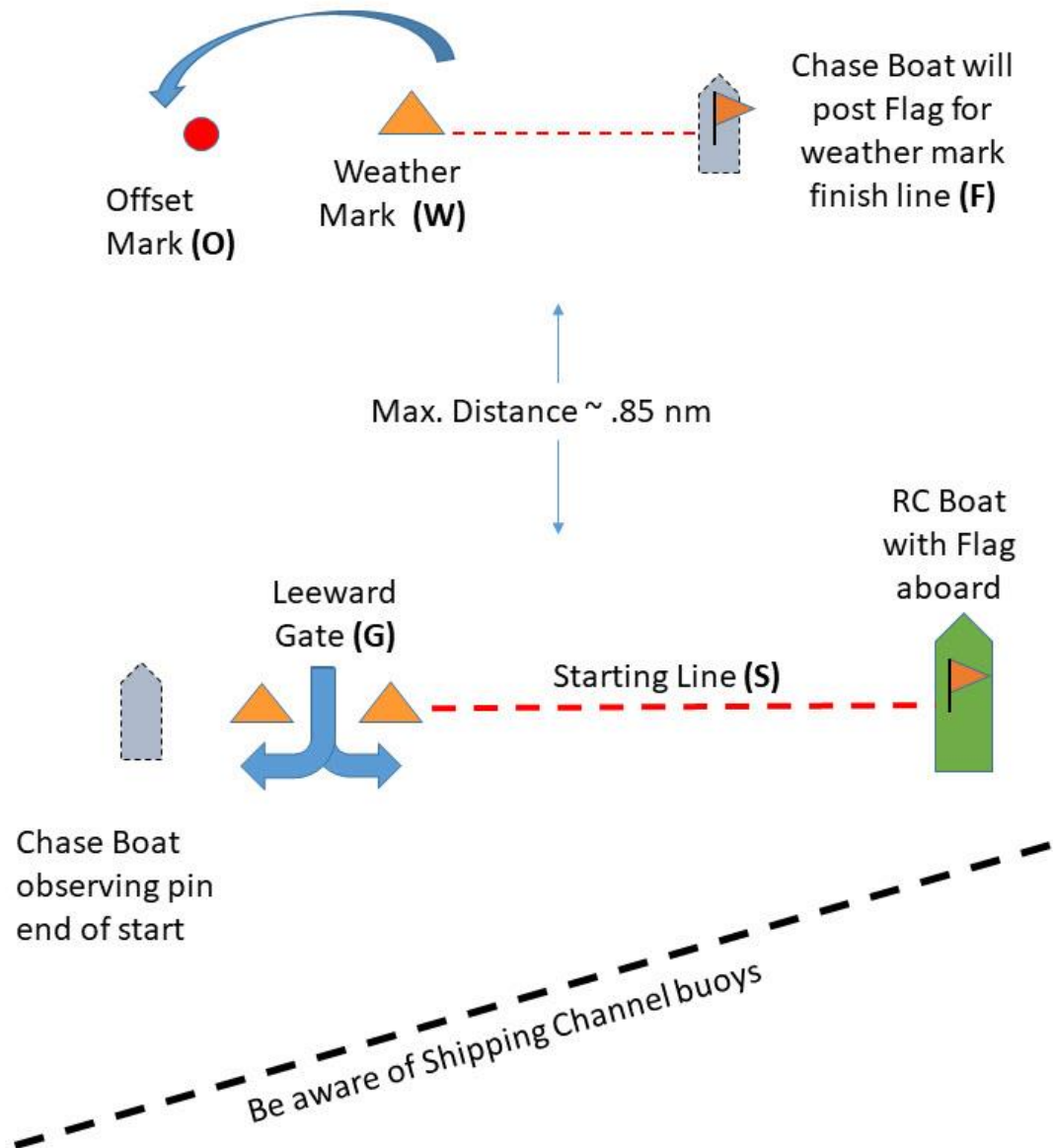
14.   Prizes

There will be 3 take home trophies awarded. The overall winner will be awarded the **Don Lee Perpetual Trophy.** Prizes will be awarded Sunday after haul-outs at approximately 1600 at the LAYC clubhouse. The overall winner of the Kenneth Watts Perpetual Series will also be awarded.

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Appendix 1

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*All weather marks taken to Port

Chase Boat will post Flag for weather mark finish line **(F)**

Offset Mark **(O)**

Weather Mark **(W)**

Max. Distance ~ .85 nm

RC Boat with Flag aboard

Leeward Gate **(G)**

Starting Line **(S)**

Chase Boat observing pin end of start

Be aware of Shipping Channel buoys

Courses:
#1: S, Wp, Op, G, F (1 ½ laps)
#2: S, Wp, Op, G, Wp, Op, G, F (2 ½ Laps)
#3: S, Wp, Op, G, Wp, Op, G, Wp, Op, G, F (3 ½ Laps)

*Finish line will be between (W) and chase boat
*all races are planned to finish to weather, but RC reserves the right to shorten course, if necessary.