



LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®

2020 BREAKOUT REGATTA SERIES

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

June 13-14; June 27-28; July 11-12; August 29-30

The Los Angeles Yacht Club 2020 BREAKOUT REGATTA SERIES will be hosted at Los Angeles Yacht Club. The Organizing Authority is the Los Angeles Yacht Club which is located at 285 Whaler's Walk, San Pedro, California 90731. The LAYC telephone is 310-831-1203. www.layc.org

The Covid-19 Pandemic appears to have significantly changed our daily lives for the foreseeable future and has completely altered 2020 yacht racing calendars globally, by entirely erasing most spring and summer schedules. As of the date this NOR is posted, it is impossible to predict precisely when and to what extent yacht racing for the 2020 season will resume. In an attempt to mitigate this disruption LAYC is proposing a schedule for a new offshore Southern California distance series. The standing dates will be dependent upon various factors, including the current State Lockdown Order, guidance from Federal and State health authorities, among others. If it becomes impossible to run any of the scheduled races, then that particular date will be **canceled not postponed**. Please monitor our website for updates, or by telephoning the office.

1. RULES

1.1 This series will be governed by the "rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 (RRS), and the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements, (USSER), US Coastal Race level, effective January 1, 2020, except as modified by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The USSER is included in this document as **ADDENDUM 2-US_SER_2019.0_Categories**.

1.3 USSER compliance may be monitored with random inspections to be made after the finish of each race for minimum equipment compliance. If selected, you will be contacted by a technical committee member to make arrangements for the inspection. [DP]

1.4 Denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee. [DP]

1.5 Denotes a rule for which competitors may not protest. This changes RRS 60.1(a). [NP]

1.6 RRS 52 is modified to allow the use of winches operated using stored power.

1.7 RRS 55 is modified by adding the following sentence to the rule: "However, discarding biodegradable sail stops when setting a sail is permitted."

1.8 All competitors are asked to observe USCG Navigational Rule 9, which in part reads “A vessel shall not cross a narrow channel or fairway if such crossing impedes the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within such channel or fairway.”

1.9 Breaches of IRPCAS Rule 10, Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS), will not be grounds for a protest by a yacht. This changes rule 60.1(a). However, a yacht that is reported by a government authority for a breach of IRPCAS Rule 10, may be protested by the Race Committee, and subject to any penalties levied by the government authority. This change rule 60.2. [NP]

1.10 Further, USCG Navigational Rule 34, in part reads “...When vessels in sight of one another are approaching each other... and either vessel ... 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. [NP]**

1.11 For determination of the right of way between contestants, Part 2 of the racing rules shall govern, except between sunset and sunrise, the following shall be substituted for Rule 17: “When two boats are on the same tack and within three of the larger boat’s overall length of each other, the overtaking boat shall keep clear and neither boat shall alter course toward the other.” Sunset and sunrise shall be determined as published by the US Naval Observatory at each boat’s current position.

1.12 RRS 51, Movable Ballast is changed to allow the movement of sails that are not set.

1.13 All boats are reminded that launching/controlling/flying any unmanned aerial system (UAS or “drone”) over federally controlled areas or in close proximity to commercial vessels is strictly prohibited. [DP]

1.14 **Sailing Instructions.** The Sailing Instructions will be available at the LAYC front desk by 1700 hours on Friday, June 12th, 2020. Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and forms related to entry will also be available on the LAYC website.

1.15 **Amendments and Course chart.** These Sailing Instructions are to include all NOR Amendments and the Course Chart, which are posted on the website or are available at the clubhouse on race day.

1.16 Because of the Covid-19 Pandemic, LAYC reserves the right to amend this Sailing Instruction at any time. Amendments to this notice will be posted at www.layc.org and on the official notice board inside the clubhouse.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 This series is open to yachts possessing a current Southern California PHRF handicap. The Area “C” Random Leg Rating will apply. The maximum allowable PHRF rating shall be 72. It is intended to start two classes; Class A, PHRF -30 or faster and Class B, between PHRF -30 and 72.

2.2 There is a onetime entry fee of \$150.00 to cover the complete series and all entries must be accompanied by a current PHRF certificate. Entries must be received by 1800 hours Thursday, June 11th, 2020. 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. PLEASE UPLOAD CURRENT PHRF CERTIFICATE WHEN REGISTERING, or email to kpcnut@aol.com.

2.3 A possible multihull fleet would require at least two boats to enter by the registration date for the first race. The PHRF rating for this class would have to rate -30 or faster. If LAYC agrees to start a multihull fleet then they would start as Class C. The start for Class B would be the warning for Class C. The multihull course would be the same as Class A and their rating will be -30 PHRF or faster.

2.4 There is no plan to use Offshore Racing Association rules for rating of boats in this event.

2.5 Each sailor on board for any race is required to complete a waiver and emergency contact form available online at www.layc.org for each race. Entered boats will enter their crew names and email addresses for each race. The 'person in charge' shall be responsible for all crew completing these forms, and ensure the crew list accurately reflects the crew onboard at the start. Please ensure people listed as emergency contacts will be ashore and reachable in the event that they must be called. If required, the OA will provide these emergency contacts directly to the U.S. Coast Guard.

3. TRANSPONDERS

3.1 Satellite transponders will not be issued for any of these races.

3.2 AIS may be used if a competitor wishes to.

4. ENTRY

4.1 Entries may be made by completing an LAYC Race Entry form available at the club, at www.layc.org or through Regatta Network no later than 1800 hours on Thursday June 11th.

4.2 PLEASE UPLOAD CURRENT PHRF CERTIFICATE WHEN REGISTERING, or email to kpcnut@aol.com.

4.3 The race committee for each race may broadcast information about each day's start on a VHF USA channel 71. All boats at each event are required to check in before each start of each race per this instruction. Before the first warning on each race day the signal boat will display flag Lima "L" to indicate that competitors should pass the stern on starboard tack to check-in. At check-in, boats will be asked for the total number of crew on board. If there has been any change from the online registration, boats will be asked to switch to VHF USA channel 68 to provide the new information. Check-in for each race is not complete until confirmation is received from the race committee. "L" will come down one minute before the warning for the first class with one horn signal. Boats failing to check in with the race committee by VHF radio, including providing the number of crew onboard, may be scored DNC for that race. [DP]

4.4 The OA intends that all registered boats shall utilize The US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSERs), Coastal Level.

4.5 The technical committee shall be appointed by the OA to conduct any post-race inspections required to satisfy USSER as directed by the OA.

4.6 Class breaks will be posted online and at LAYC by 1800 Friday June 12th.

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

5.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official noticeboard located just inside the main entrance to Los Angeles Yacht Club and on www.layc.org

6. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1000 hours on the day of the race that it concerns.

6.2 Any changes or amendments to the Sailing Instructions on the morning of the race will be posted and available as hard copy at the clubhouse. Committee will also attempt to notify of any such change over VHF channel 71 or by hail on the water.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES.

7.1 It is intended to attempt up to four races in this series. This entire series is completely dependent on Covid-19 policies, procedures and restrictions as announced by Federal, California State and local government entities.

7.2 There will not be a skippers' meeting for any of these races.

7.3 Before the first warning on each race day the signal boat will display flag Lima "L" to indicate that competitors should pass the stern on starboard tack to check-in and announce the number of crew they have onboard. "L" will come down one minute before the warning for the first class with one horn signal. Boats may also check-in via radio on VHF channel 71. Check-in is not complete until Race Committee acknowledges it.

7.4 Boats who fail to check-in will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

7.5 The warning signal for each race day will be at 1155 for Class A. The start for Class A shall be the warning for Class B.

7.6 Racing Area. The start for all races will be located outside of Los Angeles Harbor, approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from Angel's Gate, easterly of the Point Fermin Buoy.

7.7 The start line for both classes in all races will be between an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and a tetrahedron at the port end.

7.8 The finish line for both classes in all races will be between the Angel's Gate Light and the inside edge of the detached breakwater. A whaler will be on station at the detached breakwater end to take finishes. If it is not on station or after dark competitors shall take their own finish time and the position of other competitors ahead and astern of them as they round the Angel's Gate light.

8. RACE COURSES

8.1 The addendum **BREAKOUT SERIES COURSE CHART** shows the location of the race areas and courses.

8.2 All four races for both classes will start outside Los Angeles Harbor easterly of the Point Fermin Buoy, and finish at Angel's Gate.

8.3 Race one Class A; June 13th – Starting near Point Fermin, round Santa Barbara Island to port. Return to finish at Angel's Gate. 84.7 nm

Race one Class B; Starting near Point Fermin round bell buoy R 10PV off Palos Verdes to port, round Eagle Rock, Catalina to port, Catalina west end to starboard, return to finish at Angel's Gate. 52.2 nm

8.4 Race two Class A; June 27th – Starting near Point Fermin, round Coast Guard buoy off Malibu Pier to port, round Ship Rock, Catalina to port, and return to finish at Angel’s Gate. 84.6 nm

Race two Class B; Starting near Point Fermin round bell buoy R 10PV off Palos Verdes to port, round Eagle Rock Catalina to port, Catalina west end to starboard, return to finish at Angel’s Gate. 52.2 nm

8.5 Race three Class A; July 11th – Starting near Point Fermin, round NOAA Buoy 46025 to port, return to finish at Angel’s Gate. 79.5 nm

Race three Class B; Starting near Point Fermin, round Eagle Rock, Catalina to port, Catalina west end to starboard, return to finish at Angel’s Gate. 44.0 nm

8.6 Race four Classes A and B; August 29th – RACE FOUR IS EXPECTED TO¹ CONSTITUTE A TRANSPAC 2021 OCEAN RACE QUALIFIER². There will only be one course for both classes to meet the required distance. Starting near Point Fermin leave Production Platform GINA to port, Anacapa Island to port, Santa Barbara Island to port, return to finish at Angel’s Gate. 150 nm

9. START

9.1 The starting sequence will follow RRS 26. The start for Class A shall be the warning for Class B.

9.2 Racing Area. The start for all races will be located outside Los Angeles Harbor, ¾ mile from Angel’s Gate, east of the Point Fermin Buoy.

9.3 The start line for both classes in all races will be between an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and a tetrahedron at the port end.

9.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

9.5 Boats starting later than 10 minutes after the last class has started will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule A4.1.

10. RECALLS

10.1 Recalls will be signaled according to rule 29. As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to notify recalled boats by hailing their sail number over VHF Channel 71. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification shall not relieve her of her obligation to start correctly and shall not be grounds for redress. A boat’s position in the sequence of hailed numbers or broadcast numbers shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

9. FINISH

9.1 The finish line for both classes in all races will be between the Angel’s Gate Light and the inside edge of the detached breakwater.

¹ Based on experience, the OA believes that the timing, format and length of race three may be sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the April 2, 2020 Transpac 2021 NOR 8.1.1 “Yacht Race/Passage Qualification.” The OA will make reasonable efforts to reach an accord with TPYC to confirm this expectation before the start of race three.

² 8.1.1 Yacht Race/Passage Qualification

Each yacht shall have completed a 150-nautical mile or longer sailing race or sailing passage (no motoring) prior to two days before its Transpac Race start. Yachts launched after 1 January 2021 shall complete this requirement by 16 June 2021.

9.2 Competitors must take their own finish time from the GPS at the finish as they round the Angel's Gate light (9.1). She will report this time to the PRO David Collins davidcollins@mindspring.com. If the next boat is within sight, she shall wait and take the finish time of that boat too and report both times to the PRO as soon as possible after finishing.

10. TIME LIMIT

10.1 There will be no time limit for boats to finish. Boats intending to retire or DNF before finishing should use VHF Channel 71 to inform the race committee or email the PRO.

11. PROTESTS

11.1 A boat intending to protest shall notify the race committee and identify the other boat involved promptly after finishing on VHF Channel 71.

11.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Los Angeles Yacht Club front desk or online at <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/US-Sailing-2017-2020-Protest-Form.pdf>

11.3 Although the protest time limit for submission shall be one hour after the protestor finishes, as this finish may be over-night the limit will be extended to allow submission of the form the following day. It can also be emailed to the Race Committee Chairman, kpcnut@aol.com or left in the box labeled "Protests" outside the clubhouse door. This changes RRS 61.3.

11.4 Protest hearings and requests for redress may be conducted at the LAYC clubhouse at a time and date to be agreed between the Jury and both parties. Because of Covid-19 restrictions the hearing may instead have to be conducted online using an application like Zoom. This option shall be decided by the OA. [NP] This modifies RRS 63.2 and 63.3.

12. Scoring

12.1 The Low Point system of Appendix A will apply, except that each boat's series score shall be the total of all of her race scores. No score shall be excluded. One race shall constitute a completed series.

12.2 Series ties will be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A8.

12.2 Results will be posted online and on the official notice board in the clubhouse.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

13.1 The race committee intends to monitor VHF Channel 71. Skippers are required to have a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on VHF Channel 71.

13.2 The Race Committee may use VHF Channel 71 to broadcast information such as location of Signal Boat, sail numbers of boats recalled, change of course, etc. Failure to receive or hear such radio transmission will not be grounds for redress (RRS 62).

13.3 When finishing, all boat are requested to call the Race Committee on VHF Channel 71 prior to entering Los Angeles Harbor.

14. Trophies and Celebration

14.1 If possible, trophies will be presented at LAYC after the final race is completed. If this is not feasible, a subsequent date will be created for a celebration and trophy presentation at the LAYC clubhouse. Skippers, crews and families are all cordially invited to participate.

15. Berthing

15.1 Los Angeles Yacht Club may be able to assist with limited berthing for the individual races. For further information please contact the LAYC office.

15.2 9.2 Cabrillo Way Marina on the east side of the harbor would be very happy to accommodate any racers but not until the City of Los Angeles Covid-19 restrictions are rescinded or relaxed. They have deep water slips as well as their 300' long dock and can assign based on draft and length, etc.

<https://www.cabrilloway.com/>

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16. Covid-19 Pandemic

16.1 This event is being held in compliance with all the current requirements, policies, restrictions and procedures promulgated by Federal, California State and local government entities that may apply during the Covid-19 Pandemic, furthermore, this guidance shall be carefully followed by LAYC, competitors, and other race staff.

17. US-SER Overall Responsibility

17.1 The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the "person in charge", as per RRS 46, who shall ensure that the boat is seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew with sufficient ability and experience to face bad weather. S/he shall be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. S/he shall ensure that all safety equipment is at all times properly maintained and safely stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used.

18. 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.

Race documents include but not limited to:

Notice of Race with amendments #1 and #2

USSER document ADDENDUM 2-US_SER_2019.0_Categories

BREAKOUT SERIES COURSE CHART

Breakout Regatta crew spreadsheet to detail crew member names and emergency contact information

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