



# LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB

## Sailing Instructions

### George Griffith Series

**Saturday, March 22, 2014**

**Saturday, April 5, 2014**

**Saturday, May 10, 2014**

Los Angeles Yacht Club  
San Pedro, California  
310-831-1203, LAYC.org

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 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 This is a modification to PHRF Appendix D, paragraph 4.0 of the PHRF Class Rules: ~~%~~ Cruising Class boats rating shall be determined by the boats PHRF Area C RLC rating as shown on the valid Rating Certificate adjusted with the boats configuration adjustments shown on the LAYC Cruising Class Rating Worksheet. The Worksheet must accompany the race entry. The Cruising Class Rating for a Cruising Class boat electing to sail non-spinnaker shall include her PHRF Non-Spinnaker Offset.+
- 1.5 All competitors are asked to observe USCG Navigational Rule 9, which in part reads ~~%~~ ~~ã~~ sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway.+
- 1.6 Further, USCG Navigational Rule 34, in part reads ~~%~~ When vessels in sight of one another ~~õ~~ 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 Race Committee (RC) may disqualify a yacht infringing this instruction without a hearing.***

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**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located just outside the main entrance to Los Angeles Yacht Club.

**3 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 hours on the day of the race it will affect.

**4 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Race	Day and Date	Name	First Warning Signal
1	Saturday, March 22, 2014	Afternoon Delight	1155 Hours
2	Saturday, April 5, 2014	Harbor Tour	1155 Hours
3	Saturday, May 10, 2014	Tuna Surprise	See the Start+

**5 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be in the vicinity of Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors, with the starting area approximately 1.5 nautical miles Northeast of the Los Angeles Harbor Entrance. (See George Griffith Series **Course Chart**)

**6 THE COURSES**

Refer to the George Griffith Series **Course Chart** and the list of George Griffith Series **Race Marks**. Courses for each race will be selected from those listed on the George Griffith Series **Course Annex** for that race. The Course Chart, Race Marks, and Course Annexes are available online at LAYC.org and at LAYC prior to 1700 on Saturday, March 15, 2014. The selected course will be displayed using number boards on the Race Committee boat.

**7 THE START**

7.1 The Classes will start using RRS 26 as follows for Griffith Series Races 1 and 2.

Start Number	Class	Class Flag	Time of Warning Signal
1	PHRF A	%A+	1155
2	PHRF B	%B+	1200
3	PHRF C	%C+	1205
4	Cruising	Code Flag One	1210

7.2 Class rating assignments will be based on entries received by 1800 on Friday, March 21, 2014, and will be posted by 1900 that day, and will remain in effect for the entire series.

7.3 Griffith Series Race 3 will be an inverted start or pursuit race. Each boat will be given an individual starting time based on her individual handicap. There will be no %corrected+ time upon finishing, and boats will place in order as they cross the finish line. Further instructions for this race will be posted one week prior to the race.

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- 7.4 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. **There will be both upwind and downwind starts in this series.**
- 7.5 To draw attention that the race starting sequence is about to begin, multiple sound signals will be made approximately one minute before the first warning signal.

## **8 RECALLS**

As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to notify recalled boats by hailing their sail numbers over VHF channel 71. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification shall not relieve her of the 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.

## **9 TIME LIMIT**

Boats finishing after 1630 hours shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

## **10 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a nearby orange mark.

## **11 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 11.1 A boat intending to protest shall notify the race committee and identify the boat being protested promptly after finishing.
- 11.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Los Angeles Yacht Club front desk and filed there within one hour after the time the Race Committee boat docks. The Protest Time Limit shall be displayed at the LAYC front desk as soon as possible.
- 11.3 The Protest Committee will hear protests as soon as practical in approximately the order of receipt.

## **12 CHECK-IN AND RETIREMENT**

- 12.1 When the Race Committee boat is anchored on station and code flag L is displayed, each boat shall pass astern of the RC boat and hail her sail number, which will be acknowledged.
- 12.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee by hailing or by VHF 71 before leaving the race area.

## **13 SCORING**

- 13.1 Appendix A9 will apply. Each boat's series score shall be the total of all her race scores. No scores shall be excluded.
- 13.2 Three races are scheduled and two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

## **14 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 14.1 The Race Committee boat intends to monitor VHF 71. Boats are **REQUIRED** to have a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on VHF 71.
- 14.2 The Race Committee may use VHF 71 to broadcast information such as location of the RC boat, sail numbers of yachts recalled, change of course, etc. Failure to receive or hear such radio transmission will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

## **15 TROPHIES**

- 15.1 Trophies will be presented at the LAYC clubhouse during the post-race party after each race.
- 15.2 Take home trophies for individual races will be awarded to the winning boat on corrected time in each class.
- 15.3 Take home trophies for the series will be awarded in each class as follows: Up to 4 entries, 1 trophy; 5 to 7 entries, 2 trophies; 8 or more entries, 3 trophies for corrected time finishes.
- 15.4 The boat name of the series winner in each class will be engraved on the new **George Griffith Perpetual Trophy** which will be kept at LAYC.

## **16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the race series at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race series.

## **17 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - POST RACE EVENTS**

Each race will be followed by a hospitality event at the LAYC clubhouse, including hors d'oeuvres, a no-host bar and free beer. The April 5<sup>th</sup> race will coincide with the LAYC Shrimp Feed dinner. Reservations are required for this event (\$27.50 per person). Slips are available at LAYC for all races with advance reservation.