



LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®

## 2015 Mid-Winter Catalina Island Race

### NOTICE OF RACE

**Saturday, February 7, 2015**

The 2015 Mid-Winter Catalina Island Race will be presented by Los Angeles Yacht Club. The club is located at 285 Whalers Walk, San Pedro, California 90731. The LAYC® telephone is 310-831-1203.

#### Rules.

- This race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2013-2016 (RRS) and the *US Safety Equipment Regulations*, (USSER), US Coastal Race level, effective April 23, 2014, except as modified by this notice of race and sailing instructions. The equipment requirements are available at: <http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/US-SER-Categories-2014-3.pdf>.
- Yachts shall sail in compliance with their current PHRF Certificate.
- RRS 52 is modified to allow the use of winches operated using stored power.
- RRS 55 is modified by adding the following sentence to the rule: "However, discarding biodegradable sail stops when setting a sail is permitted."
- Cruising Class is subject to additional rules as set forth in the Sailing Instructions.
- 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."
- Further, USCG Navigational Rule 34, in part reads "When vessels in sight of one another are 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 (R C) may disqualify a yacht infringing this instruction without a hearing.*

**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 desiring 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. Each entrant must submit a completed LAYC entry form, a copy of their current PHRF certificate, and entry fee of \$80 by 1800 hours on Friday, February 6, 2015. Entries are also available at RegattaNetwork.com. Late entries will only be accepted with the approval of the Race Chairman.

**Cruising Class.** Entries in the Cruising Class will be allowed for any yacht with a valid PHRF Base OWC rating of 40 or higher and a Performance Factor less than 1.8. 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.

**Schedule of Race.** The Warning signal for the first class will be at 1155. Subsequent starts if required will follow the first start.

**Racing Area.** The starting area will be located approximately 1.5 nautical miles NE of the Los Angeles Lighthouse. The finish line will be inside Los Angeles Harbor in the vicinity of the start area. The course to be sailed will be as follows: Start, leave Santa Catalina Island to port, and return to finish.

**Sailing Instructions.** The Sailing Instructions will be available at the LAYC front desk by 1700 hours on Saturday, January 31, 2015. The Sailing Instructions and Race Entry Forms will also be available on the LAYC website at [www.LAYC.org](http://www.LAYC.org).

**Trophies.** Trophies will be presented in the clubhouse during the hospitality event at 1700 on Sunday, February 8, 2015. 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. The **Mayor Norris Poulson Trophy** for the **Mid-Winter Catalina Island Race** will be awarded to the overall winning yacht on corrected time in PHRF.

**Social Events and Hospitality.** Complimentary hors d'œuvres and a no-host bar will be available to all competitors, their families and guests at the Los Angeles Yacht Club clubhouse beginning at 1700 on Sunday, February 9.

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

**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 Committee Chairman**

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