



# LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®

## Sailing Instructions

### Los Angeles Yacht Club Fast 50s Regatta

Saturday, September 17, 2016 Sunday, September 18, 2016

These Sailing Instructions Replace and Supersede Prior Versions

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The US Safety Equipment Requirements, (USSER), US Nearshore Race level, effective January 1, 2016 will apply.  
[http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/US\\_SER\\_2016.1%20with%20cx.pdf](http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/US_SER_2016.1%20with%20cx.pdf)
- 1.3. Racing rule 55 will be changed 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 rapid blasts on the (horn)." *Any boat participating in an LAYC race that is identified in any complain 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 on this instruction. RRS 60.2, 63.1, and A5 are modified to add that the Protest Committee (PC) may disqualify a yacht infringing this instruction without a hearing.*

#### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

#### 3. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 3.1. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day will be at 1155 hours. Subsequent starts if needed will follow the first start.

#### 4. CLASS DIVISIONS and CLASS FLAGS

- 4.1. Class divisions shall be posted at LAYC by 1900 hours on Friday, September 16, 2016.
- 4.2. Class Flags to be used to signal a class division's individual starts are as follows:

Class	Flag
FAST 50 - A	"A"
FAST 50 - B	"B"
- 4.3. Race Committee starting class flags referenced above for class divisions will be dark blue rectangular flags with white letters as indicated. Race boats are not required to fly their class flag from the backstay.

#### 5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

- 5.1. Any change to The Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1000 hours on the day of the race it will affect.



## **6. RACING AREA AND COURSE**

- 6.1. The course designation will be displayed on a placard from the Race Committee Signal Boat.
- 6.2. The start line will be located outside Los Angeles Harbor,  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile from Angels Gate, in the vicinity of N33 41.9' and W118 15.1'.
- 6.3. All races will be windward/leeward courses utilizing natural and man-made harbor features as marks.
- 6.4. All courses will be in the vicinity of the Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbor areas.
- 6.5. The course sheet addendum is attached to the Sailing Instructions.
- 6.6. Two finish areas may be utilized; Finish 1 will be in the vicinity of the start area and Finish 2 will be in the vicinity of the SS Lane Victory at N33 43.00' and W118 16.22'.

## **7. MARKS**

- 7.1. The starting and finishing mark will be staffs displaying orange flags mounted on inflatable marks, or on race committee boats.

## **8. THE START**

- 8.1. To alert boats that a sequence of starts will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least two minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 8.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 8.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 8.4. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A5.
- 8.5. As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 71. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

## **9. FINISH**

- 9.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

## **10. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 10.1. A boat intending to protest shall notify the race committee and identify the boat being protested promptly after finishing.
- 10.2. 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.
- 10.3. The Protest Committee will hear protests as soon as practical in approximately the order of receipt.

## **11. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 11.1. Check-In at the Race Committee Signal Boats is not required. However, the race committee asks each boat to sail by the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat, and hail her sail number before the warning signal of the first race on each day of racing.
- 11.2. A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall promptly notify the Race Committee by hailing or by VHF 71 before leaving the race area. If this is not possible she shall promptly report her actions to Race Headquarters on shore.



## 12. SCORING

12.1. Each boat's series score shall be the total of all her race scores. No scores shall be excluded. This changes Appendix A2. Scoring shall be in accordance with current Fast 50 Class Rules, paragraph 5 with duel PHRF and ORR score sheets.

12.2. Three races are scheduled and one race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

## 13. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

13.1. The Race Committee boat intends to monitor VHF 71. Boats are REQUIRED to have a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting VHF 71.

13.2. The Race Committee will use VHF 71 to make competitors aware of its intentions s course to be sailed, sail numbers of On Course Side (OCS) boats, change of course, postponements, and other information regarding the racing.. Failure to receive or hear such radio transmission will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 14. TROPHIES

14.1. Take home trophies for individual races will be awarded to the winning yacht on corrected time in each class.

14.2. Take home trophies for the overall winner for PHRF and ORR classes will be awarded on the following basis: up to 4 entries, 2 trophies for corrected time finishes, 5 or more entries, 3 trophies for corrected time finishes.

14.3. The series winner for each class will be engraved on the **Kenneth Watts Perpetual Trophy**.

## 15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1. 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.

## 16. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

16.1. Each race day will be followed by a hospitality event at the LAYC clubhouse, including hors d'oeuvres, and a no-host bar.

16.2. Berthing arrangements are available at Cabrillo Way Marina.

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## Fast 50 Courses

Leave all marks to port unless indicated otherwise

<b>Course</b>	<b>Marks</b>	<b>Distance</b>
1	S/F – Pt. Fermin – Queen’s Gate – Freeman Island – Angel’s Gate – S/F	14.9 nm
2	S/F – Pt. Fermin – Queen’s Gate – Freeman Island – Finish2	15.2 nm
3	S/F – Pt. Fermin – Queen’s Gate – Chaffee Island – Angel’s Gate – S/F	16.8 nm
4	S/F – Pt. Fermin – Queen’s Gate – Chaffee Island – Finish 2	17.1 nm
5	S/F – Pt. Fermin – Queen’s Gate – Mark 32 (near Alamitos Bay entrance) – Angel’s Gate – S/F	17.9 nm
6	S/F – Pt. Fermin – Queen’s Gate – Mark 32 (near Alamitos Bay entrance) – Finish2	18.2 nm
7	S/F – Pt. Fermin – East end of Long Beach breakwater – Anaheim Bay Channel Buoy G C “3” – Chaffee Island – Angel’s Gate – S/F	19.9 nm
8	S/F – Pt. Fermin – East end of Long Beach breakwater – Anaheim Bay Channel Buoy G C “3” – Chaffee Island – Finish2	20.2 nm
9	S/F – Pt. Fermin – Eva Oil Island – Chaffee Island – Finish2	26.8 nm
10	S/F – Pt. Fermin – Queen’s Gate – Angel’s Gate – S/F	11.7 nm
11	S/F – Pt. Fermin – Queen’s Gate – Finish2	12.0 nm

The Start/Finish line is 3/4 mile from Angels Gate at N33° 41.9’, W118° 15.1’

Finish2 is located inside the harbor in the vicinity of the SS Lane Victory at approximately N33° 43.00’, W118° 16.22’