



# LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®

## 2016 Harbor Series

### NOTICE OF RACE Saturday-Sunday, October 15-16, 2016

The 2016 Howland's Overnight Race will be presented by Los Angeles Yacht Club. The club is located at 285 Whaler's Walk, San Pedro, California 90731. The LAYC® telephone is 310-831-1203.

*Please note the planned format for 2016. The Series will consist of two races: to Catalina Island and back, with an overnight at LAYC Howland's Landing on Saturday, 10/15/16.*

#### 1. Rules.

This race will be governed by the "rules" as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2013-2016 (RRS), except as modified by this notice of race and sailing instructions. Compliance with the *US Safety Equipment Regulations* (USSER), US Coastal Race level, as effective January 1, 2016, is recommended.

1. Yachts shall sail in compliance with their current PHRF certificate.
2. RRS 52 is modified to allow the use of winches operated using stored power.
3. RRS 55 is modified by adding the following sentence to the rule: "However, discarding biodegradable sail stops when setting sail is permitted."
4. Cruising Class is subject to additional rules as set forth in the Sailing Instructions.
5. 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."
6. 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 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.*

**2. Eligibility and Entries.** This race is open to yachts possessing a current Southern California PHRF handicap. 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 complete an online entry form, submit a copy of their current PHRF certificate, and pay the required entry fee of \$95 by 1800 hours on Thursday, October 13, 2016. Online entries are available at LAYC.org or at RegattaNetwork.com. Late entries will only be accepted with the approval of the Race Chairman.

**3. Cruising Class.** Entries in the Cruising Class will be allowed for any yacht with a valid PHRF rating, completed entry form and a **completed** Cruising Class Rating Worksheet. Worksheets and valid ratings must be submitted and available for verification by the Race Committee Chairman no later than 24 hours prior to race start or the entry will not be considered complete. 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.**

4. **Schedule of Race.** The Warning signal for the first class will be at 1155 on both days. Subsequent starts if required will follow the first start.  
**October 15, 2016 --Race #1: San Pedro to Howland's Landing**  
**October 16, 2016 -- Race #2: Howland's Landing to San Pedro**
5. **Racing Area.** The start line will be in the vicinity of Los Angeles Harbor, with the starting area approximately 1.5 nautical miles northeast of the Los Angeles Harbor entrance in the inside middle breakwater area. Finish area for Race #1 and Start area for Race #2 will be off Howland's Landing, Catalina Island. The finish area for Race #2 will be inside Los Angeles Harbor in the vicinity of the start area.
6. **Courses.** There will be a list of possible courses for both legs included in the Sailing Instructions.
7. **Scoring.** The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply. When fewer than two races have been completed, a yacht's series score will be the score of the one race. When two races have been completed, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores.
8. **Entries.** Entry forms, including the Cruising Class Rating Worksheet, will be available at LAYC.org. All forms and online entry will also be available at RegattaNetwork.com.
9. **Sailing Instructions.** The Sailing Instructions will be available by 1800 hours on Tuesday, October 11, 2016.
10. **Trophies.** The *Harbor Series Angel's Gate trophy* will be awarded to the overall winner on corrected time. Trophies will be **awarded** in each class on the following basis: 4 entries, 2 trophies; 5 or more entries, 3 trophies for corrected time finishes.
11. **Social Events and Hospitality.** A cook-your-own **barbeque** will be held ashore at Howland's Landing on Saturday, October 15, 2016 following the finish of race #1. LAYC will provide hot coals, cold beer and sides. A continental breakfast will be served ashore on Sunday morning, October 16, 2016, prior to the start of Race #2. Transportation to shore activities will be provided. Trophies will be awarded at the Clubhouse on Sunday afternoon, October 16, 2016 as soon as is practical after finishing and scoring Race #2.
12. **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.

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