



LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®

2018 Midwinter Around Catalina Island Race

NOTICE OF RACE

Saturday, February 3, 2018

The 2018 Midwinter Around Catalina Island Race will be presented by the Los Angeles Yacht Club. The club is located at 285 Whaler's Walk, San Pedro, California 90731. The LAYC telephone number is 310-831-1203, and the web address is LAYC.org.

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 Safety Equipment Requirements, (USSER), US Nearshore Race level, effective January 1, 2017, except as modified by this notice of race and sailing instructions. USSER equipment requirements are available at:
http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/Offshore/SAS/US_SER_2017.0.pdf
- 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. 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."
- 1.5. 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.**

2. **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 that wish 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. Entry fees shall be \$80.00 and all entries must be accompanied by a current PHRF certificate. Entries must be received by 1800 hours Thursday, February 1, 2018. 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. Entries may be made by completing an LAYC Race Entry form available at LAYC.org, at the club, or through Regatta Network.

3. **Cruising Class.** Entries in the Cruising Class will be allowed for any yacht with a valid PHRF rating 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. Subsequent starts if required will follow the first start.
5. **Racing Area.** The start line will be located inside Los Angeles Harbor, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from Angels Gate, in the vicinity of N33 41.9' and W118 15.1. 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.
6. **Sailing Instructions.** The Sailing Instructions will be available at the LAYC front desk by 1700 hours on Saturday, January 27, 2018. Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and forms related to entry will also be available on the LAYC website at www.LAYC.org.
7. **Scoring.** The Low Point system of Appendix A will apply.
8. **Trophies.** Trophies will be presented in the clubhouse during the hospitality event at 1700 on Sunday, February 4, 2018. 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 Around Catalina Island Race** will be awarded to the overall winning yacht on corrected time in PHRF.
9. **Social Events and Hospitality.** Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 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 4, 2018.
10. **Berthing.** Los Angeles Yacht Club will be able to assist with limited berthing. For further information please contact the yacht club office.
11. **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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