



2019 Catch Me Who Can Coastal Pursuit Race

NOTICE OF RACE

Saturday, August 15, 2020

The 2019 Catch Me Who Can Coastal Pursuit Race will be presented by the Los Angeles Yacht Club. The Organizing Authority (OA) is Los Angeles Yacht Club, located at 285 Whaler's Walk, San Pedro, California 90731. The LAYC telephone number is 310-831-1203, and the web address is www.LAYC.org.

1. Rules.

- 1.1. This race will be governed by the "rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 (RRS), except as modified by this notice of race and the sailing instructions. Compliance with the US Safety Equipment Regulations (USSER), US Nearshore Race level, as effective January 1, 2019, is recommended.
- 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 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 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. A minimum of four entries will be required to establish a class. No entries will be accepted with a PHRF handicap above 222. Entry fees shall be \$60.00 and all entries must be accompanied by a current PHRF certificate. Entries must be received by 1800 hours Friday, August 14th, 2020. 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 shall be made by completing an LAYC Race Entry Form available through Regatta Network.

3. Cruising Class. There will be no separate cruising class. This is an "all in" pursuit race.

4. Schedule of Races.

- 4.1. The Warning Signal for the only start will be at 1155.
- 4.2. A printed listing of the order of entrant start times for the pursuit race will be available at the LAYC front desk and on Regatta Network no later than 0900 on August 15, 2020. Copies will also be available on the water.

5. Racing Area.

- 5.1. The start line will be located outside Los Angeles Harbor, approximately ¼ mile from Angels Gate, east of the Point Fermin Buoy.
- 5.2. The weather mark will be the “R10” buoy off Palos Verdes and rounded to port. The Point Fermin Buoy will be a mark of the course to be passed on the ocean side while passing in any direction.
- 5.3. The finish line for all races will be located inside the Los Angeles Harbor East of the Lane Victory.

The total race distance is approximately 21.8 miles.

6. **Sailing Instructions.** The Sailing Instructions will be available both online and at the LAYC front desk by 1730 hours on Wednesday, August 12th, 2020.
7. **Trophies.** Trophies will be presented at a later date when the club will be open for hospitality services. 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.
8. **Social Events and Hospitality.** The club is currently closed due to the Covid 19 pandemic and no events will be held.
9. **Berthing.** Los Angeles Yacht Club may be able to assist with limited berthing. For further information please contact the yacht club office.

10. Covid-19 Pandemic

10.1 This event is being held in compliance with all the current requirements, policies, restrictions and procedures promulgated by Federal, California State and local government entities that may apply during the Covid-19 Pandemic, furthermore, this guidance shall be carefully followed by LAYC, competitors, and other race staff.

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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