



LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®

2020 Harbor Series - Howland’s Landing Layover Race

Notice of Race

Saturday and Sunday

September 19 and 20, 2020

Sponsored by

Los Angeles Yacht Club

285 Whalers Walk

San Pedro, California 90731

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The 2020 Harbor Series – Howland’s Landing Layover Race is presented by the Los Angeles Yacht Club, the organizing authority for the race.

1. Rules.

- 1.1 This race will be governed by the “rules” as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as modified by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. Compliance with the US Safety Equipment Regulations (USSER), US Near Shore Race Level, effective January 1, 2018, is recommended.
- 1.2 Use of winches that are operated using stored power is allowed. **This modifies RRS 52.**
- 1.3 This discarding of biodegradable sail stops when setting sail is permitted. **This modifies RRS 55.**
- 1.4 The Los Angeles and Long Beach main channels are considered narrow channels. Per Inland Navigation Rules, Rule 9, sailing vessels and any vessels attempting to cross these channels shall not impede a vessel that can only safely navigate within a narrow channel. Competitors are requested to observe Rule 9.
- 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 the Howland’s Landing Layover 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 and will be scored DSQ without a hearing. **This modifies RRS 60.2, 63.1, and A5.**

2. Eligibility and Entries.

- 2.1 This race is open to yachts possessing a current Southern California PHRF handicap. The maximum allowable PHRF rating shall be 240.
- 2.2 There will be only one class for the series and all participating yachts will start all races together.
- 2.3 A minimum of five entries are required for the series to be held.
- 2.4 Eligible boats must enter online by completing a Race Entry through Regatta Network and paying the required fee. All entries must be accompanied by a current PHRF certificate. Late entries will only be accepted with the approval of the Race Committee Chairman and will not be considered without a current PHRF certificate, completed entry form, and payment of the entry fee.
- 2.5 The entry deadline is 1800, Thursday September 17, 2020.

3. Fees.

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$50.00 per boat.
- 3.2 Entries are not considered complete until fees have been paid.
- 3.3 Online payment is available through Regatta Network at regattanetwork.com
- 3.4 A trophy presentation event and party may be held at a later date, to be determined.

4. Schedule of Events.

Friday, September 18	Arrival, Rigging and Tuning	All day
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Race 1: From San Pedro to Howland’s Landing

Saturday, September 19	NO Competitors Briefing Warning	1155
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Race 2: From Howland’s Landing to San Pedro

Sunday, September 20	Warning NO Trophy presentation	1155
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5. Sailing Instructions.

- 5.1 Sailing Instructions for this event will be available by 1800, September 18, 2020.

6. Racing Area.

- 6.1 Race 1 – The starting area for race 1 will be in the vicinity of Los Angeles Harbor approximately 1 – 1.5 nautical miles *northeast* of the Los Angeles Harbor entrance in the

inside middle breakwater area. The finish area for race 1 will be off Howland’s Landing, Catalina Island.

6.2 Race 2 – The starting area for race 2 will be in a similar location to the finish area for race 1 off Howland’s Landing, Catalina Island. The finish area for race 2 will be in the vicinity of Los Angeles Harbor approximately 0.5 to 1 mile *west-northwest* of the Los Angeles Harbor entrance in the western most area inside the breakwater.

7. Radio Communications

7.1 The race committee intends to monitor VHF Channel 71. Skippers are required to have a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on VHF Channel 71.

7.2 The Race Committee may use VHF Channel 71 to broadcast information such as location of Signal Boat, sail numbers and/or names of boats recalled, change of course, etc. Failure to receive or hear such radio transmissions will not be grounds for redress (RRS 62).

8. Scoring.

The Low Point system of Appendix A will apply. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series. A yacht’s series score will be the total of her race scores. There will be no “throw out” race. **This modifies RRS A.2.**

9. Trophies.

Trophies for the event will be awarded on the following basis: up to 5 entries-1 trophy; 6 to 8 entries- 2 trophies; 9 or more entries- 3 trophies for corrected time finishes.

10. COVID-19 Considerations.

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. Because of the Covid-19 Pandemic, LAYC reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race at any time. Amendments to this notice will be posted at www.layc.org and on the official notice board inside the clubhouse.

11. Disclaimer of Liability.

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. This disclaimer will be acknowledged by the skipper’s entry form.

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