



LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®

2021 Mercury Pacific Coast Championship

Sailing Instructions Saturday and Sunday October 2 and 3, 2021

Sponsored by
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1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except that if there is a conflict, the class rules as defined in the MCYRA Bylaws will prevail.

2. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3. Schedule of Races

3.1 Saturday, October 2. Four races are scheduled.

3.2 Sunday, October 3. Three races are scheduled.

3.3 The warning signal for the first race each day is 1155 hours.

3.4 After the first race, the warning signal for the following race shall be made as soon as practicable. To alert all boats that the warning signal for the next race is imminent, a series of short sounds will be made to be followed by an announcement on VHF channel 71.

4. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the LAYC’s flagstaff, located just north of the Clubhouse.

5. Racing Area

The racing area will be inside the upper breakwater west of Angel's Gate in the vicinity of Los Angeles Harbor.

6. The Courses

- 6.1 Courses will be selected from the course chart in Appendix A. Course selection will be indicated using number boards and/or flag signals on the Race Committee starting boat.
- 6.2 The course chart and courses are attached to this document as Appendix A. The courses will be windward-leeward in nature.
- 6.3 On all courses, the weather mark and offset mark shall be taken to port.

7. Check In

When the Race Committee boat is anchored on station and code flag "L" is displayed, each boat shall pass the stern of the race committee boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number which will be acknowledged.

8. The Start

- 8.1 Races will be started using Rule 26.
Note: The class flag will be the Mercury Class flag.
- 8.2 The starting line shall be between an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and floating orange flag.

9. Changing position of the next mark.

- 9.1 Should it become necessary to change the position of the next mark during a race; the race committee may move the mark to a new position. This change will be signaled prior to the lead boat beginning the changed leg. The code flag "C" and a board indicating whether the new location of the mark is to port (red square) or to starboard (green triangle) of the original location and an indication of whether the leg has been made longer (+) or shorter (-).
- 9.2 If the windward mark (1) is moved by the race committee, the offset (1o) will NOT be moved with it and the offset will be ignored for the remainder of that race. The offset will be restored before the beginning of the next race.

10. The Finish

- 10.1 For windward finishes, the finishing line (F) will be between a blue flag on the Race Committee Mark boat and the floating orange tetrahedron serving as the windward mark (1).
- 10.2 For leeward finishes, the finishing line (S/F) will be between a floating orange flag and a blue flag on the Race Committee Signal boat.

11. Scoring

The low point scoring system of Appendix A of RRS will apply. A boat's score shall be the total of her individual race scores with no throw outs. This changes RRS A2.

12. Protests

Protest forms will be available at LAYC front desk. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee representative within one hour after the last boat finishes the final race of the day. This time shall be posted.

Timely protests will be handled the evening of the race in the TransPac room of LAYC. One representative from each boat and the protest committee will be involved. COVID-19 precautionary guidelines will be observed.

13. Personal Buoyancy

All competitors are required to wear life jackets or personal buoyancy while racing.

14. Haul-out Restrictions

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta without approval of the PRO.

15. Radio Communication

The Race Committee may use VHF channel 71 to communicate information about course selection, time to start, and sail numbers of boats that are OCS or have violated RRS 30. Neither failure of the Race Committee to communicate the sail numbers of recalled boats in a timely manner, nor failure of a recalled boat to receive or hear transmitted information, will be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

16. Prizes

There will be 3 take home trophies awarded. The overall winner will be awarded the **Don Lee Perpetual Trophy**. The presentation of awards takes place in the dining room of the Los Angeles Yacht Club after racing is completed on Sunday, October 3. Overall winners will be provided the opportunity to have their picture taken with the Don Lee Perpetual Trophy in the same location. Please observe COVID-19 precautionary measures.

17. 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 these Sailing Instructions at any time. Amendments to these instructions will be posted at www.layc.org and on the official notice board inside the clubhouse.

18. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, 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.

Race Committee Chairman

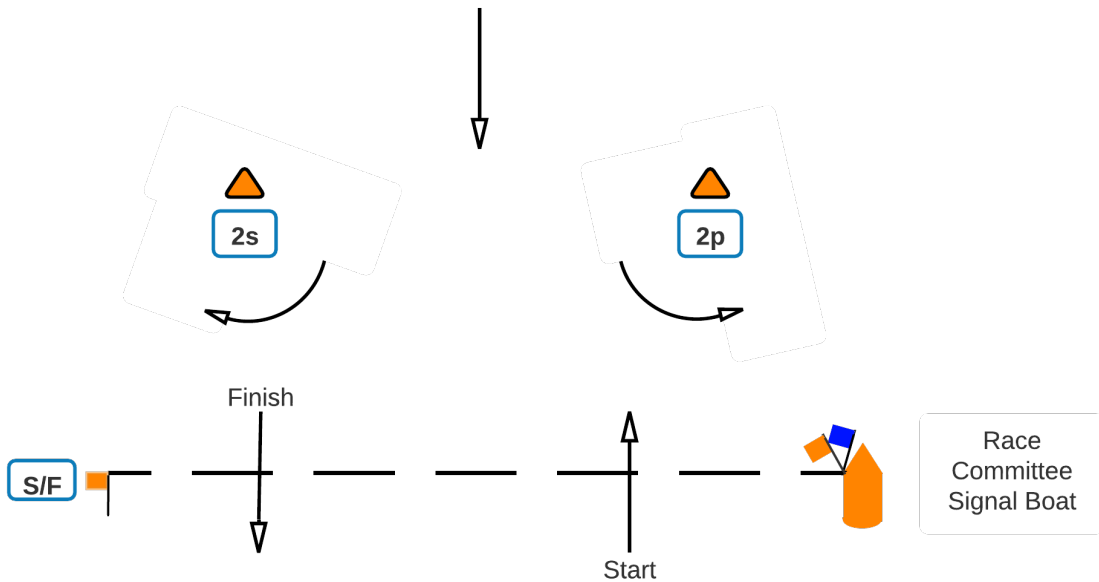
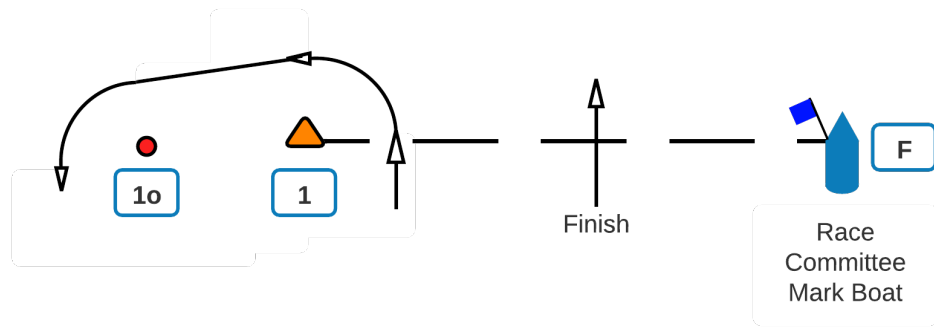
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APPENDIX A. COURSES

A.1 Course Diagram (Not to Scale)



A.2 Course Table

Course Number	Course	Finish
1	Start(S/F) – 1 – 1o – 2s/2p – Finish(F)	Windward
2	Start(S/F) – 1 – 1o – 2s/2p – 1 – 1o – 2s/2p – Finish(F)	Windward
3	Start(S/F) – 1 – 1o – 2s/2p – 1 – 1o – 2s/2p – 1 – 1o – 2s/2p – Finish(F)	Windward
4	Start(S/F) – 1 – 1o – 2s/2p – 1 – 1o – Finish(S/F)	Leeward
5	Start(S/F) – 1 – 1o – 2s/2p – 1 – 1o – 2s/2p – 1 – 1o – Finish(S/F)	Leeward