



LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®

## 2023 Around Catalina Island Race, #1

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**Saturday, February 11, 2023**

The 2023 Around Catalina Island Race, February 11th will be presented by Los Angeles Yacht Club® who is the Organizing Authority (OA). 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 [www.LAYC.org](http://www.LAYC.org)

Please read the following Covid-19 related information carefully. 2023 is the fourth year of the Covid-19 Pandemic. The event named above is being held and organized 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, This guidance shall be followed by LAYC volunteers, competitors, and other race staff.

LA County is experiencing high rates of COVID-19, flu, and RSV. These three respiratory diseases can all cause severe illness. It is recommended by County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health that everyone wear a mask in indoor public spaces. This includes the areas within Los Angeles Yacht Club.

As the Organizing Authority, LAYC will work within the guidelines listed below, unless there is a substantial change in health procedure protocol.

Registration will only be offered online at [www.layc.org](http://www.layc.org).

Sailing Instructions for each event will advise competitors about any scheduled gatherings at the clubhouse before or after racing, including skippers' meetings, hospitality, protests and trophy presentations.

Results will be posted as soon as possible on [www.layc.org](http://www.layc.org).

The person in charge of each boat is responsible for providing LAYC Race Committee with contact information for each crew member to enable individuals to be traced for any reason during or after the event. This list should be emailed to [davidcollins@mindspring.com](mailto:davidcollins@mindspring.com) and [Racing@layc.org](mailto:Racing@layc.org) before the start.

#### **1. Rules**

**1.1** This series will be governed by the "rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024 (RRS), and the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements, (USSER), US Coastal Race level, effective January 1, 2023, except as modified by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

**1.2** The January 1 2023 version 2022.0, is included in this document as ADDENDUM 2-US\_Monohull\_SER\_2022.0\_Coastal.

**1.3** USSER compliance may be monitored with random inspections to be made after the finish of each race for minimum equipment compliance. If selected, you will be contacted by a technical committee member to make arrangements for the inspection. [DP]

**1.4** RRS 52 is modified to allow the use of winches operated using stored power.

**1.5** RRS 55 is modified by adding the following sentence to the rule: "However, discarding biodegradable sail stops when setting a sail is permitted."

**1.6** All competitors are asked to observe USCG Navigational Rule 9, which in part reads "A vessel of less than 20 meters in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within such channel or fairway."

**1.7** 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.

**1.8** US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 are NOT in effect.

## **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

2.1 Owing to Covid-19 restrictions there will no skippers' meeting and there will be no signals made ashore.

2.2 The KENNETH WATTS Trophy Series will be a separate event and a separate NOR will be published. This changes NOR 3.1.

## **3. SCHEDULE**

3.1 The warning signal for the Class A will be at 1155 am.

3.2 The Class B warning will 1200, noon.

3.3 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located just inside the main entrance to Los Angeles Yacht Club.

3.4 Any amendment to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 hours on the day of the race. If necessary, Race Committee will use VHF channel 71 to provide any oral changes prior to the first warning signal.

## **4. CHECK-IN AND RETIREMENT**

4.1 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 and hail her sail number, which will be acknowledged.

4.2 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee at the very first opportunity after retiring. The Race Committee will attempt to monitor VHF channel 71. The Race Committee can also be reached at 310 310 4914. An alternate number for LAYC communications during working hours is 310-831-1203.

## **5. COURSES**

5.1 The start line will be located outside Los Angeles Harbor, approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile from Angel's Gate east of the Point Fermin Buoy.

5.2 Class A. The race course will be to leave Catalina Island to port, returning to finish at Angel's Gate. 66.8 nmi.

5.3 Class B the race course will be to round Ship Rock, Catalina, to port and return to finish at Angel's Gate. 39.4 nmi. *Please be aware that there are submerged rocks extending south of Ship Rock that create an obstruction for all boats.*

## 6. THE START

6.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

6.2 The starting line will be between a staff supporting an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end of the line and an orange tetrahedron on the port end.

6.3 The classes will start in the following order: 1 PHRF A and the class flag is "A", 2 PHRF B and the class flag is "B".

6.4 Race Committee starting class flags referenced above for PHRF class divisions will be dark blue rectangular flags with white letters as indicated. Race boats are NOT required to fly their class flag from the backstay.

6.5 To draw attention that the race starting sequence is about to begin, multiple sound signals will be made one minute before the first warning signal.

6.6 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

6.7 As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to notify recalled boats by hailing their sail number over VHF channel 71. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification shall not relieve her of her obligation to start correctly and shall not be grounds for redress. A boat's position in the sequence of hailed numbers or broadcast numbers shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 7. FINISH

7.1 The finishing line is between FL G and FL R at Angel's Gate, Los Angeles Harbor.

7.2 **Upon finishing all competitors shall email or text their finish time to the PRO, David Collins at [davidcollins@mindspring.com](mailto:davidcollins@mindspring.com) or text (310) 310 4914.**

## 8. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 The Race Committee intends to monitor VHF Channel 71. Skippers are required to have a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on this channel.

8.2 The Race Committee may use VHF 71 to broadcast information such as the location of the Race Committee boat, sail numbers of yachts recalled OCS, change of course, etc. Failure to receive or hear such radio transmission will not be grounds for redress.

## 9. PROTESTS

9.1 A boat intending to protest shall notify the race committee and identify the boat involved by email promptly after finishing to [davidcollins@mindspring.com](mailto:davidcollins@mindspring.com) or text 310 310 4914.

9.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Los Angeles Yacht Club front desk and filed there within one hour after the last boat finishes.

9.3 The Protest Committee will arrange a time and date to hear all protests and whether they will be live or virtual.

**10. SCORING**

10.1 The low point system of RRS Appendix A will apply

**11. TROPHIES**

11.1 Trophies will be awarded in each class dependent on the number of entries.

**12. HOSPITALITY**

12.1 Owing to Covid-19 the LAYC clubhouse plans to be open for limited hours. Competitors are welcome to take advantage of this, but there is not formal plan for an after-race party at present.

**Race Committee Chair, Ken Corry**  
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