



LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®

2023 Around Catalina Races 1 & 2

The February race entrants may qualify for the Kenneth Watts Trophy Series

Saturday, February 11th and October 7th

NOTICE OF RACE

The **2023 Around Catalina Races 1 & 2** will both be hosted by 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. www.layc.org

1 Covid-19 Pandemic

1.1 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.

2 Rules

2.1 This series will be governed by the "rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024 (RRS), and the US Safety Equipment Requirements, (USSER), US Nearshore Race level effective January 1, 2018, except as modified by this notice of race and sailing instructions.

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

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

2.4 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."

2.5 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.**

3 Eligibility and Entries

3.1 These two races are separate events but following the same course and open to yachts possessing a current Southern California Area "C" Random Leg Rating PHRF handicap. Yachts entering the February 11th Around Catalina will also be included in the KENNETH WATTS Trophy Series if their handicap is -33 PHRF or faster. (A separate NOR for the Kenneth Watts will be published.)

3.1 A minimum of three entries will be required to establish a class. Entry fees shall be \$75.00 for each race and all entries must be accompanied by a current PHRF certificate. Entries must be received by 1800 hours Thursday, February 9th and October 5th, 2023. 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 www.LAYC.org, or through Regatta Network.

5 Racing Area

5.1. The start will be located inside of Los Angeles Harbor, east of pier 400.

6 Schedule of Race

6.1. There is no skippers' meeting. Flag "L" Lima will be flown until the 1154 attention signal to allow all entrants to check in at the signal boat on starboard tack. The warning signal will be at 1155.

7 Race Courses

7.1. The Race Course will be to leave Catalina Island to port. The finish line for all boats is between FL G and FL R at Angel's Gate. **Upon finishing all competitors will email their finish time to the PRO, David Collins at davidcollins@mindspring.com or text (310) 310 4914.**

8 Sailing Instructions

8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at www.layc.org by 1700 hours on Friday, February 10th 2023. If the club is open, the official noticeboard is inside the front door.

9 Scoring

9.1. The Low Point system of Appendix A will apply.

10 Protests

10.1. Protests should be submitted to the PRO by email and will be heard at a date to be decided.

11 Trophies

11.1 The trophies for both races will be presented at a later date.

12 Social Events and Hospitality

12.1 The club should be open on Sunday for hospitality.

13 Berthing

13.1. Los Angeles Yacht Club will be able to assist with limited berthing. For further information please contact the yacht club office.

14 Disclaimer of Liability

14.1. 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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