



LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®

2023 George Griffith Series

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Saturday, March 18th

Saturday, April 15th

The Organizing Authority (OA) is Los Angeles Yacht Club®. 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

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.

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.

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 and kpcnut@aol.com before the start.

1.0 Rules.

1.1. The preamble to Appendix J of the 2021-2024 RRS states that the SI need not repeat a rule from the NOR so please **carry copies of both the NOR and SI on board at all times**.

1.2. This series will be governed by the "rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024 (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, 2022, is recommended.

1.3. The USSER is included in this document as ADDENDUM 2-US_SER_2022.0_Categories. https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/US_SER_2022.0_Categories.pdf.

1.4. 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.

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

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

1.7. 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."

1.8. Breaches of **IRPCAS Rule 10, Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS)**, will not be grounds for a protest by a yacht. This changes rule 60.1(a). However, a yacht that is reported by a government authority for a breach of IRPCAS Rule 10, may be protested by the Race Committee, and also subject to any penalties levied by the government authority. The penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes rule 60.2.(a)

1.9. Further, **USCG Navigational Rule 34**, in part reads "...When vessels in sight of one another... [are] 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.**

1.10. All boats are reminded that launching/controlling/flying any unmanned aerial system (UAS or "drone") over federally controlled areas or in close proximity to commercial vessels is strictly prohibited.

2 Schedule of Races. The Warning Signal for the first start on both days will be at 1255. On both days the start will be a pursuit style inverted start.

3 Pursuit Race Start. The Race Committee will assign individual starting times for all yachts.

4 Start and Finish lines.

- a. The *start line* will be located inside Los Angeles Harbor east of Pier 400 in the vicinity of in the vicinity of the "Whitney Finish" on chart 2023-1.
- b. The finish line for all races will be located inside the Los Angeles Harbor East of the Lane Victory in the vicinity of *N33 43.00', W118 16.22'*. See Course Chart.

5 Courses.

5.1 Both races will use the same course chart. The course will be displayed using the number boards on the Race Committee boat. All marks to be rounded to port, except mark 58 which is left to starboard.

6.1 The Start of both RACE #1 and RACE #2 will utilize a "pursuit" or Reverse Handicap start.

- a. Courses and marks are described on the "Griffith Series Course Chart".
- b. The LAYC George Griffith Course Chart 2023-1 is available online and at LAYC clubhouse. All previous course charts should be discarded.
- c. There are three course choices that are described in the course chart.

6.2 Starting times for race #1 will be staggered according to assigned PHRF handicaps in a pursuit start. A list of starting times will be available no later than 1000 on March 18th, 2023. Any yachts entered only for race #2 will be notified by Race Committee of their start time in a revised pursuit start list before 1000, April 15th.

6.3 The race will be started using RRS 26 except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

6.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a nearby orange mark.

6.5 To alert everyone that the starting sequence is about to commence, multiple sound signals will be made approximately one minute before the warning signal for the first boat.

6.6 Attention Signal 1254, Warning Signal 1255, Preparatory Signal 1256, First Competitor Start 1300.

6.7 **After the first start a whistle will be sounded at each individual start time but with no flag.** For the purpose of establishing a boat's Preparatory Signal time, it shall be four minutes prior to her individual start time, but with no flag nor sound signal. Boats not racing (before their prep signal) shall keep clear of the racing area.

6.8 Any boat OCS will be signaled with a horn and on channel 71 and shall round an extension of the starting line to restart. **Code flag X will not be flown.** Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given shall not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 29.1.

7 Time Limit and Retirement.

7.1 Boats finishing after 1700 hours shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

7.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee by hailing or by VHF 71 before leaving the race area.

8.0 Protests and Request for Redress.

8.1 A boat intending to protest shall notify the Race Committee and identify the boat being protested promptly after finishing.

8.2 Protests shall be written on forms available online at www.ussailing.org or available at the LAYC front desk. They must be filed within 45 minutes after the Race Committee boat has docked. The Protest Time Limit (45 minutes after the signal boat docks) shall be displayed on the Official Noticeboard at the LAYC front desk.

8.3 The Protest Committee will hear protests as soon as practical in approximately the order of the receipt.

8.4 It may be necessary to hold protests at a later date or online.

9.0 Scoring.

9.1 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. Series ties will be determined as in Appendix A8.

10 Trophies.

- 10.1 Trophies may be presented at the LAYC clubhouse during the After Party following each race.
- 10.2 Take home trophies for individual races will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place yachts in each class.
- 10.3 The series winner for each class will be engraved on the **George Griffith Perpetual Trophy**.
- 10.4 The first female skipper winner overall will also be awarded the **Dean Harrell Perpetual trophy**.
- 10.5 Yacht Club Challenge: any yacht club that has at least three boats entered will be eligible to enter in the Yacht Club Challenge. All yachts will be automatically entered when there is the requisite number of boats from a club unless a boat/skipper notifies the Race Committee that they would prefer not to participate in the challenge. There is no limit to the number of boats or clubs that may be represented, however at least two clubs must be entered in the Yacht Club Challenge for a trophy to be awarded. The top three overall placing yachts from each club will be scored in the challenge. At the conclusion of the two-race series, the yacht club that compiles the best series score will be awarded the Yacht Club Team Challenge trophy.

11 Social Events and Hospitality.

It is hoped that we will have an After Party in the clubhouse. Competitors should check with the club on the day of the race.

12 Berthing.

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

13 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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