



2024 Griffith Series Races, #1 #2 and #3

NOTICE OF RACE

Saturday, March 16th, Saturday, April 13th, Saturday, May 18th

The **2024 Griffith Series Races** will 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 staff, competitors, and race committee.

2 Rules

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

2.2 Movement of sails not in use while racing is allowed; however, all gear and sails not being flown shall remain within a yacht's lifelines. This modifies RRS 51 only as to the movement of sails.

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

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

2.5 Compliance with the US Safety Equipment Regulations (USSER), US Nearshore Race level, as effective January 1, 2024, is recommended.

2.6 This Notice of Race states that when a boat sailing under the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing meets a vessel that is not, she shall comply with the preamble to Part 2 of RRS 2021-2024 which states that the rules of part 2 are replaced by the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) or by government right-of-way rules. [Amalgamated International & U.S. Inland Navigation Rules | Navigation Center \(uscg.gov\)](https://www.uscg.gov/).

2.7 If a boat does not comply with either the IRPCAS or government right-of-way rules she can be protested.

3. Eligibility and Entries.

3.1. This series of three separate races, on separate weekends, is open to yachts possessing a current Southern California PHRF handicap. The maximum allowable PHRF rating for any entry shall be 180. Boats are REQUIRED to have a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on VHF 71.

3.2. PHRF PERFORMANCE CLASS. The entry fee for each race is \$75.00. Each of the three race entries shall be paid by the Friday before that specific race. All entries must be accompanied by a current PHRF certificate. PLEASE UPLOAD CURRENT PHRF CERTIFICATE WHEN REGISTERING, or email the certificate to LAYC Race Committee Chairman, Ken Cory (kpcnut@aol.com). Entries shall be received for each race by 1800 hours Friday, March 15, or April 12, or May 17, 2024. Late entries will only be accepted with the approval of the Race Committee Chairman. Entries shall be made by completing an LAYC Race Entry form available through Regatta Network at www.layc.org

3.3 CRUISING CLASS. A minimum of four entries will be required to establish a Cruising Class. The entry fee for each race is \$75.00. Entries in the Cruising Class will be allowed for any yacht with a valid PHRF rating and a completed Cruising Class Rating Worksheet. Entries with Corinthian ratings are welcome but shall not submit a Cruising Class Rating Worksheet. Worksheets and valid ratings must be submitted and available for verification by the Race Committee Chairman no later than 1800 hours Friday, March 15, or April 12, or May 17, 2024. Cruising Class yachts are subject to additional rules as set forth in the Sailing Instructions. Late entries will only be accepted with the approval of the Race Committee Chairman. Entries shall be made by completing an LAYC Race Entry form available through Regatta Network at www.layc.org

4. Schedule of Races.

4.1. All three races will be inverted (pursuit) starts. The Warning Signal for the first start will be at 1255. Subsequent starts will follow the first start. The schedule of races is as follows:

Race Date Race Name Start Type;

1 March 16, 2024 Griffith 1 Pursuit (Reverse Handicap)
 2 April 13, 2024 Griffith 2 Pursuit (Reverse Handicap)
 3 May 18, 2024 Griffith 3 Pursuit (Reverse Handicap)

- 4.2. Pursuit Race Start.** The Race Committee will assign starting times for all yachts. Starting times will be posted on the [LAYC Website](#) as soon as possible after the entry window has closed for that specific race at 1800 hours on Friday, March 15, and April 12, and May 17, 2024. These times are for that specific race day only.
- 5. Racing Area.**
- 5.1.** The *start line* will be located inside Los Angeles Harbor east of Pier 400 in the vicinity of these coordinates: *N33 43.01', W118 14.58'*. SKIPPERS PLEASE NOTE: There is a submerged material storage site immediately to the east of the starting area. This shallow area is nominally 15 feet deep, is marked by steel markers, and is more fully described on Chart 18751, Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors, 48th Edition 46, July 2016.
- 5.2.** The *finish line* will also be located inside Los Angeles Harbor at the same location as the start or close by.
- 6. Race Courses.** The 2024 George Griffith Series Course Chart is included here and defines three courses. Courses will be number flags or boards showing 1, 2, or 3.
- 6.1.** Course 1. Start east of Pier 400 inside Los Angeles Harbor, round the west end of the middle breakwater (50) to port, re-enter the harbor at Long Beach Light (19), and return to finish at starting location. Distance 6.7 nm.
- 6.2.** Course 2. Start east of Pier 400 inside Los Angeles Harbor, round the west end of the middle breakwater (50) to port, re-enter the harbor at Long Beach Light (19), round Island Chaffee to port, and return inside the harbor to finish at starting location. Distance 11.5 nm.
- 6.3.** Course 3. Start east of Pier 400 inside Los Angeles Harbor, leave Los Angeles light (58) to starboard, round Point Fermin Buoy (55) to port, round east end of Belmont detached breakwater (10) to port, round Island Chaffee to port, and return inside the harbor to finish at starting location. Distance 17.2 nm.
- 6.4.** The PRO may hail the fleet on VHF Channel 71 to announce the course for the day and if necessary to provide revised pursuit start times for the race prior to the attention signal.
- 7. Sailing Instructions.** All documents including the NOR, Sailing Instructions, 2024 Griffith Series Course Chart, Cruising Class Worksheets and Race Entry Forms will be available on the LAYC® website at www.LAYC.org.
- 8. Scoring.** The Low Point system of RRS Appendix A will apply as changed here. Three races are required to be completed to constitute the series. A yacht's series score will be the total of her three race scores. There will be no "throw out" race. Any yacht racing in fewer than three races is only eligible for a daily prize but not the overall series prize. [This changes RRS Appendix A.]
- 9. Trophies.** Overall results will be published online as soon as scoring is complete after the third race. Daily prizes will be available at the after-party with hospitality in the clubhouse after each race.
- 9.1.** Take home trophies for individual races will be awarded to the winning yacht on corrected time in each class.
- 9.2.** Take home trophies for the series overall will be awarded for each class on the following basis: up to 4 entries, 2 trophies for corrected time finishes; 5 or more entries, 3 trophies for corrected time

finishes.

9.3. The series winner for each class will be engraved on the **George Griffith Perpetual Trophy**.

9.4. The first female skipper winner overall will also be awarded the **Dean Harrell Perpetual trophy**.

10. Social Events and Hospitality. Competitors and guests are welcome to join us in the clubhouse for post-race hospitality after each of the three races.

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

12. 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 3, 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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