

2025 Catch Me Who Can Coastal Pursuit Race

NOTICE OF RACE

Saturday, August 9, 2025

Los Angeles Yacht Club presents the 2025 Catch Me Who Can Coastal Pursuit Race. LAYC is located at 285 Whaler's Walk, San Pedro, California 90731. The LAYC telephone number is 310-831-1203, and the web address is https://layc.org.

1. Rules.

- 1.1. The regatta is governed by the "rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2025-2028 (RRS), except as modified by this notice of race and the sailing instructions.
- 1.2. Compliance with the US Safety Equipment Regulations (USSER), US Nearshore Race level, as effective March 1, 2023, is recommended. The applicable document is available here: Safety Equipment Requirements Monohull-SER-2023.0-Nearshore.pdf.
- 1.3. The use of winches operated using stored power is allowed. This modifies RRS 52.
- 1.4. Crews are permitted to discard biodegradable sail stops when setting sails. This modifies RRS 55.
- 1.5. [NP] [DP] All competitors are required 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."
- 1.6. [NP] [DP] All competitors are required to observe the General Requirements of IRPCS Rule 10, Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS) when in the vicinity of Traffic Separation Zones in the San Pedro Channel.
- 1.7. Infringement of the rules in paragraphs 1.5 and/or 1.6 does not constitute grounds for protest by a yacht. This changes rule 60.1(a). However, a yacht that is reported by a government authority for a breach of USCG Navigational Rule 9 or IRPCS Rule 10 may be protested by the Race Committee and remains liable for any penalties levied by the government authority. The penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes rule 60.2(a).
- 1.8. [DP] 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 participating yacht that is identified in any complaint from the Coast Guard, Harbor Authorities, Pilot, or a Commercial Vessel Captain that has warned that participant by sounding five horns will be presumed to have infringed this instruction. RRS 60.2, 63.1, and A5 are also modified to add that the Protest Committee may, without a

hearing, penalize, up to and including disqualification, a yacht for infringing this instruction.

- 2. Eligibility and Entries. The entry fee is \$25.00. This race is open to yachts possessing a current Southern California PHRF handicap. No entries will be accepted with a PHRF handicap above 280. A minimum of four entries is required to establish a class. A current PHRF certificate must be presented with all entries. Entries must be received by 1800 hours on Thursday, August 7, 2025. 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 shall be made by completing an LAYC Race Entry form on the Regatta Network.
- **3. Schedule of Races.** The Warning Signal for the first start is 1155. Subsequent starts will follow the first start. This is a pursuit start race. An ordered list of entrants' start times will be available at the LAYC front desk and on the Regatta Network by 1800 on Friday, August 8, 2025.
- **4. Racing Area.** The total race distance for Course 1 is approximately 12.4 nautical miles. The total race distance for Course 2 is approximately 9.5 nautical miles. Course 1 will be used unless wind and weather conditions favor a shorter course.
 - 4.1 The start/finish line is in Los Angeles Harbor inside the middle breakwater east of Pier 400 in the vicinity of these coordinates: *N*33.727, *W*118.225
 - 4.2 See Appendix A for approximate course formats.
- **5. Sailing Instructions.** The Sailing Instructions will be available on Regatta Network and at the LAYC front desk by 1800 hours on Friday, August 8, 2025.
- **6. Scoring.** Pursuit race, reverse handicap.
- **7. Trophies.** Trophies will be presented in the Dining Room (upstairs) at LAYC at approximately 1600, Saturday, August 9, 2025, after the race.
- **8. Social Events and Hospitality.** A separate document will be published on the event website on the Regatta Network.
- **9. Berthing.** Los Angeles Yacht Club may be able to assist with limited berthing. For further information, please get in touch with the yacht club office at 310-831-1203.
- 10. Disclaimer of Liability. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event participate 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) are not responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained because 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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Appendix A.(Not to be used for navigation – courses are approximate)

Course 1



