



LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®



2025 Mercury Pacific Coast Championship And Mercury Class Championship

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
September 26 - 28, 2025

Los Angeles Yacht Club presents the 2025 Mercury Class Pacific Coast Championship and the 2025 Mercury Class Championship. The Mercury Class Yacht Racing Association (MCYRA) and the Los Angeles Yacht Club (LAYC) are the organizing authorities for this regatta.

The Los Angeles Yacht Club is located at 285 Whaler's Walk, San Pedro, California 90731. The LAYC telephone number is 310-831-1203. [LAYC Website](#).

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2025-2028, except that if there is a conflict, the class rules as defined in the Mercury Class Yacht Racing Association (MCYRA) class rules take precedence.

These Sailing Instructions apply to both the Mercury Class Pacific Coast Championship and the Mercury Class Championship. Where different rules apply to each regatta, it is so noted explicitly in these Sailing Instructions.

2. Eligibility and Entries

2.1. This regatta is open to eligible boats of the Mercury Class whose owner/skipper is a current member in good standing of the MCYRA.

2.2. Eligible boats must enter online by completing a Race Entry through Regatta Network and paying the required fee. [2025 Mercury PCC and Class Championship Registration](#)

2.3. The entry deadline is 2100 (PDT), Wednesday, September 24, 2025.

3. Silver Fleet Eligibility (Mercury Class Championship only)

3.1. Silver Fleet eligibility will be determined as prescribed by the MCYRA yearbook, Article VIII.

4. Regatta Schedule

Thursday – September 25

- Arrival, Rigging, and Tuning All day

Friday – September 26 (MPCC)

- Competitor's Briefing (LAYC) 0930
- First Warning (3 races planned) 1155
- MPCC Awards (LAYC) One hour after last boat finishes

Saturday – September 27 (Mercury Class Championship)

- First Warning (3 races planned) 1155

Sunday – September 28 (Mercury Class Championship)

- First Warning (2 races planned) 1155
- Class Championship Awards One hour after last boat finishes

5. Sailing the Course

- 5.1. The regatta will be sailed in the vicinity of Los Angeles Harbor, inside the breakwater, west of Angels Gate.
- 5.2. Course numbers will be displayed on both sides of the committee boat no later than the warning signal for each race. The courses to be sailed are windward-leeward and described in detail in Appendix A of these Sailing Instructions.
- 5.3. Warrior II, a Grand Banks Classic 46, will serve as the committee boat. The Andy Davis, a 15' Boston Whaler with LAYC markings, will serve as the mark boat.
- 5.4. The Mercury Class Flag will be the class flag.
- 5.5. (Class Championship Only) Silver and Gold fleets will start together. According to Section 6 of Article XVIII of the MCYRA Class Yearbook, Silver Fleet race finishes will not be scored independently of other competitors.
- 5.6. A line between an orange flag on the committee boat and a pin with an orange flag to port of the committee boat forms the start line.
- 5.7. The finish line may be at either end of the course. In races finished to leeward, the orange flag on the committee boat will be changed to a blue flag after the start to indicate the finish line, which is defined by a line between the blue flag on the left end of the line and the orange pin flag on the right end of the line. In races finished to windward, the finish line is defined by a line between a blue flag on the mark boat and the windward mark.
- 5.8. The windward mark includes an offset. If the course is changed during a race and the windward mark is moved, only the windward mark will be moved. The offset will be ignored for the remainder of that race. The offset will be replaced before the start of the next race.
- 5.9. Time Limits and Target Times (in minutes)
- 5.9.1. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place **one** more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2, and A10.

	Time Limit	Finish Window	Race Target Time
MPCC	75	15	45 – 50
Mercury Class Championship	90	20	60 – 70

6. Radio Communication

- 6.1. Radio communication for the regatta will be on VHF channel 71.
- 6.2. The Race Committee may use VHF channel 71 to communicate information about course selection, time to start, and sail numbers of boats that are OCS or have violated RRS 30. Neither failure of the Race Committee to communicate the sail numbers of recalled boats in a timely manner, nor failure of a recalled boat to receive or hear transmitted information, will be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

7. Scoring

- 7.1. The low point system of RRS Appendix A applies.
- 7.2. Seven (7) races are scheduled, with four (4) on Saturday and three (3) on Sunday.
- 7.3. Three (3) races must be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 7.4. There will be no throw-out race. This changes RRS A2.

8. 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 [Request for Hearing Form - US Sailing Website](#) 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 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 the order they are received.

9. Disclaimer of Liability

- 9.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authorities will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or before, during, or after the regatta.
- 9.2. The skipper's entry form acknowledges this disclaimer.

10. Further Information

- 10.1. Complimentary launching facilities and long dock for overnight moorage are available at Cabrillo Way Dry Boat Storage. Facilities include three hoists with valet service for launching and retrieval, trailer storage, parking, and a wash-down area. All boats must provide their own lifting gear. The facility is located at 2845 S. Miner St., San Pedro (directly across the channel from the LAYC clubhouse).
- 10.2. Overnight accommodations are available at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, San Pedro, 2800 Via Cabrillo Marina (next door to the LAYC clubhouse). Reservations available at 310-514-3344 or online.

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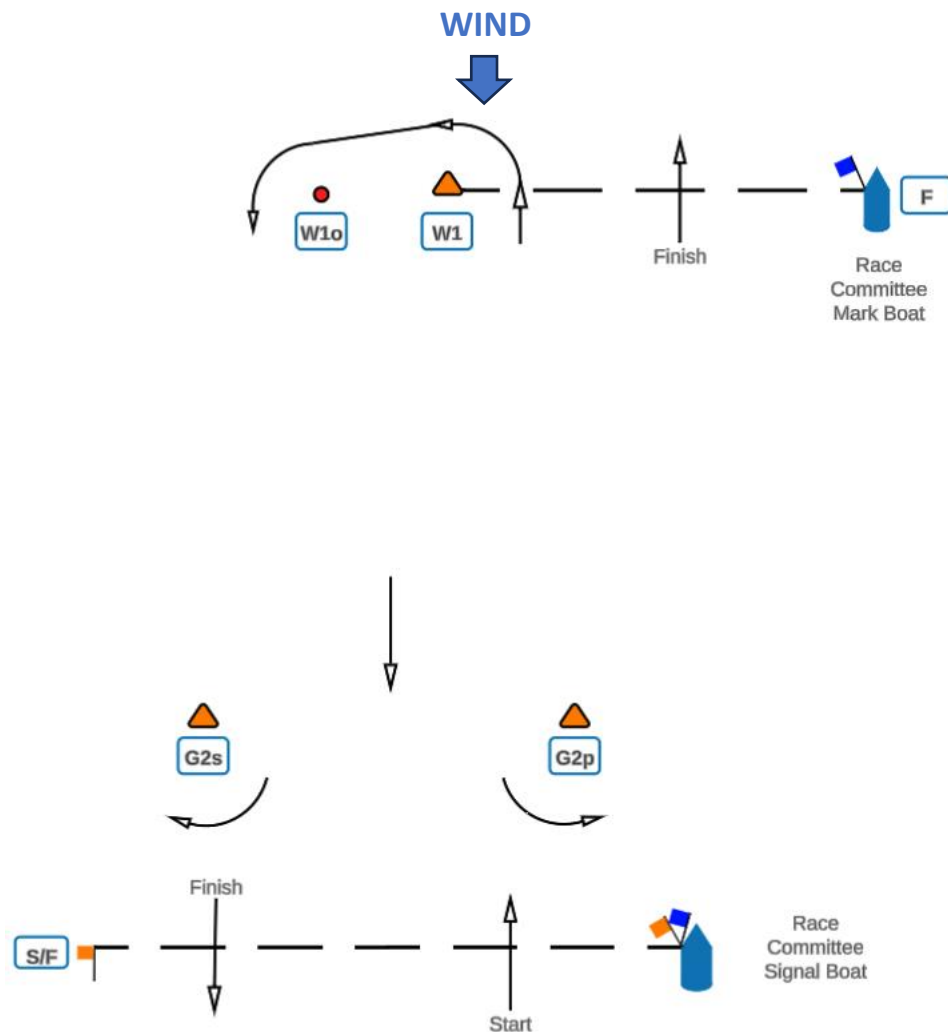
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APPENDIX A

A.1 Course Diagram (Not to Scale)



A.2 Course Table

Course Number	Course	Finish
1	Start(S/F) – W1 – W1o – Finish (S/F)	Leeward
2	Start(S/F) – W1 – W1o – G2 – W1 – W1o – Finish(S/F)	Leeward
3	Start(S/F) – W1 – W1o – G2 – W1 – W1o – G2 – W1 – W1o – Finish(S/F)	Leeward
4	Start(S/F) – W1 – W1o – G2 – Finish(F)	Windward
5	Start(S/F) – W1 – W1o – G2 – W1 – W1o – G2 – Finish (F)	Windward
6	Start(S/F) – W1 – W1o – G2 – W1 – W1o – G2 – W1 – W1o – G2 – Finish(F)	Windward