

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
John Larson Memorial Race
Saturday, September 6, 2025
Organizing Authority:
Channel Islands Yacht Club
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Oxnard, CA 93035 (805) 985-2492



1. **RULES:** This Pursuit race (reverse start) will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*. As allowed by *Rule 86.1*, *Rules 25.3*, *26*, and *27* do not apply. The Race Committee (RC) will not make any visual or sound signals, and each boat's reported finish time will be on-her-honor. Written changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on the event page at Regatta Network (prior to the Skippers Meeting. Thereafter, changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water only by hailing all competitors on VHF Channel 68, informing them of the change, and receiving confirmation from each competitor that they have heard and understood the change.
2. **RACE ENTRY & FEES:** Race entry and payment of fees will be completed online on the event page at Regatta Network (<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30290>). The entry fee is \$35; CIYC and US Sailing members receive a \$5 discount.
3. **SCHEDULE, Saturday, September 6, 2025**
 - 0900** Skippers Meeting - CIYC Downstairs Patio – A representative from each boat should attend the Skippers Meeting for final race information, start times, course(s) to be sailed, class assignments, and Skipper's Bag pickup.
 - 1120** Toast to John Larson
 - 1130** Start time for the first boat in each class (if multiple classes)
 - 1600** Burgers & Fixins' and Race Awards
4. **CLASSES:** PHRF Spinnaker and Non Spinnaker boats are welcome to participate. Area A Random Leg Course (RLC) ratings will be used. The Race Committee (RC) may assign a temporary rating for this race if a boat doesn't have a current PHRF rating. Class breaks and individual start times will be announced at the Skippers Meeting.
5. **THE START:** The starting area is behind the detached breakwater at the south entrance to Channel Islands Harbor. No later than 1120, the competitors are requested to congregate in the starting area for John's daughter to address all skippers and crew by radio (VHF Channel 68) for a toast to John before the start.

The starboard end of the start line is Channel Marker #1 (green), and the port end is Channel Marker #2 (red). The boat with the highest rating in each class may cross the start at or after 11:30:00. Subsequent boats will start on their honor at/after their assigned start times. Skippers are invited to declare their clean starts over VHF

Channel 68 as soon as practical after starting.

6. **THE FINISH:** The finish line is the reverse of the start line, ie, Channel Islands Harbor Marker #1 (green) is the port end of the line and Channel Marker #2 (red) is the starboard end. As soon as practical after each boat crosses the finish line, she will text her finish time to the Principal Race Officer (415.518.4046).
7. **THE COURSES:** During the Skippers Meeting the RC will announce the course for each class from the following 3 options:
 - **Course 1** (9.57nm): Start, Wes Mark (P), Platform Gina (P), Hueneme Buoy (P), Finish
 - **Course 2** (11.78nm): Start, Platform Gina (S), Wes Mark (S), Mandalay Buoy (S), Finish
 - **Course 3** (12.83nm): Start, Mandalay Buoy (P), Platform Gina (P), Hueneme Buoy (P), Finish
 - Course marks and their coordinates:

Start/Finish Line	N 34° 09.32'	W 119° 13.76'
Platform Gina	N 34° 07.05'	W 119° 16.62'
Hueneme Buoy	N 34° 08.29'	W 119° 13.01'
Mandalay Spar Buoy	N 34° 12.00'	W 119° 16.50'
Wes Mark Spar Buoy	N 34° 09.90'	W 119° 16.50'
 - Platform Gina is an oil platform. All associated mooring buoys are defined as part of the mark and must also be passed.
 - Racers must give way to pilot vessels and freighter traffic
6. **PROTESTS:** At the earliest opportunity after the offense, “protests” should be made known to the offending boat, and the offender should make restitution on the course as soon as it is safe to do so. Unresolved offenses may be reported to the Race Committee for an opinion.
7. **SAFETY EQUIPMENT:** Each skipper is responsible for compliance with applicable US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for Nearshore. All boats shall carry a VHF radio with Channels 16 and 68, which should be monitored throughout the race.
8. **HOSPITALITY:** Since 2008, Commodore Deborah (Larson) Tyhurst and Betty Larson, John Larson’s daughter and widow, have hosted this CIYC race in his honor with due respect for his favorites: sailing, rum, and chocolate chip cookies! They will also be serving burgers and fixins’ for the post-race awards presentation at CIYC, beginning at approximately 1600.
9. **PRIZES:** Individual prizes will be awarded, and the winner’s name will be added to the John Larson Memorial Perpetual Trophy (John’s personal compass and case) and displayed in CIYC’s trophy case.