

Notice of Race

JOHN LARSON MEMORIAL RACE

Saturday, September 6, 2025

Organizing Authority: Channel Islands Yacht Club
4100 S Harbor Blvd, Oxnard 93035
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John Larson's daughter and widow, CIYC Jr Staff Commodore, Deborah (Larson) Tyhurst, and Betty Larson, have hosted his memorial race since 2008 and always assure that the competitors enjoy a few of John's favorites – sailing, rum, and chocolate chip cookies! Deborah will provide a Skipper's Bag for each boat and lead a toast to John when the boats have congregated in the starting area at approximately 1120.

RULES: This race 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 times will be on her honor. The official notice board for race documents, registration, and results is the online event page at Regatta Network:

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30290>

RACE FORMAT: This will be a Pursuit Race ('reverse start') with scoring and start times based on PHRF boat ratings and the course distance. The boat with the highest handicap rating (theoretically the slowest boat) starts first, and subsequent boats start in order of their decreasing ratings. The order in which each boat finishes determines her place within her fleet.

RACING AREA: The racing area will be the coastal waters of Ventura County. The on-your-honor start and finish will be at the southeast entrance to Channel Islands Harbor. Course length options are between 9.6nm and 12.8nm. The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted online on the event page at Regatta Network: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30290>

ELIGIBILITY: Spinnaker & non-spinnaker classes are open to any boat. If 3 or more J/24s enter the race, the Race Committee (RC) may create a J/24 class. If a boat does not have a current PHRF rating, the RC may assign a temporary rating for this race only. Class breaks, course assignments, and start times will be based on registered entries and announced at the Skippers Meeting.

RACE ENTRY & FEES: Race entry and payment of fees is online only at the Regatta Network event page. The entry fee is \$35. Members of US Sailing Association (USSA) and/or Channel Islands Yacht Club receive a \$5 discount.

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, class assignments, start times, and receipt of skipper bags
- 1120** Toast to John Larson
- 1130** First boat starts
- 1600** Post-race Awards with burgers and fixins', beans, salad, chocolate chip cookies, and no-host bar at Channel Islands Yacht Club

PRIZES: Individual prizes will be awarded after racing. The winner's name(s) will be added to the John Larson Memorial Perpetual Trophy, John's personal ship compass, and displayed in CIYC's trophy case.

INSURANCE: Each participating boat shall carry valid third-party liability insurance. Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk (see Rule 3, Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, nor death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after this race.

MORE INFORMATION: Contact Event Chair & PRO, Jane Thomas, by phone/text at 415.518.4046 or