



2026 Around Catalina Race

Saturday, February 7, 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The 2026 Around Catalina Island Race, February 7th, will be presented by Los Angeles Yacht Club® who is the Organizing Authority (OA). The club is located at 285 Whaler's Walk, San Pedro, California 90731. The LAYC® telephone number is (310) 831 1203, and the web address is www.LAYC.org

Covid-19 Pandemic

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.

The person in charge of each boat is responsible for providing LAYC Race Committee with contact information for each crew member to enable individuals to be traced for any reason during or after the event. This list should be emailed to davidcollins@mindspring.com and Racing@layc.org before the start.

1. RULES

1.1 This series will be governed by the "rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements, (USSER), US Coastal Race level, effective January 1, 2026, except as modified by the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The preamble to Appendix J states "A rule in the notice of race need not be repeated in the sailing instructions". **Please always carry both the NOR and the SI.**

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 There will be no skippers meeting and there will be no signals made ashore.

3. SCHEDULE

3.1 The warning signal for Class A will be at 1155 am. The class flag will be the letter "A".

3.2 There is no class "B".

3.3 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located just inside the main entrance to Los Angeles Yacht Club and online at www.layc.org

3.4 Any amendment to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 hours on the day of the race. If necessary, Race Committee will use VHF channel 71 to provide any oral changes prior to the warning signal.

4. CHECK-IN AND RETIREMENT

4.1 When the Race Committee boat is anchored on station and code flag L is displayed, each boat shall pass the stern of the race committee boat on starboard and hail her sail number, which will be acknowledged.

4.2 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee at the very first opportunity after retiring. The Race Committee will attempt to monitor VHF channel 71. The Race Committee can also be reached at 310 310 4914. An alternate number for LAYC communications during working hours is 310-831-1203.

5. COURSES

5.1 The start line will be located outside Los Angeles Harbor, approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from Angel's Gate east of the Point Fermin Buoy.

5.2 Class A. The race course will be to leave Catalina Island to port, returning to finish at Angel's Gate. 66.8 nm.

6. THE START

6.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

6.2 The starting line will be between a staff supporting an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end of the line and an orange tetrahedron on the port end.

6.3 Class flag referenced above (3.1) will be a dark blue rectangular flag with white letters as indicated. Race boats are NOT required to fly their class flag from the backstay.

6.4 An attention signal of multiple sound signals will be made one minute before the warning signal.

6.5 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

6.6 As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to notify recalled boats by hailing their sail number over VHF channel 71. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification shall not relieve her of her obligation to start correctly and shall not be grounds for redress. A boat's position in the sequence of hailed numbers or broadcast numbers shall not be grounds for redress.

7. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

7.1 The Race Committee intends to monitor VHF Channel 71. Skippers are required to have a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on this channel.

7.2 The Race Committee may use VHF 71 to broadcast information such as the location of the Race Committee boat, sail numbers of yachts recalled OCS, change of course, etc. Failure to receive or hear such radio transmission shall not be grounds for redress.

8. FINISH

7.1 The finishing line is between FL G and FL R at Angel's Gate, Los Angeles Harbor.

7.2 **Upon finishing all competitors shall email or text their finish time with an image of the GPS showing lat/long and time to the PRO, David Collins at davidcollins@mindspring.com or text (310) 310 4914.**

9. PROTESTS

9.1 A boat intending to protest shall notify the race committee and identify the boats involved by email promptly after finishing to davidcollins@mindspring.com or text 310 310 4914. This shall be considered a component of validity.

9.2 Protests shall be written and received by the PRO before 1200 noon on Sunday, February 8th. This changes NOR 9.1

10. SCORING

10.1 The low point system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

10.2 Results will be posted at www.layc.org as soon as they are available.

11. TROPHIES AND HOSPITALITY, INCLUDING POST RACE PARTY

11.1 On Sunday February 8th the LAYC clubhouse will be open for the Superbowl party and during the Superbowl half-time we will hold the Around Catalina trophy presentation. Competitors, please join us for Superbowl in our newly re-decorated and upgraded clubhouse.

11.2 Trophies will be awarded dependent on the number of entries.

11.3 This modifies NOR 10.1 and NOR 11.1

12. Berthing

12.1 Los Angeles Yacht Club may be able to assist with berthing before or after the event.

12.2 For a slip on the LAYC long dock at the end of Whalers Walk, we kindly request the following documentation: a letter of good standing from your yacht club, a copy of your government-issued identification, proof of boat insurance, and current vessel registration. Additionally, please complete the form LONG DOCK ASSIGNMENT prior to your arrival.

Please be advised that water and electrical services are not available on this dock.

If you require a gate key, you are welcome to visit our office during business hours (Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM) to set up a guest account. A valid credit card will be kept on file. In the event the key is lost, a \$50 replacement fee will be charged.

office@layc.org (310) 831-1203

13. Disclaimer of Liability

13.1 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 4, 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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