



2026 Around Catalina Race

Saturday, February 7th

NOTICE OF RACE

The **2026 Around Catalina Race** will be hosted by Los Angeles Yacht Club. The Organizing Authority (OA) is Los Angeles Yacht Club, located at 285 Whaler's Walk, San Pedro, California 90731. The LAYC telephone number is 310-831-1203. www.layc.org

1 Covid-19 Pandemic

1.1 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.

2 Rules

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

2.2 Movement of sails not in use while racing is allowed; however, all gear and sails not being flown shall remain within a yacht's lifelines. This modifies RRS 51 only as to the movement of sails.

2.3 RRS 52 is modified to allow the use of winches operated using stored power.

2.4 RRS 55 is modified by adding the following sentence to the rule: "However, discarding biodegradable sail stops when setting a sail is permitted."

2.5 This Notice of Race states that when a boat sailing under the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing meets a vessel that is not, she shall comply with the preamble to Part 2 of RRS 2025-2028 which states that the rules of part 2 are replaced by the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) or by government right-of-way rules. [Amalgamated International & U.S. Inland Navigation Rules | Navigation Center \(uscg.gov\)](https://uscg.gov).

2.6 If a boat does not comply with either the IRPCAS or government right-of-way rules she can be protested.

3 Eligibility and Entries

3.1 This race is open to yachts possessing a current Southern California Area “C” Random Leg Rating PHRF handicap.

3.2 Entry fee shall be \$75.00 and all entries must be accompanied by a current PHRF certificate. Entries must be received by 1800 hours Friday February 6th, 2026. 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 may be made by completing an LAYC Race Entry form available at www.LAYC.org, or through Regatta Network.

4 Racing Area

4.1 The start will be located outside Los Angeles Harbor, in the vicinity of the Point Fermin buoy.

5 Schedule of Race

5.1 There is no skippers’ meeting.

5.2 Flag “L” Lima will be flown until the 1154 attention signal to allow all entrants to check in at the signal boat on starboard tack.

5.3 The warning signal will be at 1155.

5.4 If there is more than one class the class breaks will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

6 Race Courses

6.1 The Race Course will be to leave Catalina Island to port. The finish line for all boats is between FL G and FL R at Angel’s Gate. **Upon finishing all competitors shall email a picture of the GPS image of their finish time to the PRO, David Collins at davidcollins@mindspring.com or text (310) 310 4914.**

7 Sailing Instructions

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available online at www.layc.org by 1700 hours on or before Friday, February 6th, 2026. The official noticeboard is located inside the front door of the clubhouse.

8 Scoring

PHRF random leg course is the rating to be entered.

9 Protests

9.1 Protests should be submitted to the PRO by email before 23:59 on Sunday, February 8th and will be heard at a date to be decided.

10 Trophies

10.1 The trophies will be presented at a later date.

11 Social Events and Hospitality

11.1 The club should be open on Sunday afternoon for hospitality.

12 Berthing

12.1 Los Angeles Yacht Club may be able to assist with limited berthing.

12.2 For accommodation 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.

Chairman and Principal Race Officer, David Collins

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