



LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®



96th Annual Midwinter Regatta – Mercury Class 2026

Sailing Instructions Saturday and Sunday, February 14 & 15, 2026

Los Angeles Yacht Club
285 Whalers Walk
San Pedro, California 90731
www.LAYC.org

The organizing authority for the 96th Annual Midwinter Regatta – Mercury Class is the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA). Los Angeles Yacht Club is the host yacht club.

1. Rules

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

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: [96th Annual Midwinter Regatta - Mercury Class Registration](#)

2.3. The entry deadline is 1800, Friday, February 13, 2026.

3. Fees

3.1. The entry fee is \$37.00 per boat and covers only the entry of the boat.

3.2. Entries will not be considered complete until fees have been paid.

3.3. Online payment is available through Regatta Network at: [96th Annual Midwinter Regatta - Mercury Class Registration](#).

4. Schedule of Events

Friday, Feb 13	Arrival, Rigging and Tuning	All day
Saturday, Feb 14	Competitors Briefing (at LAYC)	1000
	First Warning (3 races planned)	1225
Sunday, Feb 15	First Warning (2 races planned)	1225

5. Sailing the Course

- 5.1. The regatta will be sailed in the vicinity of Los Angeles Harbor inside the western breakwater, west of Angel's Gate in San Pedro.
- 5.2. See Appendix A.1 for a diagram of the course.
- 5.3. 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. See Appendix A.2, Course Table, for course numbers.
- 5.4. 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.
- 5.5. The Mercury Class Flag will be the class flag.
- 5.6. The start line is formed by a line between an orange flag on the committee boat and a pin with an orange flag or by an orange tetrahedron to port of the committee boat.
- 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 or orange tetrahedron 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. In the event that 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 prior to the start of the following race.

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 not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

7. Scoring

- 7.1. The low point system of RRS Appendix A applies.
- 7.2. Three (3) races are scheduled for Saturday and two (2) on Sunday.
- 7.3. There will be no throw out, and a minimum of two (2) races must be completed to constitute a regatta. This changes RRS A2.
- 7.4. The Race Committee, at its discretion, may change the number of races on either day due to wind, weather, and other conditions beyond their control.

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 approximately the order of the receipt.

9. Further Information

- 9.1. Complimentary launching facilities and long dock for overnight moorage are available at Cabrillo Way Dry Boat Storage and at Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club. All boats must provide their own lifting gear.
- 9.2. 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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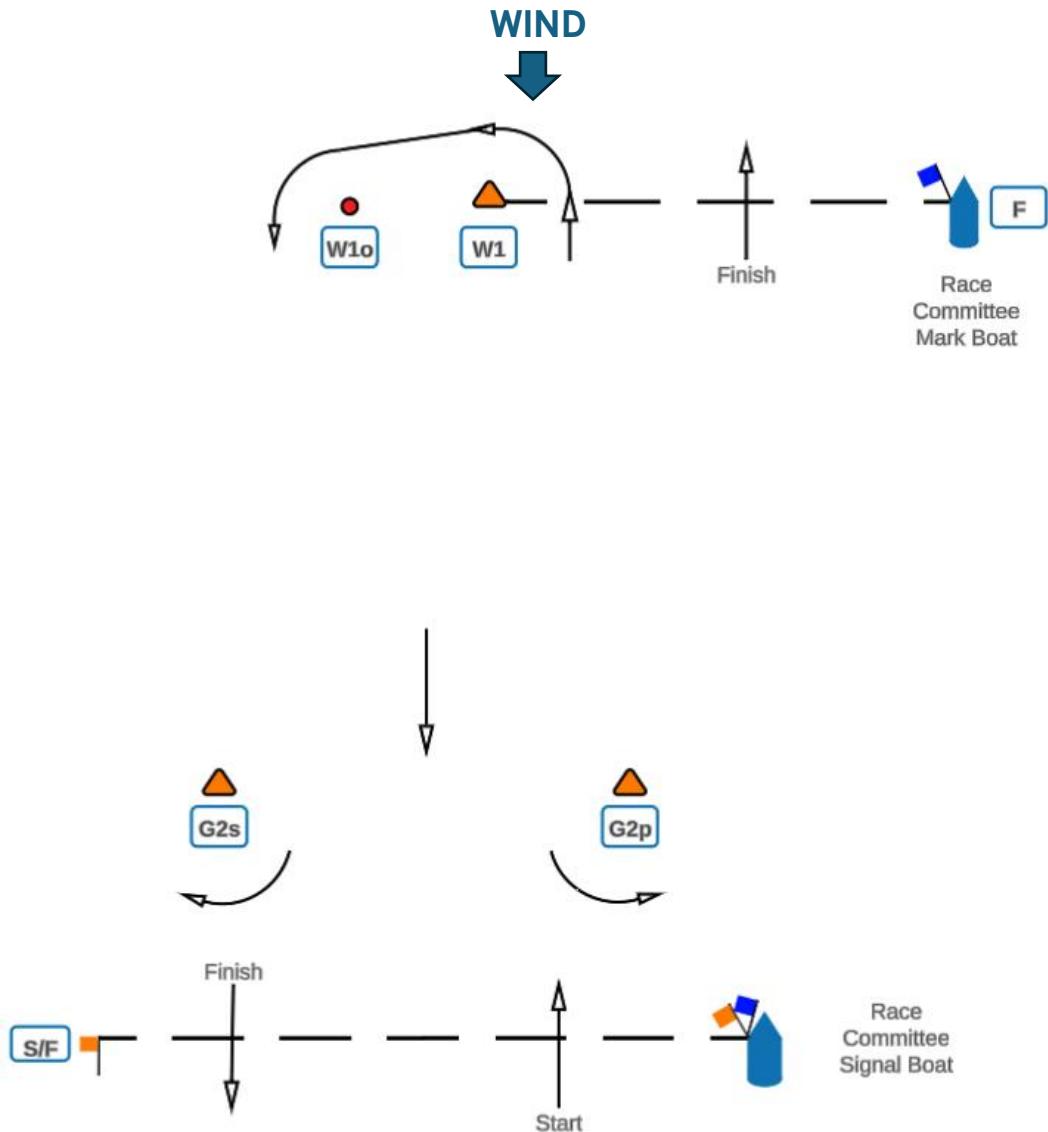
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APPENDIX A. COURSE DIAGRAM

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