



2026 Griffith Series

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

March 28-29

The Organizing Authority (OA) is Los Angeles Yacht Club®. 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

1. RULES.

- 1.1 The RRS states that the SI need not repeat a rule from the NOR so please **always carry copies of both the NOR and SI on board.**
- 1.2 This series will be governed by the "rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as modified by the notice of race and the sailing instructions. Compliance with the US Safety Equipment Regulations (USSER), US Nearshore Race level, as effective January 1, 2026, is recommended.
- 1.3 ***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 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 \(uscg.gov\)](#).***
- 1.4 ***If a boat does not comply with either the IRPCAS or government right-of-way rules she can be protested and scored DNE.***
- 1.5 All boats are reminded that launching/controlling/flying any unmanned aerial system (UAS or "drone") over federally controlled areas or in close proximity to commercial vessels is strictly prohibited.

2. SCHEDULE OF RACES.

- 2.1 The start will be a pursuit style inverted start using PHRF, RLC rating.
- 2.2 Committee will run one race for both classes each day. The course length will be the same for both classes.
- 2.3 There will be one continuous pursuit start sequence each day. The Warning Signal for the first boat will be at 1155 for both days.

3. PURSUIT RACE START TIMES.

3.1 The Race Committee will assign individual starting times for all yachts after entries have closed. This is TOD, so the start times may change for Sunday if the conditions call for a different course.

3.2 The split for class B will be at a PHRF RLC rating of 120.

4 START AND FINISH LINES.

4.1 The start line will be located inside Los Angeles Harbor east of Pier 400. (See chart)

4.2 The finish line will be located inside Los Angeles Harbor in the same area as the start.

5 COURSES.

5.1 Race Courses. The 2026 George Griffith Series Course Chart is included here and defines three courses. Courses will be number flags or boards showing 1, 2, or 3.

5.2 Course 1. Start east of Pier 400 inside Los Angeles Harbor, round the west end of the middle breakwater (50) to port, re-enter the harbor at Long Beach Light (19), and return to finish at starting location. Distance 6.7 nm.

5.3 Course 2. Start east of Pier 400 inside Los Angeles Harbor, round the west end of the middle breakwater (50) to port, re-enter the harbor at Long Beach Light (19), round Island Chaffee to port, and return inside the harbor to finish at starting location. Distance 11.5 nm.

5.4 Course 3. Start east of Pier 400 inside Los Angeles Harbor, leave Los Angeles light (58) to starboard, round Point Fermin Buoy (55) to port, round east end of Belmont detached breakwater (10) to port, round Island Chaffee to port, and return inside the harbor to finish at starting location. Distance 17.2 nm.

6 STARTING

6.1 The race will be using RRS 26 for the first boat and then as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

6.2 When the start line is set, committee will hoist Lima and boats shall check in on starboard tack.

6.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a nearby mark at the pin.

6.4 To alert everyone that the starting sequence is about to commence, Lima will be lowered with multiple sound signals at the attention signal, one minute before the warning signal for the first boat.

6.5 Attention signal 1154: Warning signal 1155: First competitor starts at 1200.

6.6 **After the first start a whistle will be sounded at each individual start time but with no flag.** To establish a boat's Preparatory Signal time, it shall be four minutes prior to her individual start time, but with no flag nor sound signal. Boats not racing before their prep signal, shall keep clear of the racing area.

6.7 Any boat OCS will be signaled with a horn and on channel 71 and shall round an extension of the starting line to restart. **Code flag X will not be flown.** Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given shall not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 29.1.

7 FINISHING

7.1 The finish line for all three courses will be located inside the Los Angeles Harbor in the same area as the start.

8 TIME LIMIT AND RETIREMENT.

8.1 Boats finishing after 1800 hours shall be scored DNF. This changes both RRS 35 and A4.

8.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee by hailing or by VHF 71 before leaving the race area.

9.0 PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS.

9.1 A boat intending to protest shall notify the Race Committee and identify the boat being protested promptly after finishing.

9.2 Protests shall be written on forms available online at www.ussailing.org 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 (45 minutes after the signal boat docks) shall be displayed on the Official Noticeboard at the LAYC front desk.

9.3 The Protest Committee will hear protests as soon as is practical.

10.0 SCORING.

10.1 The Low Point system of Appendix A will apply. There will be no “throw out” race. One race shall constitute a Series.

11 HOSPITALITY AND TROPHIES.

11.1 On Saturday night there will be a party with food, drink and music in the beautifully refurbished LAYC clubhouse. The menu will include a pasta dinner (two tickets free for each boat, with additional food tickets available for \$15.00 each.)

11.2 Trophies will be presented in the clubhouse during the trophy ceremony on Sunday afternoon after racing.

11.3 The series winner for class A will be engraved on the **George Griffith Perpetual Trophy**.

11.4 The first female skipper overall will be awarded the **Dean Harrell Perpetual trophy**.

11.5 There may be trophies for both classes, to be determined by entries.

12 BERTHING.

12.1 Los Angeles Yacht Club has acquired the long dock at the end of Whaler’s Walk. There is no power on this dock. Slips may be available free of charge for competitors to use, but the slip must be reserved in advance. Please contact the LAYC office for instructions. office@layc.org

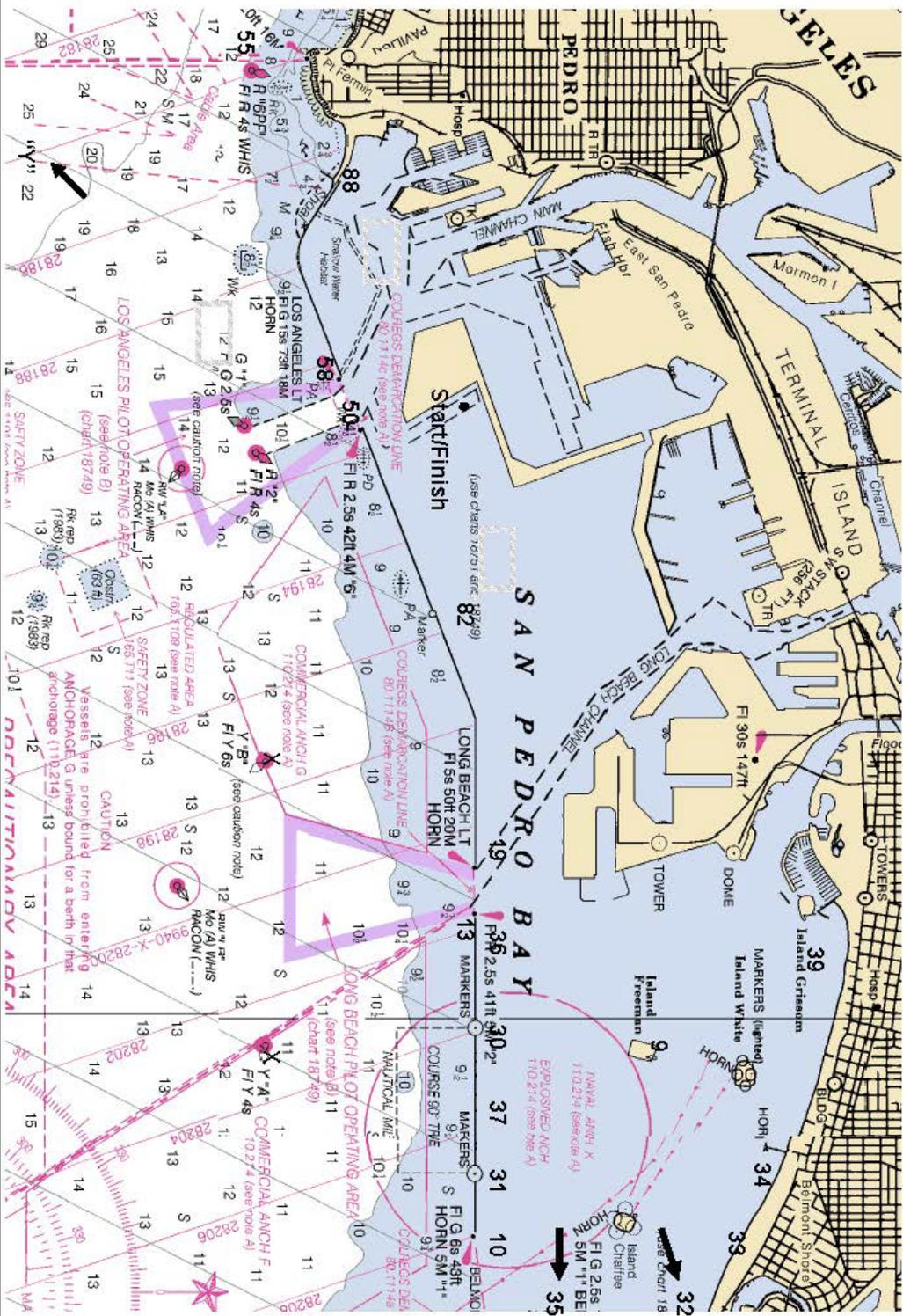
13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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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