



2026 George Griffith Series

NOTICE OF RACE

March 28-29th

The **2026 Griffith Series** 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 Rules

1.1 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 sailing instructions.

1.2 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.

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

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

1.5 Compliance with the US Safety Equipment Regulations (USSER), US Nearshore Race level, as effective January 1, 2026, is recommended.

1.6 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://www.uscg.gov).

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

2 Eligibility and Entries.

2.1 This event is open to yachts possessing a current Southern California PHRF handicap. 180 shall be the maximum allowable PHRF rating for any entry. Boats are required to have a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on VHF 71.

2.2 **PHRF PERFORMANCE CLASS, class A.** The entry fee is \$100.00. All race entries shall be paid with registration by 1800, March 27th. All entries must be accompanied by a current PHRF certificate. Please upload current PHRF certificate with registration. Late entries will only be accepted with the approval of the Race Committee Chairman. Entries shall be made by completing an LAYC Race Entry form available through Regatta Network at www.layc.org

2.3 Performance class entries will race for the George Griffith Trophy.

2.4 **CRUISING CLASS, class B.** The entry fee is \$100.00. Entries in the Cruising Class will be allowed for any yacht with a valid PHRF rating. Entries with Corinthian ratings are welcome. All race entries shall be paid with registration by 1800, March 27th. Late entries will only be accepted with the approval of the Chairman. Entries shall be made by completing an LAYC Race Entry form available through Regatta Network at www.layc.org

3 Schedule of Races.

3.1 Committee will run one race for both classes each day. Details will be in the Sailing Instructions. There will be one continuous pursuit start sequence each day. The Warning Signal for the first boat will be at 11:55am.

3.2 Committee may signal a separate course for each class. Details to be determined by entries.

4 Racing Area.

4.1 The *start line* will be located inside Los Angeles Harbor east of Pier 400 in the vicinity of these coordinates: *N33 43.01', W118 14.58'*. SKIPPERS PLEASE NOTE: There is a submerged material site immediately to the east of the starting area. This shallow area is nominally 15 feet deep, is marked by steel daybeacons.

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

5 Scoring

5.1 The Series winner for performance class A will be engraved on the **George Griffith Perpetual Trophy**.

5.2 Other trophies will be dependent on entries.

6 Hospitality

6.1 **Social Events and Hospitality.** On Saturday night there will be a (no host) party at the clubhouse for all competitors and guests with food, drink and music. There will also be a trophy presentation and party on Sunday after racing.

7 Berthing.

Los Angeles Yacht Club has slips available on the long dock at the end of Whalers Walk. Any slip must be booked in advance. Please contact the LAYC office to request a slip. office@layc.org

8 **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 3, 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.

Chair and Principal Race Officer

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