



# LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB

## Notice of Race

### *2014 George Griffith Series*

**Saturday, March 22, 2014**

**Saturday, April 5, 2014**

**Saturday, May 10, 2014**

Los Angeles Yacht Club  
San Pedro, California

The 2014 George Griffith Series will be presented by the 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.

#### **Rules.**

- This series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2013-2016 (RRS).
- Yachts shall sail in compliance with their current PHRF Certificate.
- RRS 52 is modified to allow the use of winches operated using stored power.
- RRS 55 is modified by adding the following sentence to the rule: "However, discarding biodegradable sail stops when setting a sail is permitted."
- Cruising Class is subject to additional rules as set forth in the Sailing Instructions.
- All competitors are asked to observe USCG Navigational Rule 9, which in part reads "A sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway."
- Further, USCG Navigational Rule 34, in part reads "When vessels in sight of one another are in doubt whether sufficient action is being taken by the other to avoid collision, the vessel in doubt shall immediately indicate such doubt by giving at least five short and rapid blasts on the (horn). Any boat participating in an LAYC race that is identified in any complaint from the Coast Guard, Harbor, Pilot or a Commercial Vessel Captain that has warned that participating boat by sounding five horns will be presumed to have infringed this instruction. **RRS 60.2, 63.1 and A5 are modified to add that the Race Committee (R C) may disqualify a yacht infringing this instruction without a hearing.**

**Eligibility and Entries.** This race is open to yachts possessing a current Southern California PHRF handicap. Yachts desiring to race under other handicap systems, one-design or level-rating classes will be welcome by prior arrangement with the Race Committee. A minimum of four entries will be required to establish a class. Entries may be made by completing an LAYC Race Entry form available at LAYC.org or at the club. Online entry through the Regatta Network will be available shortly. Entries must be accompanied by a current PHRF certificate or rating sheet copy from the PHRF website. Entry fees shall be \$35 per individual race, or \$95 for the series. Entries must be received by 1800 hours on the Friday preceding each race. Late entries will only be accepted with the approval of the Race Chairman.

**Cruising Class.** Entries in the Cruising Class will be allowed for any yacht with a valid PHRF handicap. Cruising Class yachts are subject to additional rules as set forth in the Sailing Instructions.

**Schedule of Races.** The Warning Signal for the first class will be at 1155. Subsequent starts if required will follow the first start. The schedule of races is as follows:

Race #1	March 22, 2014	Afternoon Delight
Race #2	April 5, 2014	Harbor Tour
Race #3	May 10, 2014	Tuna Surprise (Reverse Handicap Start)

**Racing Area.** The start line will be located inside Los Angeles Harbor approximately 1.5 NM NE of Los Angeles Lighthouse. All races will be random leg courses in the Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbor areas. The finish of all races will be in the vicinity of the start area.

**Sailing Instructions.** The Sailing Instructions will be available at the LAYC front desk by 1700 hours on Saturday, March 15, 2014. The Sailing Instructions, Griffith Series Course Charts and Race Entry Forms will also be available on the LAYC website at [www.LAYC.org](http://www.LAYC.org).

**Scoring.** The Low Point system of Appendix A will apply. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series. A yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores. There will be no throw out race. This changes RRS rule A.2.

**Trophies.** Trophies will be presented at the LAYC clubhouse during the post-race party after each race. Take home trophies for individual races will be awarded to the winning yacht on corrected time in each class. Take home trophies for the series will be awarded in each class on the following basis: Up to 4 entries, 1 trophy; 5 to 7 entries, 2 trophies; 8 or more entries, 3 trophies for corrected time finishes. The series winner for each class will be engraved on the new **George Griffith Perpetual Trophy**.

**Social Events and Hospitality.** The races will be followed immediately by parties at the LAYC clubhouse with complimentary hors d'oeuvres, a no-host bar and free beer. Skippers, crews and families are invited to participate. The April 5<sup>th</sup> race will coincide with the famous LAYC Shrimp Feed Party, with all-you-can-eat secret recipe Cajun shrimp. All Griffith Series racers are cordially invited to attend the Shrimp Feed. The cost is \$27.50 per person, with advance reservations required.

**Berthing.** Arrangements can be made for guest slips for each race by contacting LAYC. Berthing is free for the first night; advance reservations are required.

**Disclaimer of Liability.** Participants participate in the George Griffith Series at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.

#### **Race Committee Chairman**

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