



LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB

Sailing Instructions

2014 Mercury Class Pacific Coast Championship

**Saturday and Sunday
September 13-14, 2014**

Sponsored by
Los Angeles Yacht Club
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1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, except that if there is a conflict, the class rules as defined in the MCYRA Bylaws will prevail.

2. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3. Schedule of Races

3.1 Saturday, September 13. Four races are scheduled.
Sunday, September 14. Three races are scheduled.

3.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1155 hours. This changes the Notice of Race.

3.3 After the first race, the warning signal for each succeeding race shall be made as soon as practicable. To alert all boats that a race will begin soon, a series of short sound signals and a radio announcement will be made.

4. Racing Area

The racing area will be inside the detached breakwater between Angels Gate and Queens Gate openings.

5. The Courses

5.1 The course chart and course annex will be posted by September 12 at 1700. The courses will be windward-leeward in nature with the exception of the last race each day, which will be a random leg course returning to the dock.

5.2 The weather mark will be accompanied by an offset mark. On all courses, the weather mark and offset mark are to be taken to port

5.3 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

6. The Start

6.1 Races will be started using Rule 26.

Note: The class flag will be the numeric code flag designating the course for that race.

6.2 The starting line shall be between an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a floating orange flag.

7. Changing position of the next mark.

To change the position of the next mark, the race committee may move the original mark to the new position. This change will be signaled using code flag $\%C+$ before the lead boat has begun the leg towards the moved mark.

8. The Finish

The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a floating orange flag.

9. Scoring

The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply. A boat's score shall be the total of her individual race scores with no throw outs. This changes RRS A2.

10. Protests

Protest forms will be available at LAYC and at the CWM Dry Storage area. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee representative within two hours after the last boat finishes the final race of the day. This time shall be posted.

11. Personal Buoyancy

All competitors are required to wear life jackets or personal buoyancy while racing.

12. Haul-out Restrictions

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta without approval of the PRO.

13. Radio Communication

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 be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

14. Prizes

Take home trophies will be awarded to as many as four top finishers overall, depending on the number of entries. The overall winner will be awarded the **Don Lee Perpetual Trophy**. Prizes will be awarded Sunday after haul-outs at approximately 1700 at the LAYC clubhouse.

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