



LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®

2015 George Griffith Series

NOTICE OF RACE **Saturday, March 21, 2015** **Saturday, April 4, 2015** **Saturday, May 9, 2015**

The 2015 George Griffith Series will be presented by Los Angeles Yacht Club. The club is located at 285 Whalerø Walk, San Pedro, California 90731. The LAYC® telephone number is 310-831-1203.

1. Rules.

- 1.1. This series will be governed by the ørulesö as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016 (RRS), and the US Safety Equipment Requirements, (USSER), US Nearshore Race level, effective April 23, 2014, except as modified by this notice of race and sailing instructions. USSER equipment requirements are available at: <http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/US-SER-Categories-2014-3.pdf>.
- 1.2. RRS 52 is modified to allow the use of winches operated using stored power.
- 1.3. RRS 55 is modified by adding the following sentence to the rule: øHowever, discarding biodegradable sail stops when setting a sail is permitted.ö
- 1.4. Cruising Class is subject to additional rules as set forth in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5. All competitors are asked to observe USCG Navigational Rule 9, which in part reads øA sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway.ö
- 1.6. Further, USCG Navigational Rule 34, in part reads øí When vessels in sight of one anotherí is 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).ö 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**

2. **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 for the series or for individual races may be made by completing an LAYC Race Entry form available at LAYC.org or at the club. Online entry is also available through the Regatta Network at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/9691>. All entries must be accompanied by a current PHRF certificate or rating sheet from the PHRF website. Entry fees shall be \$35.00 per individual race, or \$95.00 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 Base OWC rating of 40 or higher and a Performance Factor less than 1.8. Cruising Class yachts are subject to additional rules as set forth in the Sailing Instructions. A minimum of four entries will be required to establish a Cruising Class.
- 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 21, 2015	Afternoon Delight
Race #2	April 4, 2015	Harbor Tour
Race #3	May 9, 2015	Tuna Surprise (Inverted Start Race)

- 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 14, 2015. The Sailing Instructions, Griffith Series Course Charts and Race Entry Forms will also be available on the LAYC website at 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 **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.
- Berthing.** Arrangements can be made for guest slips for each race by contacting LAYC.
- 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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