



LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®

2024 Catch Me Who Can Coastal Pursuit Race

NOTICE OF RACE

Saturday, August 10, 2024

The 2024 Catch Me Who Can Coastal Pursuit Race is 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, and the web address is LAYC.org.

1. Rules.

- 1.1. This series will be governed by the "rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024 (RRS), except as modified by this notice of race and the sailing instructions. Compliance with the US Safety Equipment Regulations (USSER), US Nearshore Race level, as effective March 1, 2023, is recommended. ([Safety Equipment Requirements - Monohull-SER-2023.0-Nearshore.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: "However, discarding biodegradable sail stops when setting a sail is permitted."
- 1.4. 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."
- 1.5. Breaches of IRPCS Rule 10, Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS), will not be grounds for a protest by a yacht. This changes rule 60.1(a). However, a yacht that is reported by a government authority for a breach of IRPCS Rule 10, may be protested by the Race Committee, and also subject to any penalties levied by the government authority. The penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes rule 60.2.(a)
- 1.6. 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 Protest Committee 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. No entries will be accepted with a PHRF handicap above 280. A minimum of four entries is required to establish a class. Entry fees shall be \$60.00, and all entries must be accompanied by a current PHRF certificate. Entries must be received by 1800 hours Friday, August 9, 2024. Late

entries will only be accepted with the approval of the Race Committee Chairman. Late entries will not be considered without a current PHRF certificate, completed necessary entry forms and entry fees. Entries shall be made by completing an LAYC Race Entry form on the Regatta Network.

3. **Schedule of Races.** The Warning Signal for the first start will be at 1155. Subsequent starts will follow the first start. This is a pursuit start race. An ordered list of entrants start times will be available at the LAYC front desk and on the Regatta Network no later than 1800, Friday, August 9, 2024.
4. **Racing Area.** The total race distance for Course 1 is approximately 16.4 nautical miles. The total race distance for Course 2 is approximately 10.8 nautical miles. Course 1 will be used unless wind and weather conditions clearly favor a shorter course.
 - 4.1 The start/finish line will be located in Los Angeles Harbor inside the middle breakwater east of Pier 400 in the vicinity of these coordinates: *N33° 43.61, W118° 13.47'*
 - 4.2 Course 1: (Long Course) The weather mark will be located in the vicinity of Portuguese Bend, approximately southeast of Inspiration Point at approximately these coordinates: *N33° 43.75, W118° 22.14'*
 - 4.3 Course 2: (Short Course) The weather mark will be located in the vicinity of White Point at approximately these coordinates: *N33° 42.39', W118° 19.28'*
5. **Sailing Instructions.** The Sailing Instructions will be available at the LAYC front desk by 1800 hours on Friday, August 9, 2024.
6. **Scoring.** Pursuit race, reverse handicap.
7. **Trophies.** Trophies will be presented in the Dining Room (upstairs) at LAYC at approximately 1700, Saturday, August 10, 2024, after the race. Take home trophies for the event 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.
8. **Social Events and Hospitality.** A separate document will be published on the event website on the Regatta Network.
9. **Berthing.** Los Angeles Yacht Club may be able to assist with limited berthing. For further information please contact the yacht club office at 310-831-1203.
10. **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.

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