

2026 Two Gates Pursuit Series

Long Beach Yacht Club – OA
Jan 18, Feb 1, Feb 15, 2026
Long Beach, CA



NOTICE OF SERIES

The following abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions:

IJ: International Jury
NOR: Notice of Race
OA: Organizing Authority

ONB: Official Notice Board
PC: Protest Committee
RC: Race Committee

RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing
SI: Sailing Instruction
TD: Technical Delegate

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. **This changes RRS 60.1.**

The notation '[DP]' denotes a rule for which a discretionary penalty may be applied by the PC. This penalty may be less than disqualification. **This changes RRS 63.**

1 RULES

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The PHRF of Southern California Class Rules & By-laws, available at <https://phrfsocal.org/>, shall apply.
- 1.3 The regatta will utilize a "pursuit" or reverse handicap start.
- 1.4 Boats shall sail in a single configuration for all three races. Boats without a valid PHRF certificate or established rating or boats intending to sail in a configuration outside of that recognized by a one-design class or PHRF certificate shall disclose any alterations at the time they register for the event that would merit consideration by the OA.
- 1.5 [DP] The navigation rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) shall apply during all encounters with marine traffic.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after 1600 hours on Friday, January 16, 2026 on the ONB.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The [ONB](https://www.lbyc.org/) is located online at <https://www.lbyc.org/>.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on U.S. VHF channel frequencies, including the international safety and distress channel 16.
- 3.3 While on the water, the RC will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SI.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

- 4.1 The series is open to all monohull and multihull sailboats in excess of 20 feet in length overall with a membership in good standing of a yacht club affiliated with the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA), US Sailing or other National Authority.
- 4.2 All boats must have a valid and current PHRF rating with a handicap rating of under 229. Obtaining and confirming the validity of a boat's rating prior to the start of the series shall be the sole responsibility of the owner or skipper. Any boat that competes in a race without a valid and current rating shall be scored DSQ without a hearing for that race. **This changes RRS A4 and A5.**
- 4.3 The PHRF Random Leg Course (RLC) rating assigned by PHRF of Southern California or other PHRF organization applies to all classes.
- 4.4 Classes are defined as follows:
 - (a) Entries will be divided by the OA into three classes: 1, 2 and 3. Each class will be designated by a numeral pennant corresponding to their assigned class.

- (b) Class assignments and individual starting times will be determined by the RC using PHRF handicap ratings and will be posted on the ONB after 1600 hours on Saturday, January 17, 2026.
 - (c) Class assignments and starting times will be updated with additional entries received after the first race and posted after 1600 on the Saturday prior to the next race.
 - (d) Competitors shall supply their own numeral pennant and display from the backstay at check-in and while racing.
- 4.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form posted on the ONB and submitting it, together with the required fee, **no later than Thursday, January 15, 2026 for the first race.**
- 4.6 Entries submitted after the completion of the first race must be received by the Race Office on or before the Thursday prior to the next race.
- 4.7 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.8 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

LOA	STANDARD SERIES ENTRY	SINGLE RACE ENTRY	LATE FEE
25' and under	\$75	\$40	+\$30
26' to 35"	\$95	\$55	+\$30
36' to 50'	\$115	\$70	+\$30
51' and over	\$135	\$85	+\$30

- 5.2 Standard entry fees apply for entries received prior to December 26, 2025. Late fees apply for entries received on or after December 26.
- 5.3 Entry fees are based on a boat's length overall (LOA). A boat's LOA is rounded to the *lower* whole number (e.g., 35' 8" = 35') for the purposes of determining fees. Entry fees will not be prorated.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Dates of racing will be January 18, February 1, and February 15, 2026.
- 6.2 One race is scheduled per race day.
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first start each day is 1155.

7 VENUE

- 7.1 The races will start and finish in the vicinity of Mark 38 in Long Beach Harbor.
- 7.2 Check-in prior to each race is required. To check in, a boat shall sail near the stern of the RC vessel displaying an "L" flag in the vicinity of Mark 38, which may be different than the RC signal vessel. VHF radio check-in will not be acknowledged.
- 7.3 [DP][NP] Boats will have completed "check-in" after hailing the RC and receiving acknowledgement while clearly displaying their sail number and class pennant.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 Course #1 (default course):
Start, exit Long Beach Harbor through Queen's Gate (LB Entrance), enter Los Angeles Harbor through Angel's Gate (LA Entrance), exit Los Angeles Harbor through Queen's Gate, round Mark 10 (East End of LB Breakwater) to port, round Mark 32 to port, Finish. Handicap distance is 13.2 nautical miles.
- 8.2 Course #2 (alternate course) shall be hailed by the RC on VHF 69 prior to the attention signal, displayed on the RC signal vessel as "Course 2" and remain displayed until all boats have started. Start, round Mark 36 to starboard, round Mark 33 to starboard, Finish. Handicap distance is 5.17 nautical miles.
- 8.3 The alternate course may be used if the RC deems necessary based on weather conditions. The SI will describe how the alternate course will be designated.
- 8.4 The marks described above will be identified on a course chart in an addendum to the SI.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 shall apply so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty. **This changes RRS 44.1.**

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The Low Point Scoring System in RRS Appendix A will apply, except that a boat's series score will be the sum of her scores for all races completed. **This changes RRS A2.**

- 10.2 RRS A5.3 applies.
- 10.3 Three races are scheduled. One race is required to constitute the series.
- 10.4 A boat that does not check in prior to a race will be considered DNC for that race.
- 10.5 A boat that retires before finishing or a boat that is unable to complete the course within the time limit will be scored as DNF. **This changes RRS A4 and A5.**
- 10.6 Boats will be scored in class and overall.
 - (a) Skippers who are members of LBYC and eligible for the LBYC Club Championship High Point Series shall receive points for the High Point Series based on their class score.

11 BERTHING

Regatta participants may request berthing before or after each race day by contacting the Waterfront Office at waterfront@lbyc.org. In the event there is no available dock space, competitors are advised to contact the Alamitos Bay Marina to request a berth on the city portion of the Long Dock or other city-controlled end tie. The Alamitos Bay Marina contact number is (562) 570-3215.

12 ASSUMPTION OF RISK; WAIVER AND RELEASE

All participants in this event, including but not limited to skippers, crew and support personnel, must review and sign and return to the LBYC Race Office, a copy of the Long Beach Yacht Club [Regatta Waiver and Release of Liability](#), available at the LBYC Race Office, or online at the time of entry, or on the Official Notice Board.

13 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

14 PRIZES

- 14.1 Prize giving will be at the Long Beach Yacht Club after racing on Sunday, February 15, 2025.
- 14.2 Series trophies will be awarded for each class and overall, based on number of entries.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

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