

2026 Catalina Island Series

Long Beach Yacht Club – OA
Long Beach, CA
May 16 to September 13, 2026



NOTICE OF RACE

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 64.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the PHRF of Southern California Class Rules, except as amended by this NoR and the SI.
- 1.2 Compliance with the current US Sailing US Safety Equipment Requirements (US SER) for Coastal Racing is required.
- 1.3 [DP] For the purpose of RRS 47, there will be no penalty for losing overboard sail banding materials made of biodegradable material (i.e. wool, cotton, etc.).
- 1.4 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or."

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SI will be available on the ONB after 1600 hours on May 12, 2026.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The ONB is located online at:
<https://www.lbyc.org/default.aspx?p=v35EvtView&type=0&ID=209427>
- 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 Competitors shall monitor VHF Channel 13 when in close proximity to commercial shipping traffic.
- 3.5 [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 current PHRF SoCal rating with an OWC handicap rating of 222 or lower or current ORCA rating. Obtaining and confirming the validity of a boat's rating prior to the start of the race shall be the sole responsibility of the skipper. Any boat that competes without a valid and current PHRF SoCal or ORCA rating shall be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 4.3 Classes are defined as follows:
 - a) Entries will be divided by the OA into four classes: PHRF A, PHRF B, PHRF C and ORCA.
 - b) Class assignments will be determined by the RC using PHRF handicap ratings and will be posted on the ONB after 1600 hours on May 12, 2026. Class assignments will remain unchanged for the series.

- c) In the event that a boat changes its rating during the series, the Skipper shall provide a copy of the revised rating certificate to the Race Office before the next race. If the new rating requires a change to class assignments, the boat will be scored DNC in the new class for all prior races.
- d) Class assignments will be updated with additional entries received after the first race and posted prior to the next race.

4.4 The entry deadline shall be May 14, 2026 at 1600 hours for the full series and Races 1 and 2. The entry deadline to enter races 3, 4, 8 and 9 shall be on the THURSDAY immediately preceding the race at 1600 hours. The entry deadline to enter races 5, 6 and 7 shall be on the WEDNESDAY immediately preceding the race at 1600 hours. The OA will not accept entries submitted to the RC on the water.

4.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form posted on the ONB and submitting it, together with the required fee, by the entry deadline. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

4.6 **All competitors shall confirm participation by submitting a signed crew waiver (see NoR 12) prior to each race.** A legible photograph of the signed waiver must be uploaded using the [CIS Waiver Upload Form](#), available on the ONB, to confirm participation. Repeat crew members need not submit additional waivers for future races in the series.

5 FEES

- \$230.00 for the series
- \$200.00 if first entering at race number 3 or 4
- \$170.00 if first entering at race number 5 or 6
- \$130.00 if first entering at race number 7 or 8
- \$90.00 to enter two races only
- \$50.00 to enter one race only

6 PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

RACE	DESTINATION	DATE	FIRST WARNING
1	Long Point	SAT May 16	1100
2	Return	SUN May 17	1200
3	Emerald Bay	SAT Jun 13	1100
4	Return	SUN Jun 14	1200
5	Isthmus Cove	FRI Aug 7	1100
6	Coastal Race	SAT Aug 8	1300
7	Return	SUN Aug 9	1200
8	Long Point	SAT Sep 12	1100
9	Return	SUN Sep 13	1200

7 VENUE

- 7.1 The racing area will be in the Long Beach Harbor, the San Pedro Channel and near Catalina Island.
- 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 Flag L in the vicinity of the starting area. VHF radio check-in will not be acknowledged.

8 COURSES

The courses will be point-to-point races of varying lengths. Specific details will be described in the SI and/or Course Annex for each race.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 shall apply so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty, except in a mark zone. This changes RRS 44.1.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The PHRF Area C (Long Beach and Los Angeles Harbors) RLC and OWC Ratings shall be used. Specific rating System (RLC or OWC) shall be noted in the SI or Course Annex (CA) for each individual race. Multihull boats shall be scored under their ORCA Certificates.
- 10.2 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply, except that a boat may exclude her worst score if seven (7) or more races are completed. This changes RRS A2.
- 10.3 Nine (9) races are scheduled. Six (6) races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.4 RRS Appendix A 5.3 shall apply.

10.5 To be eligible for the final class and overall series awards, a boat must compete in at least seven (7) races. To be eligible for the overall series award, a boat must race in a class with at least four (4) boats that competed in at least seven (7) races in the class.

11 BERTHING

11.1 Temporary berthing may be provided on the LBYC Long Dock if space is available. Please contact LBYC Dockmaster at waterfront@lbyc.org, or (562) 598-9401 ext. 134, for more information.

11.2 The OA will work with the Harbor Departments of Avalon (Races 1, 2, 8, and 9) and Two Harbors (Races 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7) to secure moorings for all competitors, however moorings cannot be guaranteed.

12 ASSUMPTION OF RISK; WAIVER AND RELEASE

All participants in this event, including but not limited to skippers and crew, 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 Take home trophies will be awarded for individual races and series for each class and overall, based on the number of entries.

14.2 Overall series winner will have their name engraved on the CIS perpetual trophy located and kept at LBYC.

14.3 All prizes will be awarded at the [2026 Trophy Night](#) at LBYC on September 30, 2026.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

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