



2025 Opening Day Ocean Race

Newport Harbor Yacht Club

Saturday, May 3, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

1. GENERAL

- 1.1. The NHYC Opening Day Race is hosted and organized by the Newport Harbor Yacht Club (OA).
- 1.2. The rating authority (RA) for this race is So Cal PHRF.
- 1.3. The series will utilize a "pursuit" or reverse handicap start. A boat's PHRF RLC rating will be used for the purpose of handicapping and assigning start times.
- 1.4. The term Skipper as used herein is defined as the person, whether or not the owner of the boat, is designated on the application for entry--and if the boat is subsequently entered in the race, on the entry form--as "Skipper" and who is the person in charge of the boat during the race. The Skipper is responsible for the boat, its handling and safety, the conduct of its crew before, during, and after the race, and compliance with the rules. The term Competitor as used herein is defined as any person who will be aboard an entered boat during the race. A boat's crew is the full complement of Competitors including the Skipper.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The Opening Day Race is governed by the rules as described in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2. RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, are required.
- 2.3. US Sailing Prescription 63.4 is deleted.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The race is open to all monohull sailboats with a valid SoCal PHRF certificate and a base RLC rating of 195 or lower.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter the Opening Day Race by completing the online entry form (available at www.nhyc.org) and submitting a valid 2025 So Cal PHRF certificate before 1700h on Thursday, May 1st. **Entries CLOSE @ 1700 on Thursday, May 1st. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- 3.3. There is no entry fee for this race.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS Saturday May 3rd

Check in (on-the-water)	Beginning at 1135
First Warning	1155
Trophy Presentation	1730

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS, START TIMES AND CLASS BREAKS

- 5.1. Boats will be assigned starting times by the RC based on their PHRF RLC rating. These starting times will be made available as an attachment to the Sailing Instructions.
- 5.2. Sailing Instructions, including start times and class breaks (if any), will be made available on the official online notice board (www.nhyc.org) on Friday, May 2nd by 1500. Provisional start times may be posted prior to that date.
- 5.3. Boats will be divided into three (3) divisions based on PHRF RLC Ratings: Division 1, Division 2, Division 3.

6. COURSE AREA AND CHECK-IN

- 6.1 The Opening Day Race will start in Long Beach harbor at approximately 33° 43.9 N, 118° 08.0 W and finish in the vicinity of the Newport Pier. A detailed course description will be provided in the sailing instructions.
- 6.2 The course will be a random leg rated course as defined by PHRF and will be approximately 16.5 nautical miles.
- 6.3 All boats must check-in with the RC signal boat via VHF Channel 72 at least 30 minutes before her starting signal. Specific check-in procedures will be described in full in the SI. Failure to check-in will result in a score of DNC for that race without a hearing.

7. SCORING AND PRIZES

- 7.1 A boat's race score will be her order of finish.
- 7.2 The Opening Day Race Trophy will be awarded to the first place boat.
- 7.3 Take-home trophies will be awarded to the first boats to finish in each division. Other trophies will be: Boat with most Juniors as Crew (age 18 and under), Most Women as Crew, Most NHYC Skipper Members as Crew and Most NHYC Staff Commodores as Crew

8. DISCLAIMER

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Ratings 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 race. By participating in this race, 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the NHYC Race Office
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