



Two Gates Pursuit Series

~~Jan 7~~, Jan 21, Jan 28 & Feb 4, 2024

Long Beach Yacht Club

Long Beach, CA

NOTICE OF SERIES

Amended January 12, 2024

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Long Beach Yacht Club (LBYC). LBYC is located at 6201 Appian Way, Long Beach CA 90803. Phone number is (562) 598-9401. Club and Event information are available at www.lbyc.org.

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), and PHRF of Southern California.
- 1.2 The regatta will utilize a "pursuit" or reverse handicap start.
- 1.3 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 per NOR 1.4.
- 1.4 All boats shall register with their PHRF Random Leg Course (RLC) rating assigned by Los Angeles and Long Beach PHRF or other PHRF organization.
- 1.5 Starting times will be determined using PHRF Handicap Ratings. An entry list showing class assignments and individual starting times will be posted no later than 1700 Saturday, January 6, 2024 on the [Official Notice Board](http://www.lbyc.org), located online at www.lbyc.org.
- 1.6 All competitors are asked to observe USCG Navigation Rule 9, which in part reads "A vessel shall not cross a narrow channel or fairway if such crossing impedes the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within such channel or fairway." The Race Committee (RC) may protest a boat infringing this rule.

2 CLASSES

- 2.1 Class breaks will be determined by the RC, based on entries.
- 2.2 Entries will be divided into classes 1 thru 3. Each class will be designated by a numeral pennant corresponding to their assigned Two Gates class number.
- 2.3 Official class breaks shall be established by the RC and posted on the ONB no later than 1700 hours Saturday, January 6, 2024.

3 ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

- 3.1 This regatta is open to all monohull and multihull sailboats in excess of 20 feet in length overall with a valid PHRF RLC rating of under 229. Any member of a yacht club affiliated with US Sailing or other National Authority is invited to enter.
- 3.2 Eligible boat entries must be submitted online through Regatta Network and **received no later than Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 2300 hours for the first race**. Entries submitted after this deadline will be accepted only with approval from the OA.
- 3.3 Entries submitted online after the completion of the first race must be received by the Race Office prior to 2300 on the Thursday before the next race.
- 3.4 Entry Fee

Standard entry fees apply for entries received prior to December 26, 2023. Late fees apply for entries received on or after December 26. NOTE: Entry fee is 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.

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

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 **Race 1: Sunday, January 7 21, 2024**

Starting times will be staggered according to each boat's assigned rating. A list of starting times will be posted on the ONB by 1700 hours Saturday, January 6 20, 2024.

Race 2: Sunday, January 24 28, 2024

Starting times will be staggered according to each boat's assigned rating. A list of starting times will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 1700 hours Saturday, January 20 27, 2024.

Race 3: Sunday, February 4, 2024

Starting times will be staggered according to each boat's assigned rating. A list of starting times will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 1700 hours Saturday, February 3, 2024.

4.2 The first warning for each race will be at 1155.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be posted on the ONB no later than Friday, January 5, 2024, at 1700 hours.

6 CHECK-IN and COURSE AREA

6.1 **Check-in prior to each race is required. To check in, each 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.**

6.2 The races will start and finish in the vicinity of Mark 38 in the Long Beach Harbor. The course length will be approximately 13.2 nautical miles.

6.3 An alternate course may be provided if the RC deems necessary based on weather conditions. The sailing instructions will describe how and when this alternate course will be designated.

7 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

While on the water, the RC intends to communicate with competitors via VHF radio channel 69 for course information and OCS starting penalties.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

US Sailing prescription Appendix V1 shall apply.

9 SCORING

9.1 The Low Point Scoring System in RRS Appendix A will apply except as modified in this NOR. Boats will be scored in class and overall. No races will be excluded.

9.2 A boat that does not check in prior to each race will be considered DNC for each race for which they did not check in. Their class score will equal series entrants in their class plus one. Their overall score will be total series entrants plus one.

9.3 A boat notifying the Race Committee of their withdrawal from racing before finishing or those unable to complete the course within the time limit will be scored as DNF and will receive a class score equal to number of finishers in their class that day plus one. Their overall score will be total number of finishers that day plus one.

9.4 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, no score shall be excluded. This modifies RRS A2. Three races are scheduled, with one completed race needed to constitute the series.

9.5 RRS A5.2 is replaced by the following: "A boat that did not start (other than DNC), retired after finishing or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats checked in for their class. Their overall points will be one more than the number of boats checked in for all classes combined. A boat penalized under rule 30.2 or 44.3 shall be scored points as provided in rule 44.3(c)."

9.6 Skippers and co-skippers who are members of LBYC eligible for the LBYC Club Championship High Point Series shall receive points for the High Point Series based on their Class score in the Two Gates Pursuit Series.

10 PRIZES

10.1 Trophy presentation will be at the Long Beach Yacht Club after racing on Sunday, February 4, 2024.

10.2 Series trophies will be awarded for each class and overall, based on number of entries.

11 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, race committee, PC, 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 because of participation in this event. By participating in this regatta, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

12 HOSPITALITY

No host cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served at the Long Beach Yacht Club after the final race. All participants are invited to attend.

13 BERTHING

Regatta participants may request dock space by contacting the Marine Operations Director Craig Jarvis at cjarvis@lbyc.org. Members of Long Beach Yacht Club will have priority. In the event there is no available dock space, competitors may contact the Alamitos Bay Marina to request a berth on the city portion of the Long Dock. The Alamitos Bay Marina contact number is (562) 570-3215.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

Series Chairman: John Busch

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