



Two Gates Pursuit Series

January 7, January 21, January 28 & February 4, 2024

Long Beach Yacht Club

Long Beach, CA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Amended January 12, 2024

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Long Beach Yacht Club (LBYC). The Host Club and Race Management (RC) will be provided by 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 All competitors shall observe USCG Navigational Rule 9, which in part reads "A... sailing 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". Further, USCG Navigational Rule 34, in part reads: "When vessels in sight of one another... is 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 5 short and rapid blasts on the (horn)."
Any boat participating in the Two Gates Pursuit Series that is identified in any complaint from the Coast Guard, Harbor Police or Commercial vessel captain that has sounded five horns will be presumed to have infringed this instruction.
Rule 41, 60.2, 63.1 and A5 are modified to add that the Race Committee (RC) may initiate a hearing against a boat infringing this instruction.
- 1.3 Per RRS 42.3 (i) – boats may use propulsion to avoid situations described in SI 1.5 provided in doing so they gain no advantage on the course.
- 1.4 **[DP][NP]** Rule 47 – TRASH DISPOSAL – there will be no penalty for losing organic (non-synthetic) sail stops overboard when used to set sails in a safe, controlled manner.
- 1.5 The US Sailing prescriptions to 63.2 will not apply

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the [Official Notice Board \(ONB\)](http://www.lbyc.org), located online at www.lbyc.org.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SI will be posted on the ONB before 1000 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect. Code flag Lima over a numeral pennant corresponding to the number of the change will be hoisted from the Club's flagstaff to signal the change. Oral changes to the SI per RRS 90.2 (c) may be made on the water by the RC by raising the Lima Flag and making announcements on VHF 69.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club's flagstaff.

5 COMPETITOR'S MEETING

No Competitors Meeting is scheduled.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Race	Day and Date	Warning Signal for 1 st Start
1	Sunday, January 7 21, 2024	1155 hours
2	Sunday, January 24 28, 2024	1155 hours
3	Sunday, February 4, 2024	1155 hours

7 RACING AREA

Long Beach and Los Angeles Harbors. Start/Finish Line will be in the vicinity of Mark 38.

8 CHECK-IN and THE COURSES

8.1 Check-in prior to the preparatory signal of each race is required.

8.2 To check-in, each boat shall sail on starboard near the stern of the RC vessel (which may be different than the signal vessel) displaying an "L" flag and hail their sail number. When a boat has been recognized, the RC vessel will acknowledge.

8.3 VHF radio check-in will not be acknowledged.

8.4 Course #1 (Default course unless signaled per SI 8.5)

Start, exit Long Beach Harbor through Queen's Gate (Long Beach Entrance), enter Los Angeles Harbor through Angel's Gate (LA Entrance), exit Los Angeles Harbor through Queen's Gate (Long Beach Entrance), round Mark 10 (East End of LB Breakwater) to port, round Mark 32 to port, Finish. Handicap distance is 13.2 nautical miles.

8.5 Course #2 (inclement conditions 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.

8.6 *Addendum A* – Course chart is provided as a courtesy; chart is not to scale and may not include all navigational features.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks are as shown on SI Addendum A.

9.2 The starting/finishing mark will be Mark 38.

10 THE START

10.1 RRS 26 is replaced with the following: Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC vessel and Mark 38 located on the PORT side of the RC signal vessel.

10.3 Signals will be made from the RC signal vessel at the starboard end of the starting line.

10.4 Starting times will be staggered according to assigned Two Gate Pursuit handicaps. Starting times are listed in *Addendum B* and will be posted on the official online notice board no later than 1700 on Saturday January 6, 2024.

10.5 To alert everyone that a starting sequence is about to commence, multiple sound signals will be made approximately one minute before the warning signal.

	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Minutes Before First Start	Proposed Time
Attention Signal	None	Multiple Horns	6	1154
Warning Signal	Purple Flag Up	One Horn	5	1155
Preparatory Signal	P and I Flag Up	One Horn	4	1156
Preparatory Signal	P Flag Down	One Long Horn	1	1159
First Start	Purple Flag Down	One Horn	0	1200
Additional Starts	None	One Whistle	N/A	See Addendum B

10.6 RRS 30.1 is modified: ("Code Flag I, Round-The-Ends") will apply to ALL starts. See SI 11.1.

10.7 Beginning 10 minutes after the first start, a horn will sound at 10-minute intervals, accompanied by the Numeral Pennant on the stern of the RC signal vessel. Example: "1" at 1210, "2" at 1220, "3" at 1230, etc. These flags will be lowered 1 minute prior to the next flag.

10.8 **A whistle will be sounded at each individual start time.**

10.9 In the event of a postponement, the "AP" flag will be lowered and a sound signal will be made 1 minute prior to the warning signal. The starting sequence described above will then begin. At or before the warning signal, the RC signal vessel will display the number of minutes that the start has been delayed with numeral placards from the upper deck. To correct their start time after a postponement, boats should add the indicated number to their scheduled start time.

10.10 For the purpose of establishing a boat's preparatory signal time, it shall be four minutes prior to her start time.

10.11 Boats not racing (see RRS Definitions) **shall keep clear of the racing area** (see rule 24.1).

11 RECALLS

11.1 **Changes to rule 30.1:** RRS 30.1 ("Round-The-Ends") will apply to all starts. Code Flag "I" will be displayed with the preparatory signal. It will remain flying and in effect for all subsequent starts. It will be lowered after all boats have started.

11.2 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29 using a sound signal, except that Code Flag X will not be flown. **This changes rule 29.1 and "Race Signals"**.

11.3 As a courtesy, the RC will attempt to hail boats On Course Side (OCS) on VHF 69. Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given shall not be grounds for redress under rule 62.1(a).

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying blue flag on the RC signal vessel and Mark 38.
- 12.2 Any sound made at a boat's finish is a courtesy and is unofficial. A sound or absence of a sound is not an indication of a boat's status at the finish.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

US Sailing prescription Appendix V1 shall apply.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 If no boat has finished the race in progress by 1630, the race will be abandoned.
- 14.2 Any boat still racing and not finished prior to 1630 will be recorded DNF in accordance with SI 16.1(b). **This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.**

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 A boat intending to protest shall notify the race committee of her intentions and the boat(s) to be protested promptly after finishing that race or retirement. **This changes rule 61.1(a).**
- 15.2 Standard protest forms are available from the Long Beach Yacht Club Front Desk and may be lodged there within one hour after the time the race committee boat docks. The docking time will be posted on the ONB after each race.
- 15.3 Protest hearings will be scheduled by the jury with notice of time and place given to interested parties at least three (3) days in advance.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point Scoring System in RRS Appendix A will apply except as modified as follows:
- (a) A boat that does not check in prior to the race will be considered DNC for that race. Their class score will be equal to the number of entrants in their class plus one. Their overall score will be equal to the overall number of entrants plus one.
 - (b) A boat notifying the Race Committee of their withdrawal from racing before finishing and those unable to complete the course within the time limit will be scored DNF and will receive a class score equal to number of finishers in their class that race plus one. Their overall score will be overall number of finishers that race plus one.
 - (c) RRS A5.3 will be in effect.
- 16.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her races, no score shall be excluded. **This changes rule A2.** Three races are scheduled, with one completed race needed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 Boats shall be scored in class and overall.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC before leaving the course area or, if that is not possible, immediately after arriving ashore.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Radio communication to the boats racing will be on VHF Channel 69.

19 PRIZES

- 19.1 Trophy presentation is scheduled to be held at Long Beach Yacht Club after racing on Sunday, February 4, 2024.
- 19.2 Series trophies will be awarded for each class and overall, based on number of entries.

20 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.

21 CONTACTS

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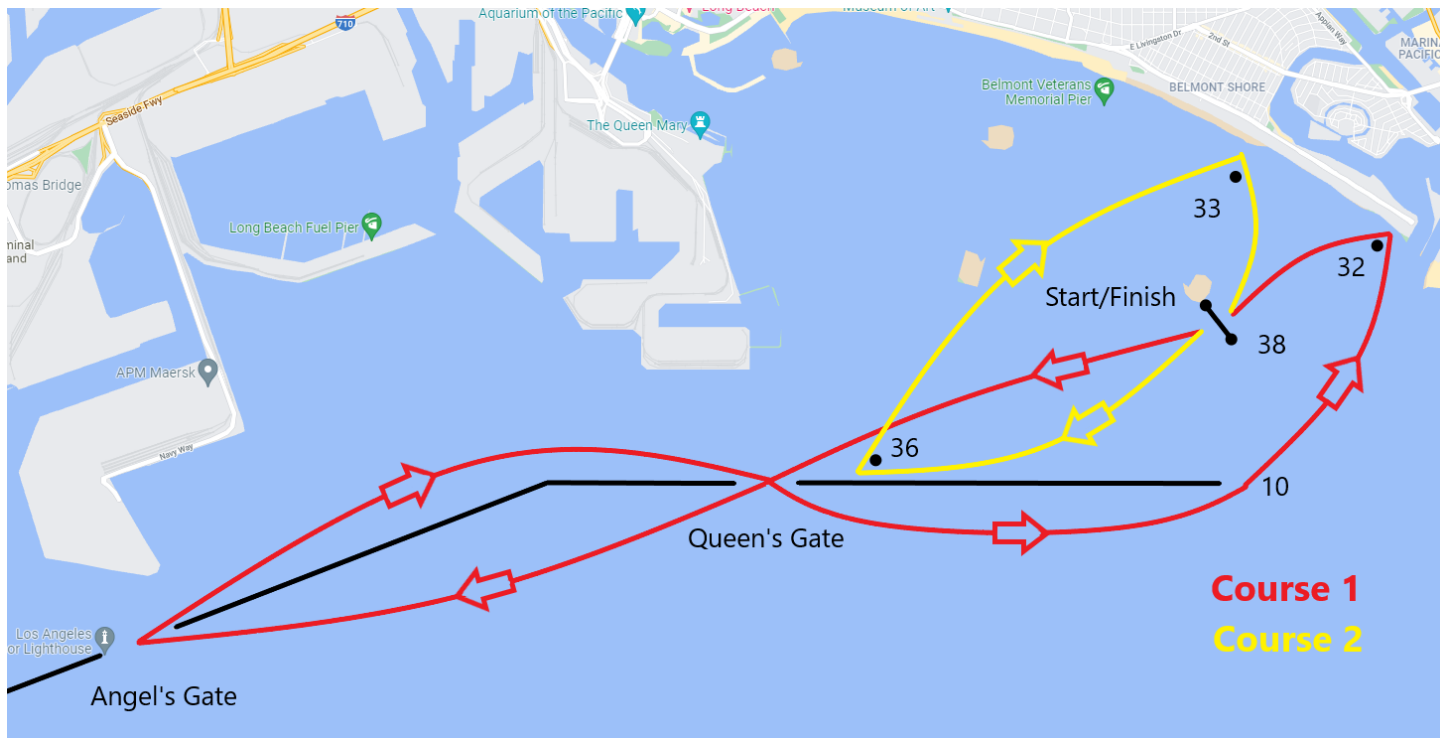
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ADDENDUM A – COURSE CHART

Chart is not to scale and may not include all navigational features.

Course #1 (default) = Red

Course #2 (severe weather) = Yellow





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ADDENDUM B – START TIMES

Start times will be posted to the [Official Notice Board](#) no later than 1700 hours on Saturday, January 6, 2024.