



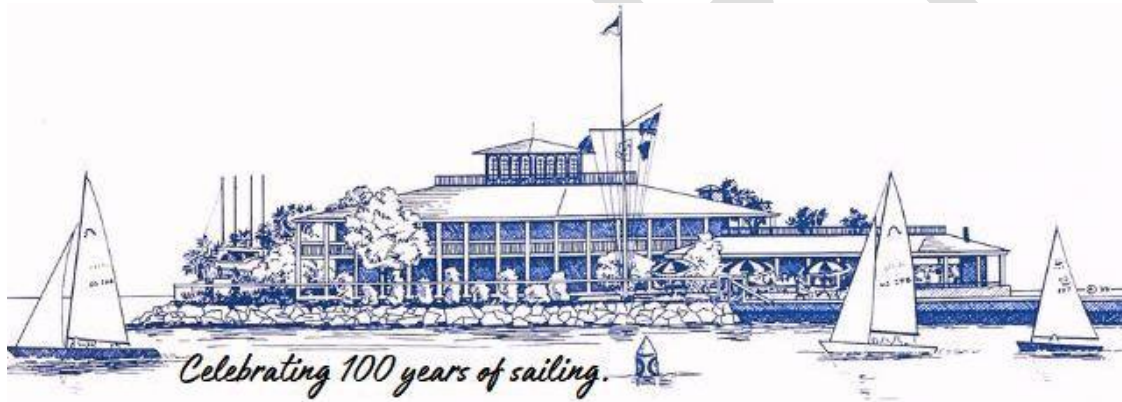
2026 SAN PEDRO BAY CUP

SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority is

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club (ABYC)



The 2026 San Pedro Bay Cup will be held on Saturday, 19th September 2026, organized by the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club (ABYC). The regatta will feature two days of racing, including PHRF pursuit races.

1. SCHEDULE

Sunday, 16 September 2026	1800	Early Entry Deadline
Thursday, 17 September 2026	1800	Entry Deadline
Friday, 18 September 2026		Earliest Arrival Date
	0800 to 0930	Race Office Open
	0930	Competitors' Meeting
Saturday, 19 September 2026	1155	Warning Signal for 1st race of the day
	After Racing	<u>Aloha drink on the basin 5 dock, followed by</u> Awards at <u>the</u> ABYC Clubhouse
Sunday, 20 September 2026		Latest Departure Date

- 1.1. This is a Pursuit Race: individual boats will be assigned their starting time based on her ~~PHRF~~ rating. Slower rated boats will start earlier than faster rated boats.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 2.2. The PHRF So Cal Class Rules and By-Laws will apply. <https://phrfsocal.org/wp-content/uploads/Rules/lr.pdf>
- 2.3. ASPBYC's San Pedro Bay Cup Administration Directive Governing the San Pedro Bay Cup Regatta dated September 13, 1999 will apply.
- 2.4. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: A protest is invalid (2) it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was neither involved in nor saw the incident, or
- 2.5. The US Sailing prescriptions are available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/racing-rules/>
a) The US Prescription to rule 63.1(b) is deleted.
- 2.6. The government rules as stated in the preamble to Part 2 are The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) and the U.S. Inland Navigation Rules (33 CFR 83). [Amalgamated International & U.S. Inland Navigation Rules | Navigation Center \(uscg.gov\)](#)
- 2.7. The U.S. Safety Equipment Requirements for Nearshore Races available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/> applies.
- 2.8. [RRS Appendix TS](#), version 2, Section A applies to the following TSS Los Angeles Long Beach Precautionary Area and Los Angeles Long Beach Western Approach. Appendix TS is available on the official notice board.
- 2.9. As required by the [US-Sailing-Athlete-Safety-Policy-Handbook-2024](#) Article III, Education and Training, Section B and Section C. US Sailing membership is **NOT** required to take training or file a SafeSport Report.
a) Training for minor athletes and their parents is available at [Athlete Safety - US Sailing](#)
b) To report an incident to US Sailing complete the online [SafeSport Report Form](#)

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. The sailing instructions will be available after 1800 on Saturday, 12 September 2026 on the official notice board.

4. COMMUNICATION

- 4.1. The official notice board is located at <https://abyc.org/regatta/9mKxNPDbqi/#notice-board>.
- 4.2. A working VHF radio will be required.
- 4.3. [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.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1. All clubs who are members of the Association in the year of the regatta are eligible to compete. Said clubs are hereinafter called "eligible clubs".
- 5.2. Eligible clubs are invited to enter a two or more boat team. A team shall consist of one or more boats in the San Pedro Bay Cup Class 1 and one boat or more boats in the San Pedro Bay Cup Class 2. Class 3 entries will only be used in case of a tie.
- 5.3. The regatta is open to boats owned in whole or part by a member in good standing of an eligible club.
- 5.4. Each boat's skipper and helmsperson must be members in good standing of the participating club they represent.

- 5.5. All boats shall have current PHRF certificate and be equipped in accordance with the Class rules. All boats shall have a PHRF Area C Random Leg Rating of between -141 and 270. Any number of boats may enter from any member club. Each participating club must have at least one entry in class 1 and 2 to be eligible to win The San Pedro Bay Cup.
- 5.6. There will be three classes 1, 2 and 3. A participating club must have an entry in class 1 and 2 to be eligible to win the San Pedro Bay Cup. Rating bands are subject to adjustment depending upon entries.
- Class 1 - PHRF Area C Random Leg Rating between -141 and 69.
 - Class 2 - PHRF Area C Random Leg Rating between 70 and 270.
 - Class 3 - Cruising class boats (non spinnaker) with or without a valid PHRF certificate, a combination of PHRF rating and Portsmouth Yardstick handicaps will be used to determine each boat's starting time.
- 5.7. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at <https://abyc.org/regatta/9mKxNPDbqi/> and submitting it, together with the required fee by **1800 on Thursday, 17 September 2026**. Entries will only be accepted after that at the discretion of the regatta organizers on the payment of an additional late entry fee.
- 5.8. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

6. FEES

Fees are as follows:

	Early Entry <i>Before 1800 on 10th Sept</i>	Standard Entry <i>After 1800 on 10th Sept</i>
Entry Fee	\$30	\$75

- 6.1. The entry fee includes launching, recovery, and storage for visiting competing boats from the day prior to the event until the day following the event.
- 6.2. Boats or trailers not paying yard storage fees that wish to arrive before the earliest arrival date or depart after the latest departure date must complete an application for ABYC temporary yard storage. Applications can be completed at <https://www.abyc.org/visiting-sailors>. The application must be approved, the fee paid, and the waiver completed before arrival.
- 6.3. Any boat or trailer found on ABYC property without prior written authorization from ABYC is subject to impound and associated fees.
- 6.4. If an entry is cancelled by emailing regattas@abyc.org or calling +1 (562) 434-9955 by 0800 on the first day of the event, the entry fee will be refunded less credit card and other processing fees.

7. VENUE

- 7.1. The event venue will be Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. All shore side events will be held at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club.
- 7.2. The racing area will be in San Pedro Bay between Point Fermin and Huntington Beach.
- 7.3. The start area will be Long Beach Harbor behind the federal breakwater.

8. PROTEST COMMITTEE

- 8.1. Each participating club shall provide one qualified judge to serve on the Protest Committee. The Association shall designate the chief judge.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. One race for each class is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2. PHRF Area C Random Leg Handicap shall be used for Class 1 and 2 boats.
- 9.3. Portsmouth Yardstick will be used for Class 3 boats. Boats not having a Portsmouth handicap will be assigned one.
- 9.4. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 9.5. A participating club's team score will be the total of race scores of her lowest scoring boats in each class.
- 9.6. If there is a tie in the team scores, the tie breaker will be in favor of the team with the highest finisher. If there is a series-score tie between two or more teams, each team's race scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favor of the team with the best score.
- 9.7. If a tie remains between two or more teams, they shall be ranked in order of the participating club with the most boats entered.
- 9.8. Rule 90.3(e) applies.
- 9.9. SCORING: Score shall be the Low Point system as stated in RRS 90.3 and Appendix A. PHRF Area C Random Leg Handicap shall be used. A club's team score shall be the sum of the two best scoring boats from a club. If a club has only one entry, their team score shall be that one boat's score plus a DNC score. If there is a tie, the tie will be

~~broken in favor of the club with the highest placed class 3 entry.~~ If the ~~tie remains~~~~re-is-a-tie in the score~~, the tie breaker will be in favor of the team with the highest finisher. - This amends RRS 90.3 and Appendix A.

- 9.10. Scoring — Each boat's finishing position will be established by the order of finishes without application of handicap calculations. The team finishing position in each race will be established by the sum of each boat's finishing position, and then the Low Point scoring system, rule A2, will be applied; the team with the lowest point total for each race will be the winner for that race, the team with the next lowest point total will be second and so on, and ties on points will be broken in accordance with rule A1.4(a). The team with the lowest series point total at the end of the series will be the winner, the team with the next lowest series point total will be second and so on.

10. SAFETY

10.1. [DP] [SP] Entering and Leaving Alamitos Bay

- Breaches of the following may result in a Standard Penalty of 5% applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- The Alamitos Bay entrance channel is designated as a no wake zone with a maximum speed limit of 5 mph (4 knots).
- A series of centerline buoys from the edge of the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club basin to the end of the Alamitos Bay entrance channel (including "A Mark" at the end of the channel) mark the center of the channel. When entering or exiting Alamitos Bay stay to starboard of these when traveling in either direction (see diagram).
- The Long Beach Transit Ferry operates within Alamitos Bay and is classified as a vessel restricted in its ability to maneuver.
- Interference with Commercial Vessels:** Recreational vessels (boats and support vessels) must not impede the safe passage or operation of commercial traffic at any time. Under **46 U.S. Code § 2302**, violations may result in civil penalties of up to **\$5,000**. Gross negligence may escalate to criminal penalties, including fines and imprisonment.



11. HAUL OUT AND LAUNCHING RESTRICTIONS

- 11.1. [DP] Two hoists (maximum capacity 5,000 lbs.) and a dinghy ramp are available. Every boat or vessel using a hoist must have its own INTERNAL sling.

12. RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
- 12.2. The organizing authority including the sponsors, the race committee, the officers, directors, employees and members of the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club and all those involved in these organizations will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

13. INSURANCE

- 13.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of US \$300,000.00 per event or the equivalent.

14. DEPICTION RELEASE

- 14.1. Competitors, by competing in this event, grant to Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, perpetually and irrevocably, the unconditional and exclusive right, title and interest throughout the world to use, simulate and portray Participant's name, likeness, voice, personality, personal identification and personal experiences, incidents, situations and events, whether visual and/or audio, including without limitation photographs, videotape, film and other recordings, electronic or optical-based media, or any other form or medium whatsoever, whether now or hereafter existing, and of every kind and character (collectively "The Images"), which may be taken or taken of

Participant while participating in any aspect of the event. Images including video may be shared with US Sailing for the purposes of race official training.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1. The following perpetual trophies will be awarded:
Winning Club The San Pedro Bay Cup awarded to the Club whos' team has the lowest total score.
- 15.2. Trophies will be awarded to first three finishing boats.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1. For further information please contact Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. regattas@abyc.org or +1 (562) 434-9955.