



LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®

2026 Howland's Landing Layover Race

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Saturday and Sunday

October 10 and 11, 2026

Sponsored by
Los Angeles Yacht Club
285 Whalers Walk
San Pedro, California 90731
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310-831-1203

The 2026 Howland's Landing Layover Race is presented by the Los Angeles Yacht Club, the organizing authority for the regatta.

1. Rules

- 1.1 This series will be governed by the "rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024 (RRS), except as modified by this notice of race and the sailing instructions. Compliance with the US Safety Equipment Regulations (USSER), US Nearshore Race level, as effective March 1, 2023, is recommended. ([Safety Equipment Requirements - Monohull-SER-2023.0-Nearshore.pdf](#)).
- 1.2 Use of winches that are operated using stored power is allowed. This modifies RRS 52.
- 1.3 The discarding of biodegradable sail stops when setting sail is permitted. This modifies RRS 55.
- 1.4 The Los Angeles and Long Beach main channels are considered narrow channels. Per Inland Navigation Rules, Rule 9, sailing vessels and any vessels attempting to cross these channels shall not impede a vessel that can only safely navigate within a narrow channel. Competitors are requested to observe Rule 9.
- 1.5 Further, USCG Navigational Rule 34, in part, reads "...When vessels in sight of one another are approaching each other ... and either vessel ... 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 five short and rapid blasts on the horn." Any boat participating in the Howland's Landing Layover race that is identified in any complaint from the Coast Guard, Harbor, Pilot, or a Commercial Vessel Captain that has warned that participating boat by sounding five horns will be presumed to have infringed this instruction and may be scored DSQ without a hearing. This modifies RRS 60.2, 63.1, and A5.

2. Schedule of Events

Friday, October 9	Arrival, Rigging, and Tuning	All Day
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Race 1: From San Pedro to Howland's Landing

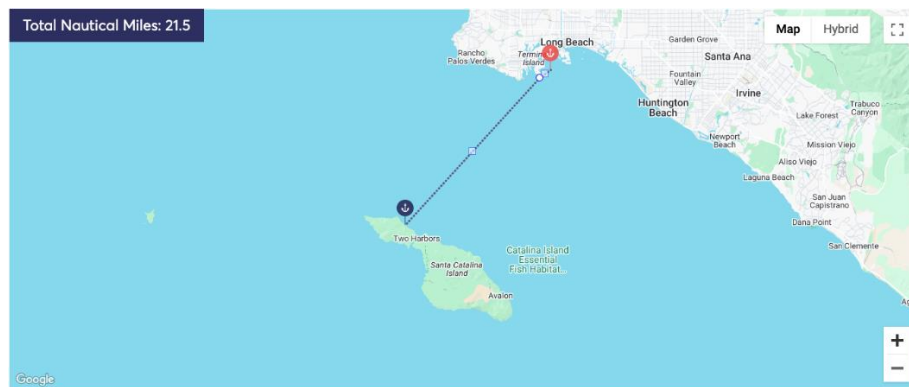
Saturday, October 10	Self-timed start and finish Angels Gate to D-row off Howlands Landing, Catalina Island.	
	Howland's Layover BBQ	1800

Race 2: From Howland's Landing to San Pedro

Sunday, October 11	Self-timed start and finish reverse course of race 1.
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3. Courses

- 3.1 Race 1 – The course for Race 1 is 19.5 miles. The starting area for race 1 will be Angels Gate lighthouse. The finish area for race 1 will be D row of moorings off Howland's Landing, Catalina Island.
- 3.2 Race 2 – The course for Race 2 is 19.5 nautical miles. The starting area for race 2 will be D row of moorings off Howland's Landing, Catalina Island. The finish area for race 2 will be Angels Gate lighthouse.



4. Starts

- 4.1 The starting line for race 1 will be between Angels Gate lighthouse and the detached middle breakwater. Skippers record your own start time.
- 4.2 The starting line for race 2 will be the D row of moorings off Howlands Landing. Skippers record your own start time.

5. Finishes

- 5.1 The finish line for race 1 will be the D row of moorings off Howlands Landing. Skippers record your own finish time.
- 5.2 The finish line for race 2 will be between Angels Gate lighthouse and the detached middle breakwater. Skippers record your own finish time.
- 5.3 Report your elapsed time as follows: An email or text to be sent to Vice Commodore Scott Weinert at weinert@layc.org or 214-460-2100-- to include Name of Boat

Owner of Boat and contact information

PHRF Rating

Confirm if Howland's Class Application submitted

If not a Howland's Class boat, provide description of vessel

Time of Start and Time of Finish for the trip to Howland's Landing

Time of Start and Time of Finish for the return to Angel's Gate

6. Protests

6.1 A boat intending to protest shall identify the boats involved by email promptly after finishing to Scott Weinert at weinert@layc.org.

6.2 Protests shall be written on Hearing Request forms available at the Los Angeles Yacht Club front desk on Sunday. Protests must be filed within one hour after the last boat finishes. Forms may also be obtained on the US Sailing website at: US Sailing - Official Hearing Request Form (PDF)

7. Scoring.

The Low Point system of Appendix A applies. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series. A yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores. There will be no "throw out" race. This modifies RRS A.2.

8. Trophies.

Trophies for the event will be awarded at the LAYC Friday Dinner event on October 16.

9. Disclaimer of Liability

9.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. This disclaimer is acknowledged by the skipper's entry form.

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