



LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®

Ray Wallace Wooden Boat Classic

Notice of Race

Saturday, August 1, 2026

Los Angeles Yacht Club
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San Pedro, California 90731
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www.LAYC.org

The organizing authority for the 2026 Ray Wallace Wooden Boat Classic is the Los Angeles Yacht Club.

1. Rules

- 1.1. This series is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2025-2028 (RRS).
- 1.2. This is a pursuit race. Competitors start in reverse handicap order.
- 1.3. Compliance with the US Safety Equipment Regulations (USSER), US Nearshore Race level, as effective March 1, 2023, applies. The document is available here: [Safety Equipment Requirements - Monohull-SER-2023.0-Nearshore.pdf](#).
- 1.4. RRS 52 is modified to allow the use of winches operated using stored power.
- 1.5. RRS 55 is modified by adding the following sentence to the rule: "However, discarding biodegradable sail stops when setting a sail is permitted."
- 1.6. All competitors are asked to observe USCG Navigational Rule 9, which in part reads "A sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway."
- 1.7. [NP]Breaches of IRPCS Rule 10, Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS), will not be grounds for a protest by a yacht. This changes rule 60.1(a). However, a yacht that is reported by a government authority for a breach of IRPCS Rule 10, may be protested by the Race Committee, and remain subject to any penalties levied by the government authority. The racing penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes rule 60.2.(a)
- 1.8. [NP]Further, USCG Navigational Rule 34, in part reads "...When vessels in sight of one another... [are] 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 an LAYC race that is identified in any complaint from the Coast Guard, a 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. RRS 60.2, 63.1 and A5 are modified to add that the Protest Committee may disqualify a yacht infringing this instruction without a hearing.

2. Eligibility, Entries, and Fees

- 2.1. This race is open to wooden yachts possessing a current Southern California PHRF handicap. PHRF certificates must be presented for registrations to be complete. They may be uploaded on the online registration, or you may email them to racing@layc.org. Please include "Wallace PHRF" in the subject line.
- 2.2. The entry fee is \$50.00
- 2.3. Eligible boats must register online on the [2026 Ray Wallace Wooden Boat Classic Event Website](#).
- 2.4. Entries are not considered complete until the entry fee is paid.
- 2.5. The entry deadline is 1800, Thursday, July 30, 2026.

3. Schedule of Events.

- 3.1. The Warning Signal for the first start will be at 1155. Subsequent starts will follow the first start. This is a pursuit start race. An ordered list of entrants start times will be available at the LAYC front desk and on the [event website](#) no later than 1800, Friday, July 31, 2026.

Friday, July 31	Arrival, Rigging and Tuning	All day
Saturday, August 1	Competitors Briefing (at LAYC)	0930
	First Warning	1155
	Awards Celebration	1 hour after last finish

5. Sailing Instructions.

- 5.1. Sailing Instructions for this event will be available on or before 1800, Thursday, July 30, 2026.

6. Venue.

- 6.1. The regatta will begin inside the breakwater east of pier 400 in the vicinity of these coordinates: *N33° 43.61', W118° 13.47'*.

7. Courses.

- 7.1. Detailed course charts will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

8. Scoring.

- 8.1. Pursuit Race, reverse handicap.

9. Trophies.

- 9.1. The presentation of awards takes place in the dining room of the Los Angeles Yacht Club after racing is completed on Saturday afternoon.

10. Hospitality.

- 10.1. A separate Hospitality Document will be posted on the [event website](#).

11. Disclaimer of Liability.

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

12. Further Information.

- 12.1. Overnight accommodations are available at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, San Pedro, 2800 Via Cabrillo Marina (next door to the LAYC clubhouse). Reservations available at 310-514-3344 or [online](#).

12.2. Limited docking is available on the LAYC long dock. Please complete the Long Dock Assignment form on the [event website](#).

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