



LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®

2026 Howland's Landing Layover Race

NOTICE OF RACE

Saturday and Sunday

October 10 and 11, 2026

Sponsored by
Los Angeles Yacht Club
285 Whalers Walk
San Pedro, California 90731
www.LAYC.org
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. Eligibility and Entries.

- 2.1 This race is open to yachts possessing a current Southern California PHRF handicap.
- 2.2 A minimum of two entries are required to establish a class.
- 2.3 Class #1 will be "Howlands Class" for those boats registered to that class. This class is designed for cruising boats with dinghys, substantial ground tackle, equipment and fittings suitable for comfortable overnights on the island-- full heads, cooking galleys, etc. Entries in this class will follow the Howlands Class rules. Application for Howlands Class is available at LAYC.org or by calling 310-831-1203.
- 2.4 Class #2 will be for all PHRF rated yachts not included in the Howlands Class and will follow PHRF rules.
- 2.5 The entry deadline is 1800, Friday, October 9, 2026.
- 2.6 After your entry is complete, if you desire booking a mooring at Howland's Landing for the layover on Saturday night, please call Catalina Mooring Service at 310-510-4254. We do not anticipate a shortage of available moorings on a first come first served basis.

3. Fees.

- 3.1 There is no entry fee. This is a self-timed race. There is no PRO or race committee boat.

4. Schedule of Events.

- 4.1 Friday, October 9 Arrival, Rigging and Tuning All day

4.2 Race 1: From San Pedro to Howland's Landing

- Saturday, October 10 Racing from LA Light to D Row, Howlands.
- Howland's Layover BBQ Bring your own dinner and beverages. 1800

4.3 Race 2: From Howland's Landing to San Pedro

- Sunday, October 11 Racing from D Row to LA Light

- 4.4 A trophy presentation event will be held at Los Angeles Yacht Club, Friday night dinner event on October 16.

5. Sailing Instructions.

- 5.1 Sailing Instructions for this event will be available on the event web site and at the LAYC front desk by 1800, Monday Oct. 5.

6. Racing Area.

- 6.1 Race 1 – The starting area for race 1 will be Angels Gate. The finish area will be the D-Row of moorings in Howlands Cove.
- 6.2 Race 2 – The starting area for race 2 will be the D-Row of Moorings in Howlands Cove. The finish area will be Angels Gate.

7. Scoring.

The Low Point system of Appendix A will apply. 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. Tie breaker rules will apply. This modifies RRS A.

8. Disclaimer of Liability

- 11.1 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 will be acknowledged by the skipper's entry form

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