



LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®

Ray Wallace Wooden Boat Classic

Sailing Instructions

Saturday, August 1, 2026

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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. Schedule of Events.

- 2.1. 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

3. VHF Communications

- 3.1. Race committee will communicate with the fleet on VHF channel 71.

4. Courses.

- 4.1. See Appendix A for course charts.
- 4.2. Course 1 is approximately 12.0 nautical miles. Course 2 is approximately 7.0 nautical miles. The Race Committee will choose the course based on sailing conditions on the day of the race.
- 4.3. Course 1 – Start/Finish east of pier 400 -> Leave Angel's Gate -> Round the east end of the Long Beach Breakwater to port -> Return to Start/Finish.
- 4.4. Course 2 – Start/Finish east of pier 400 -> Leave Angel's Gate -> Enter Queen's Gate -> Return to Start/Finish.
- 4.5. The course to be sailed will be displayed on course boards on both sides of the committee boat no later than the warning signal.

5. Start and Finish. Please read this section carefully to ensure a safe and competitive start on race day.

- 5.1. This is a pursuit race. Starting times are staggered according to assigned PHRF handicaps. The list of starting times will be available at the front desk of LAYC and online at [2026 Ray Wallace Wooden Boat Classic Event Website](#) no later than 1900 on Friday, July 31, 2026.
- 5.2. The race will be started using RRS rule 26. The class flag is letter "A". The prep flag is code flag India (Rule 30.1 applies). The India flag will be displayed in normal sequence prior to the first start and will be removed at one minute prior to the start of the last yacht.
- 5.3. The starting line will be between a staff on the race committee boat displaying an orange flag and nearby orange mark.
- 5.4. To alert all yachts that the starting sequence is about to commence, multiple sound signals will be made approximately one minute prior to the warning signal for the first boat. The fleet may expect the following time sequence:

Event	Time
Attention Signal	1154
Warning Signal	1155
Preparatory Signal	1156
First Start	1200

- 5.5. **The second and subsequent starts are signaled with a whistle sounded at each individual yacht's start time.**

5.6. Yachts are NOT considered racing until their respective preparatory signal. A boat's preparatory signal time shall be four minutes prior to her individual start time. There shall be NO FLAG signal given. There will be NO SOUND signal given. This changes RRS rule 26.

5.7. [DP] **Boats not racing must keep clear of the racing area.**

5.8. The finish line will be between a staff on the race committee boat displaying a blue flag and nearby orange mark.

6. Recalls and OCS Procedure.

6.1. Any boat that is OCS will be signaled with a horn and hailed on channel 71. Code flag "X" will be displayed.

6.2. Any boat that is OCS shall sail across an extension of the starting line to restart.

6.3. 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.

7. Time Limit and Retirement.

7.1. Boats finishing after 1630 hours shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS rules 35 and A4.

7.2. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee by hailing or by VHF channel 71 before leaving the race area.

8. Protests and Requests for Redress.

8.1. A boat intending to protest shall notify the Race Committee and identify the boat being protested promptly after finishing.

8.2. The protest time limit is one hour after the last boat finishes. The closing time of the protest window closing will be announced on VHF Channel 71 immediately after the last boat finishes and displayed on the message board at the front desk of LAYC.

8.3. Protests shall be written on forms available online on the U.S. Sailing website and filed via email to seanmg23@gmail.com and racing@layc.org.

8.4. The Protest Committee will hear protests as soon as practical in approximately the order of the receipt.

9. Trophies. Trophies will be presented in the Dining Room (upstairs) at LAYC approximately 1 hour after the last boat finishes, Saturday, August 1, 2026.

10. Disclaimer of Liability.

10.1. 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.

10.2. This disclaimer is acknowledged by the skipper's entry form.

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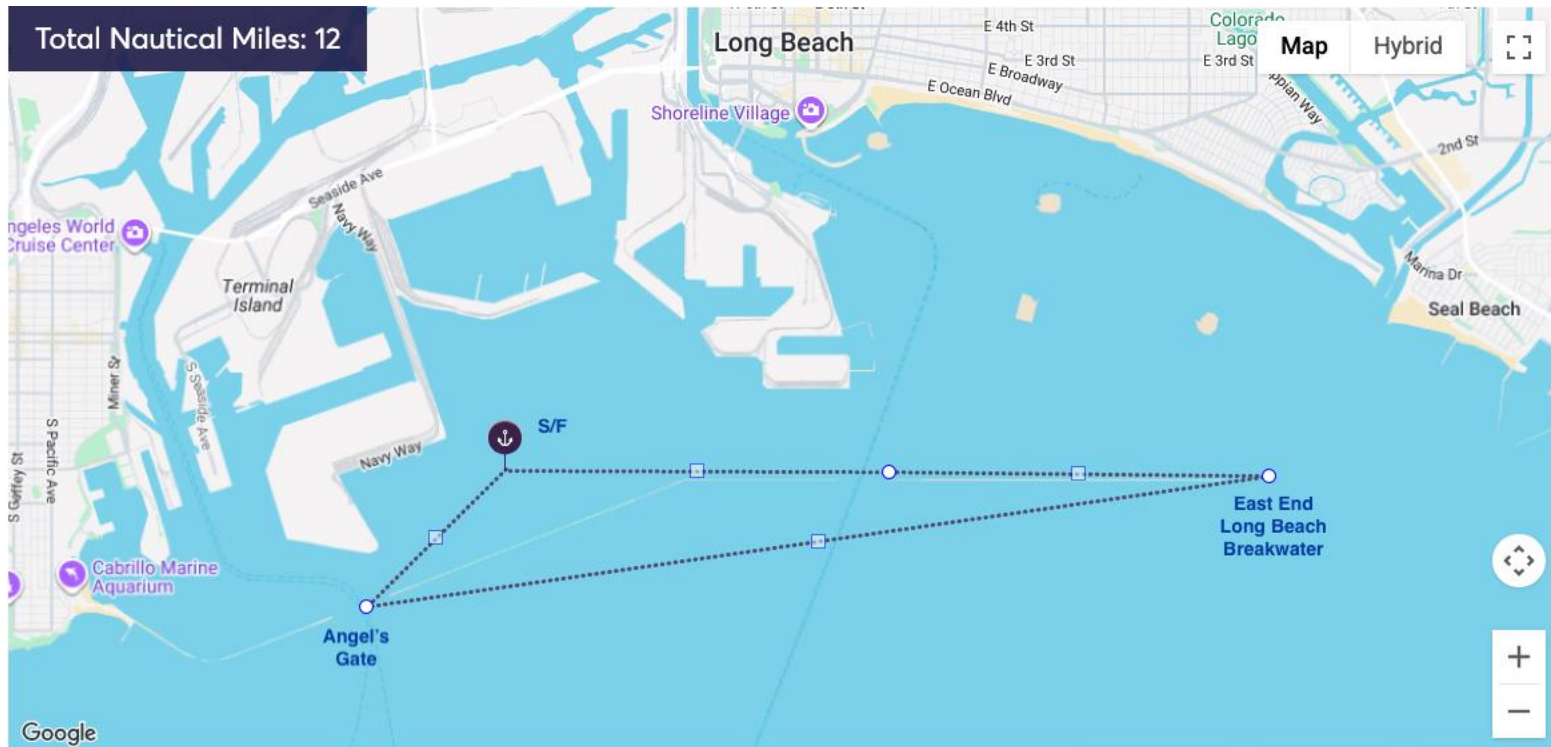
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Appendix A. Race Courses

Course 1 (12 NM)



Course 2 (7 NM)

