LOS ANGELES YACHT CLUB®

2026 Mercury Pacific Coast Championship

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Saturday and Sunday
October 24 and October 25, 2026

Event Website: 2026 Mercury Pacific Coast Championship

The 2026 Mercury Pacific Coast Championship Regatta will be hosted by the Los Angeles Yacht Club, the Organizing Authority (OA) for the regatta.

The Los Angeles Yacht Club is located at 285 Whaler's Walk, San Pedro, California 90731. The LAYC telephone number is 310-831-1203. LAYC Website.

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2025-2028, except that if there is a conflict, the class rules as defined in the Mercury Class Yacht Racing Association (MCYRA) class rules take precedence.

2. Eligibility and Entries

2.1. This regatta is open to eligible boats of the Mercury Class whose owner/skipper is a current member in good standing of the MCYRA.

2.2. Eligible boats must enter online by completing a Race Entry on the event website and paying the required fee. 2026 Mercury Pacific Coast Championship Registration

2.3. The entry deadline is 1800, Friday, October 23, 2026.

3. Fees

3.1. The entry fee is $75.00 per boat for all entries.

3.2. Entries will not be considered complete until fees have been paid.

3.3. Online payment is available on the event website at: 2026 Mercury Pacific Coast Championship Registration

4. Regatta Schedule

Friday, October 23	Arrival, Rigging and Tuning	All Day
Saturday, October 24	Competitor's Briefing – LAYC Transpac Room	0930
	First Warning (4 Races Planned)	1155
Sunday, October 25	First Warning (3 Races Planned)	1155
	Trophy Presentations	After Racing

5. Sailing the Course

5.1. The regatta will be sailed in the vicinity of Los Angeles Harbor inside the western breakwater, west of Angel's Gate in San Pedro.

5.2. Course numbers will be displayed on both sides of the committee boat no later than the warning signal for each race. The courses to be sailed are windward-leeward and described in detail in Appendix A of these Sailing Instructions.

5.3. The Mercury Class Flag will be the class flag.

5.4. The start line is formed by a line between an orange flag on the committee boat and a pin with an orange flag to port of the committee boat.

5.5. The finish line may be at either end of the course. In races finished to leeward the orange flag on the committee boat will be changed to a blue flag after the start to indicate the finish line which is defined by a line between the blue flag on the left end of the line and the orange pin flag on the right end of the line. In races finished to windward, the finish line is defined by a line between a blue flag on the mark boat and the windward mark.

5.6. The windward mark includes an offset. In the event that the course is changed during a race and the windward mark is moved, only the windward mark will be moved. The offset will be ignored for the remainder of that race. The offset will be replaced prior to the start of the following race.

6. Radio Communication

6.1. Radio communication for the regatta will be on VHF channel 71.

6.2. The Race Committee may use VHF channel 71 to communicate information about course selection, time to start, and sail numbers of boats that are OCS or have violated RRS 30. Neither failure of the Race Committee to communicate the sail numbers of recalled boats in a timely manner, nor failure of a recalled boat to receive or hear transmitted information, will be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

7. Scoring

7.1. The low point system of RRS Appendix A applies.

7.2. Seven (7) races are scheduled with four (4) on Saturday and three (3) on Sunday.

7.3. Three (3) races must be completed to constitute a regatta.

7.4. There will be no throw out race. This changes RRS A2.

8. Protests and Request 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. Protests shall be written on forms available online at Request for Hearing Form - US Sailing Website or available at the LAYC front desk. They must be filed within 1 hour after the Race Committee boat has docked. The Protest Time Limit shall be displayed on the Official Noticeboard at the LAYC front desk.

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

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 authorities will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

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

10. Further Information

10.1. Complimentary launching facilities and long dock for overnight moorage are available at Cabrillo Way Dry Boat Storage. Facilities include three hoists with valet service for launching and retrieval, trailer storage, parking, and a wash down area. All boats must provide their own lifting gear. The facility is located at 2845 S. Miner St., San Pedro (directly across the channel from the LAYC clubhouse).

10.2. 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.

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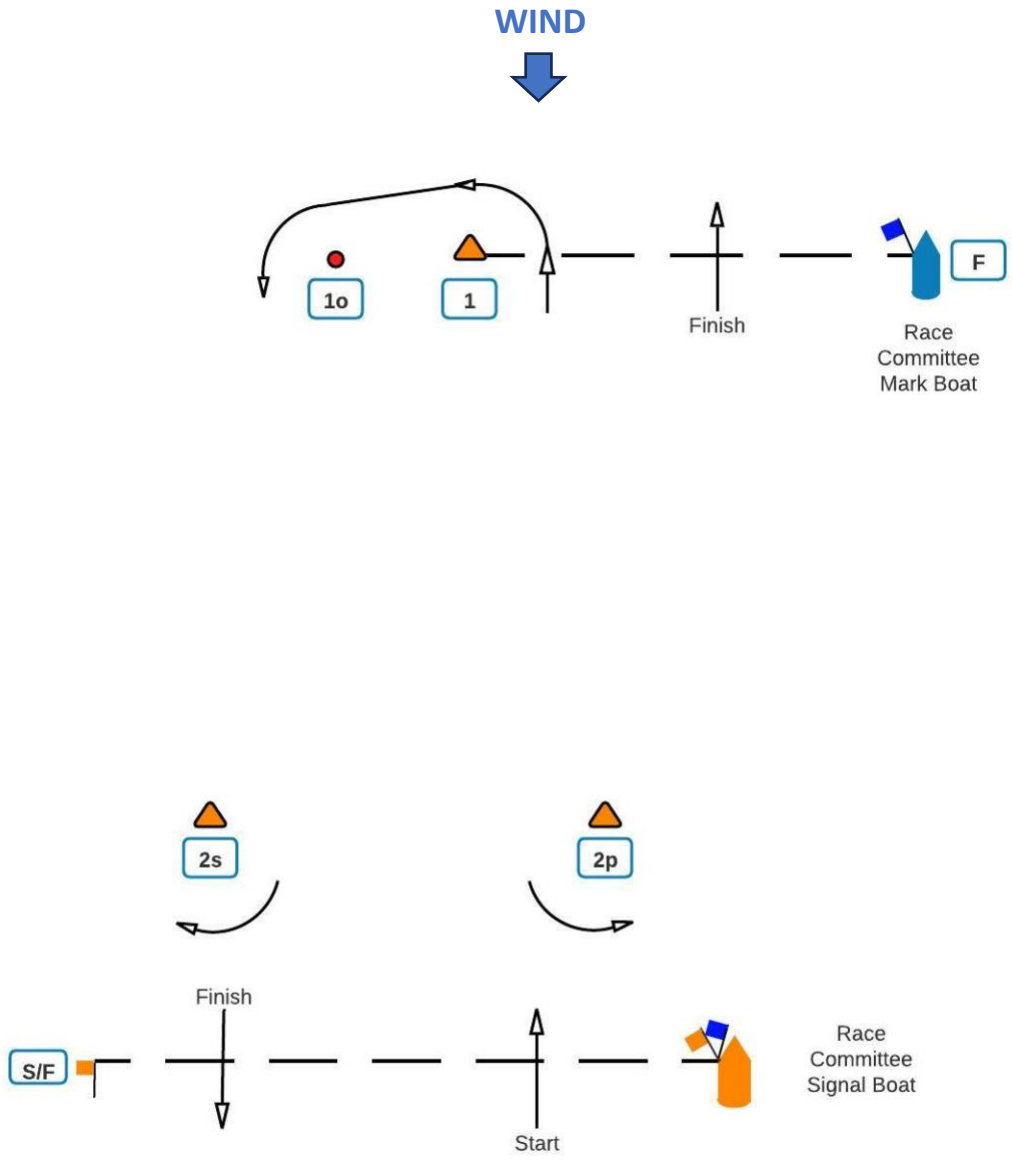
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APPENDIX A

A.1 Course Diagram (Not to Scale)



A.2 Course Table

Course Number	Course	Finish
1	Start(S/F) – W1 – Finish (S/F)	Leeward
2	Start(S/F) – W1 – G2 – W1 – Finish(S/F)	Leeward
3	Start(S/F) – W1 – G2 – W1 – G2 – W1 – Finish(S/F)	Leeward
4	Start(S/F) – W1 – G2 – Finish(F)	Windward
5	Start(S/F) – W1 – G2 – W1 – G2 – Finish (F)	Windward
6	Start(S/F) – W1 – G2 – W1 – G2 – W1 – G2 – Finish(F)	Windward