



2026 Commodore's Cup

Catalina Island YC & Long Beach YC – OA
Avalon, CA & Long Beach, CA
October 23, 2026



NOTICE OF RACE

The following abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions:

IJ: International Jury
NOR: Notice of Race
OA: Organizing Authority

ONB: Official Notice Board
PC: Protest Committee
RC: Race Committee

RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing
SI: Sailing Instruction
TD: Technical Delegate

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. *This changes RRS 60.1.*

The notation '[DP]' denotes a rule for which a discretionary penalty may be applied by the PC. This penalty may be less than disqualification. *This changes RRS 64.*

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS and the PHRF of Southern California Class Rules, except as amended by this NoR and the SI.
- 1.2 Compliance with the current US Sailing US Safety Equipment Requirements (US SER) for Coastal Racing is required.
- 1.3 [DP] For the purpose of RRS 47, there will be no penalty for losing overboard sail banding materials made of bio-degradable material (i.e. wool, cotton, etc.).
- 1.4 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or."

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SI will be available on the ONB after 1600 hours on October 21, 2026.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The ONB is located online at: <https://scya.org/event/2026-scya-commodore-cruise/>
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on U.S. VHF channel frequencies, including the international safety and distress channel 16.
- 3.3 While on the water, the RC will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SI.
- 3.4 Competitors shall monitor VHF Channel 13 when in close proximity to commercial shipping traffic.
- 3.5 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all monohull and multihull sailboats in excess of 20 feet in length overall with a membership in good standing of a yacht club affiliated with the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA), US Sailing or other National Authority.
- 4.2 All boats must have a current PHRF SoCal rating with an OWC handicap rating of 222 or lower or current ORCA rating. Obtaining and confirming the validity of a boat's rating prior to the start of the race shall be the sole responsibility of the skipper. Any boat that competes without a valid and current PHRF SoCal or ORCA rating shall be scored DSQ without a hearing. *This changes RRS A4 and A5.*
- 4.3 Classes are defined as follows:
 - a) Entries will be divided by the OA in up to four classes, based on the number of entries: PHRF A, PHRF B, PHRF C and ORCA.
 - b) Class assignments will be determined by the RC using PHRF handicap ratings and will be posted on the ONB after 1600 hours on October 21, 2026.

- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form posted on the ONB and submitting it, together with the required fee, by October 21, 2026 at 1600 hours. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Included in SCYA Commodore Weekend.

6 PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

DATE		DESCRIPTION
October 10	2359	Early entry deadline
October 21	2359	Entry deadline, class assignments
October 23	1100	First warning signal
October 23	1700	Finish deadline

7 VENUE

- 7.1 The racing area will be in the Long Beach Harbor, the San Pedro Channel and near Catalina Island.
- 7.2 Check-in prior to each race is required. To check in, a boat shall sail near the stern of the RC vessel displaying Flag L in the vicinity of the starting area. VHF radio check-in will not be acknowledged.

8 COURSES

The course will be a point-to-point race from Long Beach to the east end of Catalina Island. Specific details will be described in the SI.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 shall apply so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty, except in a mark zone. *This changes RRS 44.1.*

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 10.2 The PHRF Area C (Long Beach and Los Angeles Harbors) RLC ratings shall be used. Multihull boats shall be scored using ORCA TCF ratings.
- 10.3 One (1) race is scheduled.

11 BERTHING

- 11.1 Temporary berthing may be provided on the LBYC Long Dock in advance of the race, subject to availability. Please contact LBYC Dockmaster at waterfront@lbyc.org, or (562) 598-9401 ext. 134, for more information.
- 11.2 The OA will advise the Avalon Harbor Department of the event, however mooring reservations must be made individually by each boat and cannot be guaranteed by the OA.

12 ASSUMPTION OF RISK; WAIVER AND RELEASE

All participants in this event, including but not limited to skippers and crew, must review and sign and return to the LBYC Race Office, a copy of the Long Beach Yacht Club [Regatta Waiver and Release of Liability](#), available at the LBYC Race Office, or online at the time of entry, or on the Official Notice Board.

13 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

14 PRIZES

- 14.1 Take-home trophies will be awarded based on the number of entries.
- 14.2 Overall winner will have their name engraved on the CIYC perpetual trophy.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

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