



THE SHULTZ / EASTER CATALINA

Cruiser Navigation Rally



Friday, April 9, 2021

The following is a reprint of an article written by S/C Tom Collins in 2002 about the history of the "Shultz / Easter Catalina" Contest. Note that prior to our present-day Cruiser Nav Rallies they were called predicted log races, hence the use of the term race.

HISTORY OF THE SHULTZ / EASTER CATALINA RALLY

The Shultz / Easter Catalina Race is actually a combination of two races so I will address them individually. The Shultz Trophy Race was named for Doctor Elwood Shultz of Hollywood Yacht Club and originally ran from the Los Angeles Harbor area to the Isthmus at Catalina on a Saturday morning in July. As boating became more popular, it was becoming more difficult to get moorings in the middle of a Saturday on a summer weekend. The Hollywood members needed to solve this dilemma, but didn't want to run the race on Friday, so they decided to make it the Shultz Night Race. The plan was to arrive at first light on Saturday morning when there were still moorings available. Over the next decade or so the contest was run with common finish times that varied from 2400 Friday night to 0600 Saturday morning. The later finish, which was tried first, wasn't very popular. People ended up staying up all night and the slept all the following day. Often they missed the Awards, which were usually presented after scoring, at a brunch held at Doug's Harbor Reef Inn. The finish was moved earlier to midnight, but that also had its drawbacks. Often, if the afternoon winds had been up, the seas still were quite lumpy and picking up a mooring in pitch black also left some secured to the mooring in ways they hadn't planned. Generally, despite the way some Hollywood Yacht Club old-timers may nostalgically recall, there was a lot of dissatisfaction with the night part of the race and eventually, the race was scheduled to run on Friday.

The Easter Catalina Race was hosted by the Huntington Harbor Yacht Club and ran, as it does now, from Long Beach to Avalon. In those days, there wasn't any problem securing moorings in Avalon on a Saturday in March. The Harrison Palmer Trophy was deeded for the contest. Although typically a number of HHYC boats participated, they never brought their wives and it was a sort of stag cruise for them. About fifteen or twenty years ago HHYC Log Racing participation had dwindled and they decided to abandon their sponsorship of the race. The Trophy with its imbedded history in names of previous winners hasn't been seen since, although we are pleased that HHYC is back participating.

Logic then prevailed and the Shultz race was moved to fill the place and date of the Easter Catalina. After a while, the name Shultz / Easter Catalina prevailed and the contest continued to be run on a Saturday in April. More recently the race was moved to Friday because it had become very difficult to get moorings at Avalon on a Saturday and Avalon will pre-assign moorings to a Club for a Friday in off-season.

Who knows? Maybe it will once again become a night race and we will start the cycle all over again.

The Shultz / Easter Catalina Precision Navigation Rally

Friday; April 9, 2021

Sponsored by: ----- Hollywood Yacht Club

Sanctioned by: ----- Southern California Cruiser Association
North American Cruiser Association

Points for: ----- Brugman, Top-Ten, Bathke, Thol Simonson Trophy, NACA, Lurie 1st Year, Spring Series, and Peggy Bent Catalina Trophy.

Trophies overall: ---- Shultz Perpetual Trophy, keeper trophies for first three places, and keeper trophy for First Place-1st Year racer.

Race Committee: --- John Walker @ Cell/Home: 909-792-2654.

Scorer: ----- Tom Collins: Cell: 818-383-6292.

Skippers' meeting: -- None

Predicted Log: ----- To be sealed in an envelope prior to the start of the contest and kept by the Observer.

Observers: ----- To be provided by the skipper in accordance with SCCA rules. Family members permitted to be used in overnight races.

Actual Logs: ----- To be submitted along with the sealed Predicted Log and contestant's official time-piece to the Scorer, Tom Collins on Misty Sea no later than 1300.

Rules: ----- SCCA Cruiser Navigation Contest Rules 2007 updated through April 15, 2019

Committee boat: ---- PRIME TIME; John Walker, monitor VHF 16 and VHF 71 for communications.

Official distance: ---- Approximately 26.0 nautical miles. (Will vary with Turn Point distances)

Moorings: ----- Assigned by Harbor Patrol; contact on VHF 9. RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY. Please send your boat name, length, and CF#/Doc.# to John Walker: jwredlands@me.com. When you arrive tell the Harbor Patrol you are with the SCCA and you will be on the list.

Dinner & Awards: -- T.B.D

Time: -----T.B.D

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The Course

Start: ----- East end LB Breakwater Fl 6s43ft 5M "1" 100 yards starboard

WP-1: ----- East MEASURED MILE MARKER 100 yards starboard

CP-1: ----- West MEASURED MILE MARKER 100 yards starboard

COVER ALL INSTRUMENTS, USING TACH & SPIRIT COMPASS ONLY

Turn PORT to a 180 magnetic heading from CP-1 for a period of 10 minutes

WP-2: -----Call WP-2 at 10 minutes from CP-1 (10 minutes to be called by observer)

UNCOVER ALL ALLOWED INSTRUMENTS

CP-2: -----Call CP-2 at 1 NM from WP-2 while staying on a 180 magnetic heading.

CP-3: -----33° 33.000' N / 118° 16.000' W.

WP-3: -----Locate at skipper's discretion between CP-3 and CP-4.

CP-4: -----33° 29.000' N / 118° 16.000' W.

CP-5: -----33° 26.500' N / 118° 19.600' W.

WP-4: -----Locate at skipper's discretion between CP-5 and the Finish.

Finish: -----33° 21.600' N / 118° 19.300' W.

(Official distance is approximately 26.0 nautical miles.)

Notes & Rules:

1. Start at Skipper's discretion to submit logs to the Scorer before 1300.
2. Rally prepared using chart 18740; 46th Ed., corrected through LNM 03/06/2021.
3. All equipment aboard the vessel may be used, including GPS, chart plotter, speed, etc., except any item prohibited by item 4 below. SEE NOTES ON WP-2 & CP-2
4. Clock time, elapsed time, or any timing function from any source is prohibited.
5. The rally allows an open log where any time previously recorded may be viewed by the Skipper.
6. No handicap will be used in scoring.
7. If ship traffic is encountered so as to constitute a likely safety issue, a time out may be called at any place on the course. Call time-in at the same location or return to the previous called mark and note details on the back of the Actual Log.
8. Monitor VHF channel 71 for rally communications; VHF channel 16 for safety.
9. Skipper should announce, "Five minutes to start" on VHF channel 71 if other vessels are in the start area.

