



## **THE SHULTZ / EASTER CATALINA**

**Cruiser Navigation Contest**



**Friday, April 4th, 2025**

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:

## **HISTORY OF THE SHULTZ / EASTER CATALINA RACE**

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, in spite of 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 with securing moorings in Avalon on a Saturday. 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 has flipped between Friday and Saturday because it has become very difficult to get moorings at Avalon on a Saturday.

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

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- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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-1<sup>st</sup> Year racer.
- Race committee: Bruce Clinkenbeard: cell phone 949-505-2406.
- Scorer: Tom Collins on Misty Sea @ Cell/Home: 818-363-6292.
- 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 by 1430.
- Rules: SCCA Cruiser Navigation Contest Rules & By-laws updated through August 18, 2022.
- Committee boat: *Su Sea Q II*; Bruce Clinkenbeard – monitor VHF 16 and VHF 71 for communications.
- Charts: US3CA70M, 42nd Ed. (Update 1) 06/26/2024
- Distance: Official Distance Approximately 27.7 nautical miles.
- Moorings: Assigned by Harbor Patrol; contact red boat at entrance. Advise you are with the SCCA Predicted Log contest and if you are not registered with the Avalon Harbor Patrol please send your boat name, length, and CF#/Doc.# to Bruce Clinkenbeard at [hotelclink@aol.com](mailto:hotelclink@aol.com).
- Dinner & Awards: The awards ceremony and dinner will be held at The M Restaurant, 205 Crescent Ave in Hotel Metropole as we have done in the past on Friday evening. We will order off the regular menu. Please reserve with Tom Chandler, 310-849-3664.
- Time: Social time 1800 & dinner at 1900.

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## Course Instructions

START:----- E end LB breakwater Light "1"-----75 yards Starboard

CP-1:----- 33° 40.000'N, 118° 08.000'W

CP-2:----- Platform EDITH----- 200 yards Port

CP-3:----- Platform ELLEN----- 200 yards Port

CP-4:----- 33° 32.200'N, 118° 14.500'W

CP-5:----- 33° 25.000'N, 118° 14.500'W

FINISH:----- 33° 21.000'N 118° 19.000'W

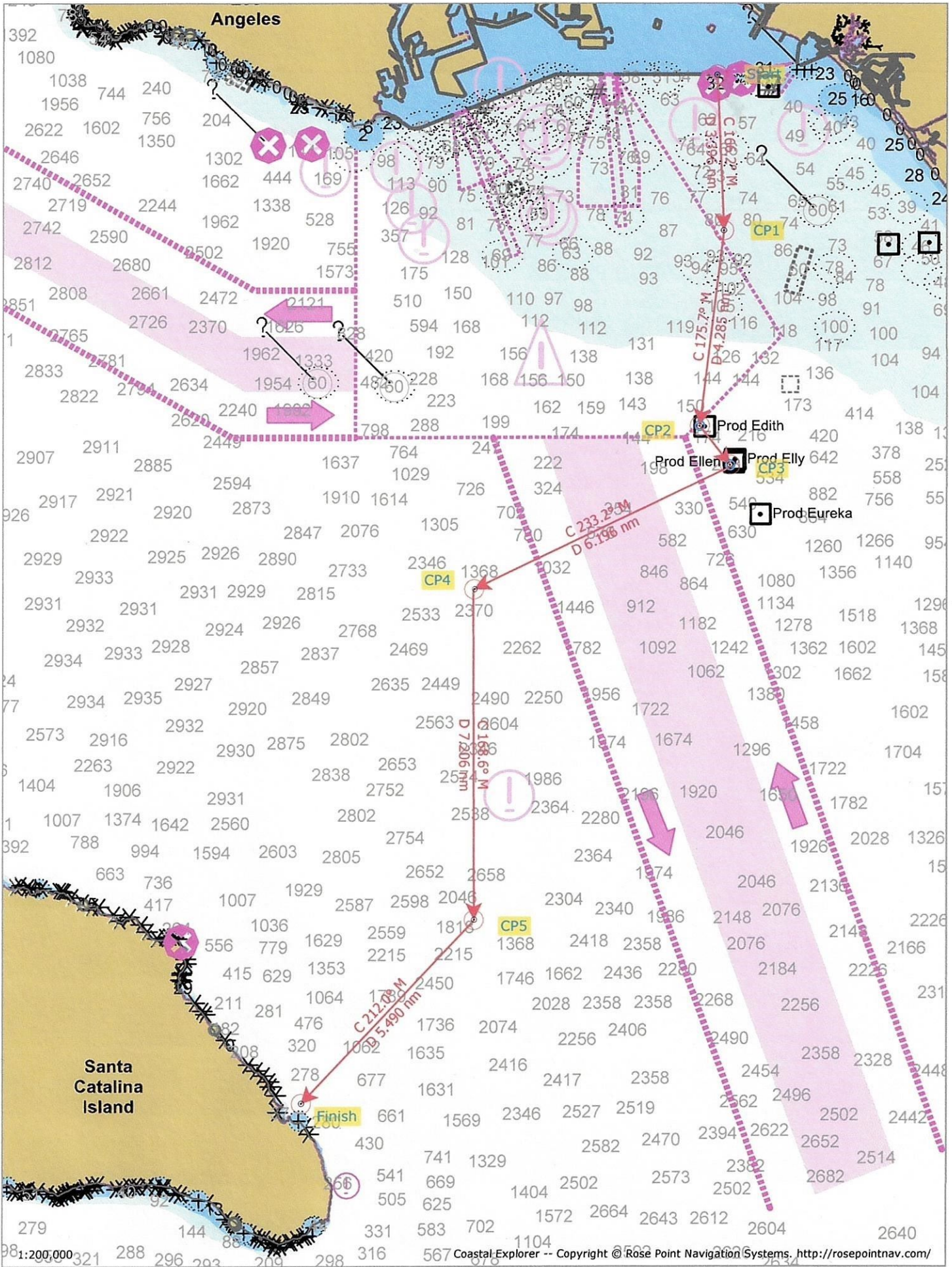
(Official distance is approximately 27.7 nautical miles)

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## SPECIAL CONTEST RULES

### Rules and Equipment Allowed:

1. Any and all equipment aboard the vessel may be used except that which is prohibited.
2. Use of the following data from any source is prohibited:
  - a. Clock time or elapsed time.
3. The contest will allow an Open Log where during the contest where the skipper may have access to all times that are recorded on the Actual Log.
4. No handicap will be used.
5. At the Start area vessels should announce "Five minutes to start" via VHF 71 if other SCCA contest vessels are in the immediate vicinity.
6. GPS speed is permitted.



# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CRUISER ASSOCIATION

Cruiser Nav Rally Official Entry Form

Vessel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fally: \_\_\_\_\_

SCCA Number: \_\_\_\_\_ NACA Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Rally Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## PREDICTED LOG

Start	Checkpoints ( no waypoints or blindpoints )	Predicted Clock Time		
		Hrs.	Mins.	Secs.
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				

I am entering this Rally at my own risk and will save, hold harmless and indemnify the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CRUISER ASSOCIATION and such other Club and/or Association that may be sponsoring, hosting, or sanctioning this Rally, together with their officers, directors, committees and members, from any and all liability or responsibility of any nature whatsoever for accidents, damage or injury to myself, my crew, my guests and my boat, and for any damage I or my boat might cause to any other boat, person or property, and I waive and relinquish any claim I might have for injury or damage to myself or my boat and against any such Association and/or Club and/or their officers, directors, committees, or members.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Skipper (print)** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Yacht Club \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Observer Name (Furnished) \_\_\_\_\_ (Assigned) \_\_\_\_\_

**First Year Duff Wadants Only:**

I certify that it has been less than 12 months since I participated in my first SCCA Cruiser Nav Rally.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(SCCA Form revised 04/08/2021)

# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CRUISER ASSOCIATION

Official Observer Actual Log Form

Vessel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fally: \_\_\_\_\_

(Observer to fill in gray areas:)

Actual Vessel Number Displayed: \_\_\_\_\_

Start	Checkpoints ( to be entered by Skipper )	Port or Stbd.	Yards Off	Predicted Start Time		
				Hrs.	Mins.	Secs.
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						

## ACTUAL LOG

Optional for Skipper:

I have calculated my error to be \_\_\_\_\_

Blind Point Predictions				
From C.P.#	To B.P.#	Elapsed Time		
		Hrs.	Mins.	Secs.

**Committee Use Only**

Watch Error (Seconds) \_\_\_\_\_ Fast \_\_\_\_\_ Slow \_\_\_\_\_ % Error \_\_\_\_\_

**Equipment checklist to be completed by Observer (Y or N)**

SCCA Burgee \_\_\_\_\_ YC Burgee \_\_\_\_\_ All clocks covered ? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Depth Sounder \_\_\_\_\_ VHF Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Chartplotter used? \_\_\_\_\_  
 GPS Used ? \_\_\_\_\_ If GPS used, are all the prohibited items on the GPS taped over? \_\_\_\_\_

Observer is to record all unusual occurrences, rule violations, etc., on reverse side. I have read the current SCCA rules and certify that I have abided by them.

Observer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I have participated in this regatta in the true spirit of yachtmanship and have abided by all rules of the SCCA.

Skipper \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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