



THE SHULTZ / EASTER CATALINA

Cruiser Navigation Rally



April 10, 2026

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 Harrison Palmer 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 from Saturday to Friday because it has become very difficult to get moorings on a Saturday and, in April, Avalon will reserve moorings for a group event on Friday.

Who knows? Maybe it will once again become a night race and we will start the cycle all over again. (I hope not!)

The Shultz / Easter Catalina Cruiser Navigation Contest

Friday; April 10, 2026

Sponsored by: ----- Hollywood Yacht Club

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

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

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

Race committee: ---- Bruce Clinkenbeard, Cell: 949-505-2406.

Scorer:----- Tom Collins on Misty Sea, Cell: 818-383-6292.

Skippers' meeting: -- None

Predicted Log: ----- To be sealed in an envelope prior to 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 by 1400.

Rules: ----- SCCA Cruiser Navigation Contest Rules, August 18, 2022 update.

Committee boat: ---- *SuSea Q II*; Bruce Clinkenbeard.

Moorings: ----- Assigned by Harbor Patrol; contact on VHF 9. Advise you are with the SCCA Predicted Log contest. To reserve a mooring please send your boat name, length, and CF#/Doc.# to Bruce Clinkenbeard @ hotelclink@aol.com by 4/7.

Dinner & Awards: -- The awards ceremony and dinner will be held at M Restaurant on Friday evening. Social time 1800 & dinner at 1900.

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Friday; April 10, 2026 - Course Instructions

Start: -----Long Beach Channel Pier J Channel Lighted Buoy 2 ----- 50 yards Abeam

Draw a straight line from the 'Start' buoy to the 'Finish' Lat/Lon.

WP-1: -----At Skipper's discretion anywhere on a straight course between 'Start' and CP-1.

CP-1: -----Crossing Lat. 33° 42.0' N on course to 'Finish' Lat/Lon.

CP-2: -----Crossing Lat. 33° 38.0' N on course to 'Finish' Lat/Lon.

CP-3: -----Crossing Lat. 33° 33.0' N on course to 'Finish' Lat/Lon.

WP-2: -----At Skipper's discretion anywhere on a straight course between CP-3 and CP-4.

CP-4: -----Crossing Lat. 33° 28.5' N on course to 'Finish' Lat/Lon.

CP-5: -----Crossing Lat. 33° 25.0' N on course to 'Finish' Lat/Lon.

Finish: -----33° 22.500'N, 118° 19.000'W

(Official distance is approximately 23.0 nautical miles)

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: Clock time or elapsed time.
- 3 Use of GPS Speed is permitted.
- 4 This contest allows an Open Log where during the contest the skipper may have access to all times that are recorded on the Actual Log.
- 5 Record WP times on reverse side of Actual Log
- 6 Radio: Monitor VHF channel 16 & 71.
- 7 Use chart: US4CA60M, 37th Ed, US6LGBCD 7th /ed.
- 8 No scoring handicap will be used.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CRUISER ASSOCIATION

Official Cruiser Nav Rally Entry Form

Vessel: _____ Rally: _____

SCCA Number: _____ NACA Number: _____ Rally Date: _____

PREDICTED LOG

Checkpoints (no waypoints or blindpoints)	Predicted Clock Time		
	Hrs.	Mins.	Secs.
Start			
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 Duffendants Only:

I certify that it has been less than 12 months since I participated in my first SCCA cruiser nav rally.

Signature _____

(SCCA Log Form revised 04/08/2021)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CRUISER ASSOCIATION

Official Observer Actual Log Form

Vessel: _____ Rally: _____

(Observer to fill in gray areas)

Actual Vessel Number Displayed: _____

ACTUAL LOG

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

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 rally in the true spirit of yachmanship and have abided by all rules of the SCCA.

Skipper _____ Date _____

(SCCA Log Form revised 04/08/2021)