



LONG BEACH YACHT CLUB

Presents the

2017 SEASON OPENER

Cruiser Navigation Regatta

March 4, 2017



This regatta kicks off the season in SCCA cruiser navigation regattas. Held in the relatively sheltered waters of the San Pedro Bay and Channel, it provides the year's first opportunity for power cruiser skippers to check out their vessels and refresh their skills at this exciting navigational challenge. Long Beach Yacht Club invites all members of Southern California Cruiser Association Yacht Clubs to participate in this Cruiser Navigation Regatta, also known as a Predicted Log Regatta.

The following is a reprint of an article written by SCCA S/C Tom Collins."

EVOLUTION OF THE "SEASON OPENER"

In 1947, a group of Predicted Log skippers who had been racing under the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) met at Ciro's restaurant on Santa Monica Boulevard and organized the Southern California Cruiser Association (SCCA). The intent was to create a separate organization whose primary emphasis was on power cruiser predicted log regattas rather than sailboat racing. King Brugman of Long Beach YC was named as the first Commodore and the newly formed SCCA sanctioned a handful of regattas each year.

The two predicted log regattas that had been run during the SCYA's Midwinter and Midsummer Regattas remained with SCYA. They were the Brittain and the Donaldson regattas, respectively. Later the Midsummer was dropped and the Donaldson trophy was moved to the Midwinter as the Class B trophy. The host club for the Midwinter log regatta alternated yearly between California and Long Beach Yacht Clubs. The entry fee for sailboats in the Midwinter ranged from a couple of bucks for the smallest class of sailboats to a very substantial fee for the largest seventy-plus foot sailboats. In the mid seventies discontent arose when the entry fee for the predicted loggers was set at the maximum charged for the largest sailboats.

After meetings between the SCYA and the SCCA failed to produce an acceptable resolution to the problem, SCCA withdrew from further participation in the SCYA Midwinter. A replacement regatta needed to be created to fill the void in the schedule and LBYC fleet captain Arnold Cowan proposed the Season Opener. Upon approval, he created the present trophy.

Interestingly, after the split, the Donaldson Trophy was retained by the SCCA and is now used for the Long Beach to San Diego skippers, which is elemental to the LBYC Craig Regatta.

The Season Opener Regatta typically runs in the sheltered waters of the San Pedro Bay and is a relatively short course that can easily be navigated on a Saturday morning. Skippers usually tie up after the regatta at the LBYC Long Dock for some enjoyable camaraderie. The Awards banquet Saturday evening is a favorite as skippers and crew get together to discuss the regatta and catch up on happenings since last year's Season Closer. The LBYC Season Opener remains as one of the most popular of the SCCA regattas.

LBYC - SEASON OPENER

CRUISER NAVIGATION REGATTA

Saturday, March 4, 2017

- SPONSORED BY:** Long Beach Yacht Club
- SANCTIONED BY:** Southern California Cruiser Association
North American Cruiser Association
- ELIGIBILITY:** All eligible members of SCCA member clubs and per SCCA Rules.
- POINTS FOR:** SCCA Brugman, Top Ten, Bathke, Simonson, Lurie, and Spring Series. North American Cruiser Association's season trophies.
- TROPHIES:** Season Opener Perpetual Trophy.
Keeper Trophies for: Top places overall.
First Place, first year
First-place Easy Entry
- RULES:** SCCA latest rules. Download from: SoCalCruiserAssociation.org
- LOG FORMS:** SCCA latest version. Download from: SoCalCruiserAssociation.org
- COMMITTEE:** Chairman: Bobby Frazier H 562-439-0618
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Scorer: Bill McCormick C 626-375-4208
Committee Boat: Inamorata VHF Channel 71
- SKIPPERS' MEETING:** At 1830 Friday, March 3, in Skippers' Cove, LBYC.
Starting times will be assigned. All skippers must be represented.
- OBSERVERS:** Skippers are requested to furnish an observer. Additional observers will be supplied by LBYC on advance request.
- ACTUAL LOGS:** To be turned in at the LBYC Long Dock no later than 1330. The Committee will check observer's clock at that time.
- BERTHING:** Berthing will be assigned by LBYC to the extent available.
Advance reservations are required.
- TROPHY PRESENTATION:** No-host cocktails will commence at 1830. The trophy presentation dinner will follow at 1930. Reservations are required.
(Blazers and ties are the traditional attire for this event.)

COURSE - 2017 SEASON OPENER

Start:	Light, West Alamitos Bay Jetty, Fl G 2.5s 16ft 4M "1" BELL	Stbd 100 yards
W.P. 1:	Island Chafee – leave to port	Min 75 yards
C.P. 1:	Island Freeman NW corner	Port 75 yards
C.P. 2:	Island Grissom East MARKER (LIGHTED)	Port 75 yards
W.P. 2:	Island White West MARKER (LIGHTED)	Port 75 yards
C.P. 3:	Island Freeman S/W MARKER (LIGHTED)	Port 75 yards
W.P. 3:	"Radar Tower" (SE corner Pier J)	Stbd 75 yards
C.P. 4:	Light Pier J, Fl R 4s 30ft 4M "4"	Stbd 75 yards
C.P. 5:	Light, Pier 400, Fl 6s 45ft 5M "S"	Stbd 100 yards
C.P. 6:	Buoy, G "3" Fl G 4s	Stbd 50 yards
C.P. 7:	Island Freeman S/E MARKER (LIGHTED) HORN	Port 75 yards
Finish:	Alamitos Bay E Entrance Jetty, as a range	Port 150 Yards

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Easy-Entry level skippers may enter without submitting a Predicted Log – see attached.
2. This regatta will use a staggered start with the fastest vessel starting first and the slowest last. All vessels shall submit a predicted log showing a 0900 predicted starting time. Staggered starting times will be assigned at the skippers meeting.
3. Chart used to prepare regatta course: 18749, 44th edition. Official distance: 16.0 nm.
4. Regatta communications: use VHF channel 71
5. Skipper may call mark at waypoints and, if called, Observer shall record waypoint time on back of Actual Log.
6. Regatta will be scored without handicap.
7. All equipment aboard the vessel may be used except that which is prohibited.
8. Use of GPS is permitted including speed. No time information may be displayed. Cover any prohibited data display with opaque tape.
9. A chart plotter may be used to display an electronic chart. The vessel's location may be displayed. No time (present, TTG, ETA, etc.) shall be displayed.
10. This is an Open Log regatta. Skipper may view the Actual Log during the regatta.

March 4 2017, LBYC Season Opener Regatta - Easy Entry

A special feature of the LBYC Season Opener Predicted Log Regatta is the provision for Easy-Entry level predicted log skippers to participate without the need to run a measured mile or to prepare and submit a predicted log. The course is just sixteen-miles and it's all inside the Long Beach breakwater so you'll be running in sheltered water.

It's simple! All you need to do is attend the March 3 - Friday night LBYC Skipper's Meeting at 6:30 pm to give the Committee your intended speed, normal cruise speed is usually best, and have a starting time assigned. Any questions you have will be answered and they'll even provide an observer if you need one. Saturday morning you'll go to the West Jetty of the marina entrance and start at your assigned time. Then follow the course instructions to navigate past the control points. Simply run the course at the stated speed as your observer records the time when you pass the control points on the Actual Log. You can use the speed readout on your GPS to adjust your throttle to maintain the speed you choose to run at the Skipper's meeting.

After your Log is turned in, the Committee will use the speed you choose to prepare a prediction for your boat. Then they'll compare that prediction with your actual times to figure your score.

It's that easy - Come on out and join in the fun!

Course Headings:

To:	WP1	Steer:	281 °magnetic
	CP1		263
	CP2		308
	WP2		109
	CP3		181
	WP3		233
	CP4		258
	CP5		236
	CP6		062
	CP7		052
	Finish		085

RESERVATIONS FOR THE 2017 LBYC SEASON OPENER

MAIL TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN March 1, 2017

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Yacht Club: _____

Boat Name: _____

Length: _____ ft. Beam: _____ ft.

- Enter my vessel in the 2017 Season Opener Cruiser Navigation Regatta.
- Submit my request for berthing on Friday ____ Saturday ____ night.
If arriving on Friday, my approximate ETA will be: _____.
- Make dinner reservations for Friday night for ____ persons for open seating, after the skippers meeting.
- Please reserve ____ places for the Trophy Awards Dinner on Saturday evening. (Customary attire – blazers and ties.)
- Check enclosed (\$40 each) payable to LBYC. Note: Dinner cost will be \$45 for reservations received after March 1.

Questions: Call Bobby Frazier at (C) (562)254-1634, (W) 562-594-9716

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