



LONG BEACH YACHT CLUB

Presents the

2021 SEASON OPENER

Cruiser Navigation Rally

March 6, 2021



This rally kicks off the season in SCCA cruiser navigation rallies. Held in the sheltered waters of the Long Beach Harbor, it provides the year's first opportunity for power cruiser skippers to check out their vessels and refresh their skills in this exciting navigational challenge. Long Beach Yacht Club invites its members and all members of Southern California Cruiser Association Yacht Clubs to participate in this fun Cruiser Navigation Rally, previously known as a predicted log contest.

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 Cruiser Navigation skippers who had been competing 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 navigation rallies rather than sailboat racing. King Brugman of Long Beach YC was named as the first Commodore. Subsequently the SCCA sanctioned a handful of rallies each year. That tradition has carried on for over 70 years.

The two Cruiser Navigation rallies that had been run during the SCYA's Midwinter and Midsummer Regattas remained with SCYA. They were the Brittain and the Donaldson contests, 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 rally 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 all 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 contest needed to be created to fill the void in the schedule. Then LBYC fleet captain Arnold Cowan proposed the Season Opener and created the present trophy.

Interestingly, after the split, the Donaldson Trophy was retained by the SCCA and is now used for the first leg of the Long Beach to San Diego LBYC hosted Craig Rally.

The Season Opener Rally 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 rally 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 contest and catch up on happenings since the previous year's Season Closer. The LBYC Season Opener remains as one of the more popular rallies on the SCCA calendar.

LBYC - SEASON OPENER

CRUISER NAVIGATION RALLY

Saturday, March 6, 2021

- 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 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 C 562-254-1634
Committee Boat: Inamorata VHF Channel 71
Scorer Tom Collins H 714-845-9514
- SKIPPERS' MEETING: None – predictions to be submitted via e-mail to twc741@gmail.com before starting Rally.
- OBSERVERS: Skippers are to furnish their own observer.
- ACTUAL LOGS: Scan or photo be e-mailed to Scorer at twc741@gmail.com no later than 1230.
- BERTHING: LBYC is currently under strict Covid restrictions. Berthing at LBYC will be assigned to the extent available only for boats traveling to Long Beach from out of the area. Advance berthing reservations are required. Contact Chairman Bobby Frazier.
- TROPHY PRESENTATION: Due to COVID19 restrictions there will not be an awards dinner. Results presentation will be via Zoom at 1630. Log-in information will be sent to all who have submitted a predicted log. Trophies may be picked up at LBYC.

COURSE - 2021 SEASON OPENER

Start:	Alamitos Bay East Entrance Jetty	Port 100 yards
W.P. 1:	End Seal Beach Pier	Port 100 yards
C.P. 1:	Alamitos Bay West Entrance Jetty – as-a-range	Stbd 300 yards
W.P. 2:	Island Chaffee, south MARKER (Lt) HORN	Stbd 100 yards
C.P. 2:	Island Freeman S/E MARKER (LIGHTED) HORN	Stbd 100 yards
W.P. 3:	Buoy, R “2” Fl R 4s	Port 50 yards
C.P. 3:	Range on inside corner Middle Breakwater and Buoy Fl G “3” Fl G 4s while on course to west end Long Beach Breakwater Fl R 2.5s 41ft 5M “2”	
W.P. 4:	Buoy, G “3” Fl G 4s	Stbd 50 yards
C.P. 4:	Range on West end Middle Breakwater: Fl R 2.5s 42ft 4M “8” and S/E corner Submerged Material Storage Site: Fl 2.5s 15ft 5M “A” while on course to N/E corner Submerged Material Site Fl 4s 35ft 5M “E”	
W.P. 5:	Navy Base Mole Light Fl G 2.5s 26ft 5M “9”	Port 150 yards
C.P. 5:	Pier J Light Fl R 6s 30ft 5M “6”	Port 100 yards
W.P. 6:	S/W corner Pier J Light, Fl R 4s 30ft 4M “4”	Port 100 yards
W.P. 7:	S/E corner Pier J Light, Fl 4s 32ft 5M “J”	Port 125 yards
C.P. 6:	Range on Pier J jetty lights: Fl R 2.5s 25ft 5M “4” and Fl G 2.5s 25ft 5M “3” while on course to S/E corner Island Freeman	
W.P. 8:	Island Grissom East MARKER (LIGHTED) HORN	Port 100 yards
C.P. 7:	Island White, West MARKER (LIGHTED)	Port 100 yards
W.P. 9:	Island Freeman N/E MARKER (LIGHTED)	Stbd 100 yards
W.P. 10:	Island Chaffee, North MARKER (Lt)	Stbd 100 yards
Finish:	Alamitos Bay West Entrance Jetty – as-a-range.	Port 150 Yards

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Easy-Entry skippers may enter without submitting a predicted log – see attached.
2. Start Saturday morning in order to finish and submit Actual Log no later than 1230.
3. Chart used to prepare rally course: 18749, 44th edition. Official distance: 15.2 nm.
4. Rally communications: use VHF channel 71
5. Skipper may call mark at waypoints. Observer to record time on back of Log.
6. All equipment aboard the vessel may be used except that which is prohibited. Use of clock time or elapsed time in any form is prohibited.
7. Use of GPS is permitted including speed. No time information such as ETA, ETE, TTG, etc. may be displayed. Cover any prohibited data display with opaque tape.
8. 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.
9. This is an Open Log rally. Skipper may view the Actual Log during the rally.

March 6 2021, LBYC Season Opener Rally - Easy Entry

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

It's simple! Saturday morning you'll go to the East Jetty of the Alamitos Bay entrance and start. Then follow the course instructions to navigate past the control points. Simply run the course at your planned speed. Your observer records the time on the Actual Log when you pass the control points. You can use the speed readout on your GPS to adjust your throttle to maintain the speed you've chosen to run. Be sure to note your planned speed on the front of your log.

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. Join in the FUN!

Course Headings:

To:	Steer:
WP1	085° magnetic
CP1	266°
WP2	270°
CP2	262°
WP3	267°
CP3	176°
WP4	241°
CP4	261°
WP5	013°
CP5	117°
WP6	111°
WP7	079°
CP6	056°
WP8	353°
CP7	109°
WP9	160°
WP10	080°
Finish	102°

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CRUISER ASSOCIATION

Official Predicted Log Entry Form

Vessel: _____ FYI UHF: _____

SCCA Number: _____ NACA Number: _____ Regatta 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 regatta 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 regatta, 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/Dants Only:

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

Signature _____

(SCCA Form revised 09/12/13 by S/C Craig Ryan)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CRUISER ASSOCIATION

Official Observer Actual Log Form

Vessel: _____ FYI UHF: _____

(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.
			Adjusted 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 regatta in the true spirit of yachtmanship and have abided by all rules of the SCCA.

Skipper _____ Date _____

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