



PRESENTS

THE SHULTZ / EASTER CATALINA
Cruiser Navigation Contest



FRIDAY; April 8th, 2011

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.

The Shultz / Easter Catalina Cruiser Navigation Contest

Friday; April 8th, 2011

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 Cup.

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

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

Scorer: ----- Craig Ryan on Black Jack

Skippers' meeting:----- None

Predicted Log:----- To be sealed in an envelope prior to start of race and turned over to 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 timepiece by the observer to the scorer, Tom Collins on Misty Sea by 1400.

Rules:----- SCCA Cruiser Navigation Contest Rules 2007 updated through April 11th, 2007 as amended. (Note: If you are using the small pocket-sized Rule Book, the date will show "Updated through April 12th, 2006; the change since then was the amended handicap formula.)

Awards:----- Awards dinner at Mi Casita, April 9th: Cocktails @ 1800; Dinner @ 1900; Awards @ 2000.

Committee Boat:----- PRIME TIME: John Walker; Monitor VHF 16 and use VHF 71 for communications.

Charts: ----- 18746-38th Ed., 2011
18749-43rd Ed., 2011
18757-12th Ed., 2011
18751-46th Ed., 2011

Official Distance:----- Approximately 28.23 nautical miles.

Moorings:----- Assigned by Harbor Patrol; contact on VHF 9.

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Start:-----R "2" FI R 4s -----Starboard 50 yards

WP-1:----LONG BEACH LT FI 5s 50ft 20M HORN-----Starboard 50 yards

CP-1: ----Y "B" FI Y 6s -----Starboard 50 yards

CP-2: ----G "1" FI G 2.5s -----Starboard 50 yards

CP-3: ----Y "W" FI Y 6s Bell----- Port 50 yards

CP-4: ----Common Time line at 1030 ----- 33° 31.000' N / 118° 21.000' W (Center Point)
(See Notes 1 & 3)

BP-1: ----Goat Harbor-----33° 25.547' N / 118° 23.216' W

CP-5: ----Abeam LONG PT LT FI 6s 71 ft 10M PA-----
-----Starboard 200 yards Minimum to 400 yards Maximum

CP-6: ----33° 22.000' N / 118° 19.000' W)

Finish: ---Range on TOWER and FI R 4s 21ft 4M "2"-----
----- Starboard Minimum 200 yards to 600 yards Maximum

(official distance is approximately 28.23 nautical miles)

Special Instructions

Note 1: Your start time will be determined by the Common Time line at CP-4 at 1030.

Note 2: Skippers should announce "five minutes to start" if other contestants are in the immediate starting area. No actual time may be announced when adjusting for conflicting start times to allow for a two minute separation at the start.

Note 3: Calculate your Common Time location True east or west from the Center Point: move your common time point true west 300 yards for every knot or fraction thereof more than 9.0 knots; for every knot or fraction thereof, slower than 9.0 knots, move your common time point true east 300 yards.

Note 4: Skipper will receive the actual time at CP-4 to calculate the Blind Point arrival time. Skipper may request a 3, 2, & 1-minute countdown for BP-1 arrival time.

Note 5: Radar and GPS functions may be used for Latitude/Longitude, heading, course-over-ground, planned course, cross-track error, bearing and distance. No time functions may be used.

Note 7: This will be a handicapped contest.

Shultz / Easter Cat Participation and Reservation Form

Date: Friday; April 8th, 2011

Time:

Cocktails: ----- 1800

Dinner: ----- 1900

Awards: ----- 2000

Place: Mi Casita

Avalon, California

Dinner choice: ---- Served with chips and salsa; choice of Kona coffee, brewed tea, or Pepsi brand soda.

Salad:----Tossed green salad with tomatoes, cucumbers, & Girard's Buttermilk Ranch dressing.

Carnitas Platter (Pork)----Served with Mi Casita rice, Frijoles de la Olla, and choice of corn or flour tortillas.

Pescado Veracruz (Fish)----Served with Mi Casita rice, Frijoles de la Olla, and choice of corn or flour tortillas.

Beef or chicken Fajitas----Choice of beef or chicken Fajitas. Served with Mi Casita rice, refried beans, and choice of corn or flour tortillas.

Desert:----Mi Casita Mexican Flan.

HYC will provide a PITCHER of MARGARITAS *per table* to get you started.

Name: _____ 1st Year? _____

Address: _____

Boat Name: _____ Size _____

Yacht Club: _____

Number of Dinners:----Carnitas _____ Pescado _____ Fajitas _____

Check payable to:-----Hollywood Yacht Club @ \$36.00 each.

Mail reservations to: ----John Walker

146 Carmody Ct.

Redlands, CA 92373

Or E-Mail to: -----jwredlands.jw@verizon.net

Or call John's Cell / Hm. @ 909-792-2654

Please make reservations by March 28th, 2011.
