



LONG BEACH YACHT CLUB

Presents the

2012 SEASON OPENER

Cruiser Navigation Contest

March 3, 2012



This contest kicks off the season in SCCA cruiser navigation contests. 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 Contest, also known as a Predicted Log Race.

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 racers 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 races rather than sailboat racing. King Brugman of LBYC was named as the first Commodore and the newly formed SCCA sanctioned a handful of contests each year.

The two predicted log contests 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 racer trophy. The host club for the Midwinter log race 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 log racers 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 Midwinter. A replacement contest 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. The contest remains one of the most popular of the SCCA races to this day.

Interestingly, after the split, the SCYA continued running the Midwinter Log Race using the Brittain Trophy. The effort drew a few of the SCYA powerboat-owning members for a couple of years and then seemed to more or less die out. Some years later SCYA approached clubs active in SCCA log racing and solicited help in hosting the Midwinter, which continues to be run, although not under SCCA sanction. After the split, the Donaldson Trophy was retained by the SCCA and is now used for the Long Beach to San Diego race, which is elemental to the LBYC Craig Contest.

LBYC - SEASON OPENER

CRUISER NAVIGATION CONTEST

Saturday, March 3, 2012

- 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 five places overall.
First-place first-year.
- RULES:** SCCA Rules, as amended.
- LOG FORMS:** SCCA Latest revision.
- COMMITTEE:** Chairman: Bobby Frazier H 562-439-0618
W-562-594-9716
Scorer: Tom Collins H/C 818-363-6292
Committee Boat: Memory Banks VHF Channel 71
- SKIPPER'S MEETING:** At 1830 Friday, March 2, in Skippers' Cove, LBYC.
Starting times will be assigned. All skippers must be represented.
- OBSERVERS:** Contestants are requested to furnish an observer for possible exchange. 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. Observer's clock will be checked by the Committee at this time.
- BERTHING:** Contestant berthing will be assigned by LBYC to the extent available. Advance reservations are strongly advised.
- TROPHY PRESENTATION:** No-host cocktails will commence at 1830. The trophy presentation dinner will follow at 1930. Reservations are required.

COURSE - 2012 SEASON OPENER

Start:	Light - East End Long Beach Breakwater, Fl G 6s 43ft 5M "1"	Port 50 yards
W.P. 1:	East Measured Mile Markers - as a range	Port 50 yards
W.P. 2:	West Measured Mile Markers - as a range	Port 50 yards
C.P. 1:	Light - West Eng Long Beach Breakwater, Fl R 2.5s 41ft 5M "2"	Port 50 yards
C.P. 2:	San Pedro Precautionary Area Lighted Buoy "B", Y "B" Fl Y 6s	Stbd 50 yards
C.P. 3:	Los Angeles Approach Channel Lighted Buoy 6, R "6" Fl R 4s	Stbd 50 yards
C.P. 4:	Los Angeles Main Channel Entrance Light "8", Fl R 2.5s 42ft 4M "8"	Stbd 50 yards
W.P. 3:	Northwest Corner – Middle Breakwater	Stbd 50 yards
C.P. 5:	Light, LONG BEACH LT Fl 5s 50ft 20M HORN	Stbd 100 yards
C.P. 6:	San Pedro Precautionary Area Lighted Buoy "A", Y "A" Fl Y 4s	Port 50 yards
C.P. 7:	Anaheim Bay Entrance Lighted Bell Buoy "1", G "1" Fl G 4s BELL	Port 50 yards
Finish:	Anaheim Bay Entrance Buoy "3", G C "3"	Stbd 50 yards

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Easy-Entry level contestants may enter without submitting a Predicted Log – see attachment.
2. This contest will use a staggered start with the fastest vessel starting first and the slowest last. All vessels shall submit a predicted log showing an 0900 predicted starting time. Staggered starting times will be assigned at the skippers meeting.
3. Chart used to prepare contest course: 18749, 43rd edition. Official distance: 14.9 nm.
4. Race communications: VHF 71
5. Contestant shall call and Observer shall record waypoint times on back of Actual Log.
6. Contest will be scored without handicap.
7. All equipment aboard the vessel may be used except that which is prohibited.
8. Use of GPS on this year's contest is NOT permitted.
9. A chart plotter may be used to display an electronic chart. The vessel's location must not be displayed. No time-based functions shall be displayed.
10. The autopilot and the radar may be used provided that they do not display or use prohibited time, speed or position information from any other source.
11. This is an Open Log contest. Contestant may view the Actual Log throughout the contest.
12. Summary of variably permitted equipment:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>Disallowed</u>
Radar	X	
GPS		X
Chartplotter	X	
Open Log	X	

Special Attachment

LBYC 2012 Season Opener

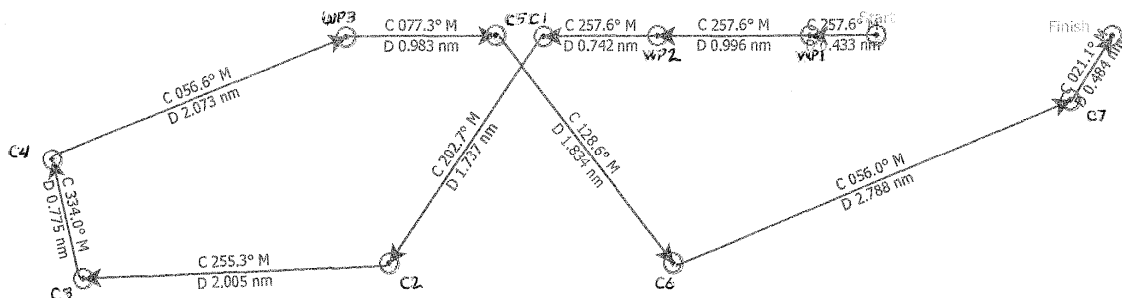
A special feature of this year's LBYC Season Opener is the provision for Easy-Entry level predicted log contestants to enter without the need to run a measured mile in advance to determine the boat's speed nor to prepare and submit a predicted log! The course is just fifteen miles and it's all in the vicinity of the LA and LB breakwaters so you'll be in mostly sheltered water.

It's simple! All you have to do is attend the Friday Night LBYC Skipper's Meeting at 6:30 pm to have a starting time assigned. They'll answer any questions you might have and even provide an Observer if you need one. Saturday morning you'll go to the East End of the Long Beach breakwater and start at your assigned time and follow the course described below. You'll run the course at the speed you normally cruise. Your observer will record your times on the Actual Log as you pass the course control points.

After your Actual Log is turned in, the Committee will use the times recorded on your first leg to compute your boat's actual speed, which they will use to prepare a prediction for your boat for the course.

It's that simple! Come out and join in the fun. You'll have a good chance of receiving a trophy at the awards banquet Saturday night.

Headings for the 2012 LBYC Season Opener Course



RESERVATIONS FOR THE 2012 LBYC SEASON OPENER

MAIL TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN Feb 23, 2012

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Yacht Club: _____

Boat Name: _____

Length: _____ ft. Beam: _____ ft.

- Enter my vessel in the 2012 Season Opener Cruiser Navigation Contest.
- Submit my request for berthing on Friday ____ Saturday ____ night.
If arriving on Friday, my approximate ETA will be: _____.
- NOTE: The docks at LBYC are presently being rebuilt and should be ready in time for the Season Opener. However, due to the necessary shuffling of boats during the rebuild, dock space may, nevertheless, be limited. It is anticipated that there will be some space on the Long Dock for us at that time. If you plan on bringing your boat to the Club, it is suggested that you contact Bobby Frazier the week prior to the event regarding berthing accommodations.
- Make dinner reservations for Friday night for ____ persons; open seating, after skippers meeting.
- Reserve ____ places for the Trophy Awards Dinner on Saturday evening.
 check enclosed (\$35 each) payable to Bobby Frazier. Note: Dinner cost will be \$40 for all reservations received after February 23.
- Questions: Call Bobby Frazier at (H) 562-439-0618, (W) 562-594-9716

Mail to: Bobby Frazier
24 The Colonnade
Long Beach, CA 90803

After deadline? Call (W) 562-594-9716, or bobbyfrazier@verizon.net