



LONG BEACH YACHT CLUB

Presents the

2010 SEASON OPENER

Cruiser Navigation Contest

March 5, 2011



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 5, 2011

- 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: Craig Ryan C-714-323-0532
Committee Boat: Memory Banks VHF Channel 71
- SKIPPER'S MTG:** At 1830 Friday, March 4, 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 1430. 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:** No-host cocktails will commence at 1830. The trophy
- PRESENTATION:** presentation dinner will follow at 1930. Reservations are required.

COURSE - 2011 SEASON OPENER

Start:	Island Chaffee, southernmost MARKER (LTD) HORN	Stbd 100 yds
C.P. 1	Radar Tower approximately ½ nm north of L.B. Light	Stbd 100 yds
C.P. 2	East side Los Angeles entrance: Fl R 2.5s 42ft 4M “8”	Port 75 yds
C.P. 3	Point Fermin Buoy: R “6PF” Fl R 4s Whistle	Stbd 50 yds
C.P. 4	L.A. Channel Entrance Buoy: R “2” Fl R 2.5s	Port 50 yds
C.P. 5:	L.B. Entrance Buoy: RW “LB” Mo (A) WHIS RACON (-·-·)	Port 50 yds
C.P. 6	L.B. Entrance East: Fl 2.5s 41ft 5M “2”	Stbd 75 yds
Finish:	Island Chaffee, easternmost MARKER (LIGHTED)	Port 100 yds

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. 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.
2. Charts 18746, 38th ed., 18749, 43rd ed. & 18751, 46th ed. Official distance: 18.5 nm.
3. Race communications: VHF 71
4. Contest will be scored with handicap.
5. It will be necessary for skippers to include an additional way point or dog-leg when exiting the L. A. Gate on a course to Check Point 3 and when approaching the finish of the contest around the south side of Island Chaffee for safe navigation purposes.
6. All equipment aboard the vessel may be used except that which is prohibited.
7. GPS is permitted. All time based functions from any equipment such as Time, Speed, Velocity Made Good, Time to Go, Estimated Time of Arrival and any other function having to do with time or speed must be hidden using opaque tape or other means.
8. A chart plotter may be used to display an electronic chart with the vessel’s location displayed. No time-based functions, as described above, shall be displayed.
9. The autopilot and the radar may be used provided that they do not display or use prohibited time or speed functions from any sources.
10. This is an Open Log contest. Contestant may view the Actual Log throughout the contest.
11. Summary of variably permitted equipment:

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

RESERVATIONS FOR THE 2011 LBYC SEASON OPENER

MAIL TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN Feb 23, 2011

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Yacht Club: _____

Boat Name: _____

Length: _____ ft. Beam: _____ ft.

- Enter my vessel in the 2011 Season Opener Cruiser Navigation Contest.
- 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; 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
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Long Beach, CA 90803

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