



THE SHULTZ / EASTER CATALINA

Precision Navigation Rally



FRIDAY; April 5th, 2019:

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.

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Friday; April 5th, 2019

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 Trophy.

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

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

Scorer:----- Tom Collins: Cell: 818-383-6292.

Skippers' meeting: -- None

Predicted Log: ----- To be sealed in an envelope prior to the start of the contest and kept by 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 time-piece to the Scorer, Tom Collins on Misty Sea no later than 1300.

Rules: ----- SCCA Cruiser Navigation Contest Rules 2007 updated through February 11th, 2015.

Committee boat: ---- PRIME TIME; John Walker – monitor VHF 16 and VHF 71 for communications.

Official distance: ---- Approximately 27.0 nautical miles. (Will vary with Turn Point distances)

Moorings:----- Assigned by Harbor Patrol; contact on VHF 9. RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY. The patrol boats do not have access to your data. Please send your boat name, length, and CF#/Doc.# to John Walker @ jwredlands@me.com. When you arrive, tell the Harbor Patrol you are with the SCCA and you will be on the list.

Dinner & Awards: -- The awards ceremony and dinner will be held at El Galleon, 411 Crescent Ave., Avalon, on Friday evening. Dinners will be ordered from the menu.

Time: ----- Social time 1800; dinner served at 1900.

Saturday: ----- We will be joined by several additional participants in a golf-cart rally around Avalon followed by cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on Tom Chandler's boat, Rm II Hyde. Be sure to monitor VHF Channel 71 for latest information.

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Hosted by Hollywood Yacht Club

Friday; April 5th, 2019 – The Course

Start: ----- East end LB Breakwater Fl G 6s 43ft 5M "1" -----100 yards starboard

-----Steer a course to RW "LB" WHIS RACON

CP-1: -----When 1.0 NM before reaching RW "LB" turn to a course or 180° T and proceed for 3.5 NM to CP-2.

CP-2: -----Proceed to CP-3.

WP-1: -----Locate at skipper's discretion between CP-2 and CP-3.

CP-3: -----Yellow buoy "213" Fl (5)Y 20s (approx.. 33° 34.6' N / 118° 10.9' W----- 50 yards starboard

CP-4: -----33° 33.000' N / 118° 16.000' W.

WP-2: -----Locate at skipper's discretion between CP-4 and CP-5.

CP-5: -----33° 29.000' N / 118° 16.000' W.

CP-6: -----33° 26.500' N / 118° 19.600' W.

WP-3: -----Locate at skipper's discretion between CP-6 and the Finish.

Finish:-----33° 21.600' N / 118° 19.300' W.

(Official distance is approximately 27.0 nautical miles.)

Notes & Rules:

- 1.--Start at Skipper's discretion so as to submit logs to the Scorer before 1300.**
- 2. - Rally prepared using chart 18746; 40th Ed., corrected through LNM 01/19/2019.**
- 3. - All equipment aboard the vessel may be used, including GPS, chart plotter, speed, etc., except any item prohibited by item 4 below.**
- 4. - Clock time, elapsed time, or any timing function from any source is prohibited.**
- 5. - The rally allows an open log where any time previously recorded may be viewed by the Skipper.**
- 6. - No handicap will be used in scoring.**
- 7. - If ship traffic is encountered so as to constitute a likely safety issue, a time out may be called at any place on the course. Call time-in at the same location or return to the previous called mark and note details on the back of the Actual Log.**
- 8. - Monitor VHF channel 71 for rally communications; VHF channel 16 for safety.**
- 9. - Skipper should announce, "Five minutes to start" on VHF channel 71 if other vessels are in the start area.**

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CRUISER ASSOCIATION

Official Predicted Log Entry Form

Vessel: _____ Regatta: _____

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 Participants 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: _____ Regatta: _____

(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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