



# LONG BEACH YACHT CLUB

Presents the

## 2020 SEASON OPENER

Cruiser Navigation Rally

March 7, 2020



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 7, 2020

- 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](http://SoCalCruiserAssociation.org)
- LOG FORMS:** SCCA latest version. Download from: [SoCalCruiserAssociation.org](http://SoCalCruiserAssociation.org)
- COMMITTEE:** Chairman: Bobby Frazier C 562-254-1634  
Committee Boat: Inamorata VHF Channel 71  
Scorer Tom Collins C 818-383-6292
- SKIPPER'S MEETING:** Friday, March 6, 1830 Skippers' Cove, LBYC. Submit predictions. Starting times will be assigned. All skippers must be represented.
- OBSERVERS:** Skippers are requested to furnish an observer. Additional observers will be supplied by LBYC on advance request.
- ACTUAL LOGS:** To be turned in at the LBYC Long Dock no later than 1230. The Committee will check observer's clock. Optionally, a photo of the actual log may text to the scorer at 818-383-6292 by 1330.
- BERTHING:** Berthing will be assigned by LBYC to the extent available. Advance overnight berthing reservations are required.
- TROPHY PRESENTATION:** 1830 Saturday: No-host cocktails followed by the trophy presentation dinner at 1930. Reservations are required. (Blazers and ties are the traditional attire for this event.)

# COURSE - 2020 SEASON OPENER

Start:	Alamitos Bay West Entrance Jetty – as a range	Stbd 100 yards
W.P. 1:	Belmont Pier – as a range	Stbd 175-225 yards
C.P. 1:	Island White, south MARKER (LIGHTED) HORN	Stbd 75 yards
W.P. 2:	S/W end Shoreline Marina breakwater Fl R 4s 4ft Priv	Stbd 150-200 yards
C.P. 2:	Buoy, R “2” Fl R 4s	Port 25 yards
W.P. 3:	Island Freeman S/E MARKER (LIGHTED) HORN	Port 75 yards
W.P. 4:	S/E corner Pier J Light, Fl 4s 32ft 5M “J”	Stbd 100 yards
C.P. 3:	S/W corner Light Pier J, Fl R 4s 30ft 4M “4”	Stbd 75 yards
W.P. 5:	Pier J Light Fl R 6s 30ft 5M “6”	Stbd 75 yards
C.P. 4:	Submerged Material Storage Site Light: Fl 2.5s 15ft 5M “A”	Stbd 50 yards
Special Mark “Bobby”, call when C.P. 5 is exactly 100 yards ahead.		Exact
C.P. 5:	Buoy, G “3” Fl G 4s	Stbd 25 yards
W.P. 6:	West Measured Mile MARKER, Long Beach Breakwater	Stbd 75 yards
C.P. 6:	East Measured Mile MARKER, Long Beach Breakwater	Stbd 75 yards
W.P. 7:	Light east end Long Beach Breakwater Fl G 6s 43ft 5M “1”	Stbd 75 yards
Finish:	Alamitos Bay East Entrance Jetty.	Port 200 Yards

## SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Easy-Entry skippers may enter without submitting a predicted log – see attached.
2. This rally 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 start time. Staggered starting times will be assigned at the skippers meeting. Fastest boat first.
3. Chart used to prepare rally course: 18749, 44<sup>th</sup> edition. Official distance: 15.4 nm.
4. Rally communications: use VHF channel 71
5. Mark “Bobby” to be called visually without use of electronics – Prize for closest.
6. Skipper may call mark at waypoints. If called, Observer shall record time on back of Actual Log. Mark “Bobby” shall be recorded on back of Log.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. This is an Open Log rally. Skipper may view the Actual Log during the rally.

## March 7 2020, 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! All you need to do is attend the March 6 - Friday night LBYC Skipper's Meeting at 6:30 pm to give the Committee your intended speed, your normal cruise speed is usually best, and have a starting time assigned. Any questions you have will be answered and they'll even provide an observer if you need one. Saturday morning you'll go to the West Jetty of the marina entrance and start at your assigned time. Then follow the course instructions to navigate past the control points. Simply run the course at your stated speed as 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.

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	296° magnetic
CP1	241
WP2	270
CP2	146
WP3	083
WP4	241
CP3	259
WP5	290
CP4	225
SM Bobby	064
CP5	064
WP6	086
CP6	078
WP7	078
Finish	038

# RESERVATIONS FOR THE 2020 LBYC SEASON OPENER

*MAIL TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN March 3, 2020*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Yacht Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If berthing needed: Length: \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Beam: \_\_\_\_\_ ft.

- Enter my vessel in the 2020 Season Opener Cruiser Navigation rally.
- 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 for open seating after the skippers meeting (yachting-casual attire)
- Please reserve \_\_\_\_ places for the Trophy Awards Dinner on Saturday evening. (Customary attire – blazers and ties.)
- Check enclosed (\$45 each) payable to LBYC.

Questions: Call Bobby Frazier at (C) (562)254-1634, (W) 562-594-9716

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After deadline? Call (C) 562-254-1634, or [bobbyfrazier@verizon.net](mailto:bobbyfrazier@verizon.net)