



## LONG BEACH YACHT CLUB

Presents the

# 2018 SEASON OPENER

Cruiser Navigation Rally

March 3, 2018



**This rally kicks off the season in SCCA cruiser navigation rallies. 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 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 Cruiser Navigation rallies rather than sailboat racing. King Brugman of Long Beach YC was named as the first Commodore and the newly formed SCCA sanctioned a handful of rallies each year.

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 rally needed to be created to fill the void in the schedule - LBYC fleet captain Arnold Cowan proposed the Season Opener. Upon approval, he created the present trophy.

Interestingly, after the split, the Donaldson Trophy was retained by the SCCA and is now used for the Long Beach to San Diego skippers, which is elemental to the LBYC 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 last year's Season Closer. The LBYC Season Opener remains as one of the most popular of the SCCA rallies.

# LBYC - SEASON OPENER

## CRUISER NAVIGATION RALLY

Saturday, March 3, 2018

- 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's 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 H 562-439-0618  
W 562-594-9716  
Scorer: Tom Collins C 818-383-6292  
Committee Boat: Misty Sea 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: 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 1330. The Committee will check observer's clock at that time. Optionally, a photo of the actual log may e-mailed to scorer at [admiral@ktb.net](mailto:admiral@ktb.net).
- BERTHING: Berthing will be assigned by LBYC to the extent available.  
Advance reservations are required.
- TROPHY PRESENTATION: At 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 - 2018 SEASON OPENER

Start:	Alamitos Bay East Entrance Jetty	Port 100 yards
W.P. 1:	End Municipal Pier – Seal Beach	Port 100 yards
C.P. 1:	Buoy, G C “3”	Stbd 50 yards
W.P. 2:	Anaheim Entrance Buoy G “1” Fl G 4s BELL	Stbd 50 yards
C.P. 2:	Light east end Long Beach Breakwater Fl G 6s 43ft 5M “1”	Port 100 yards
W.P. 3:	West Measured Mile MARKERS, Long Beach Breakwater	Port 100 yards
C.P. 3:	Light west end Long Beach Breakwater Fl R 2.5s 41ft 5M “2”	Port 100 yards
W.P. 4:	Corner, Middle Breakwater	Port 100 yards
W.P. 5:	Buoy, G “3” Fl G 4s	Port 50 yards
C.P. 4:	Light Pier J, Fl 4s 32ft 5M “J”	Port 100 yards
W.P. 6:	Island Freeman NW corner	Stbd 75 yards
C.P. 5:	Island Grissom East MARKER (LIGHTED)	Port 75 yards
W.P. 7:	End Belmont Pier – as a range	Port 200 yards
C.P. 6:	Island Freeman S/E MARKER (LIGHTED) HORN	Stbd 75 yards
W.P. 8:	Island Chaffee north end	Stbd 75 yards
Finish:	Alamitos Bay West Entrance Jetty - as a range	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 a 0900 starting time. Staggered starting times will be assigned at the skippers meeting.
3. Chart used to prepare rally course: 18749, 44<sup>th</sup> edition. Official distance: 15.1 nm.
4. Rally communications: use VHF channel 71
5. Skipper may call mark at waypoints. If called, Observer shall record time on back of Actual Log.
6. Rally will be scored without handicap.
7. All equipment aboard the vessel may be used except that which is prohibited. Use of clock 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 3 2018, 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 sixteen-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 2 - Friday night LBYC Skipper's Meeting at 6:30 pm to give the Committee your intended speed, 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 East 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.

It's that easy - Come on out and join in the fun!

### Course Headings:

To:	WP1	Steer:	085° magnetic
	CP1		155
	WP2		205
	CP2		278
	WP3		258
	CP3		258
	WP4		258
	WP5		071
	CP4		033
	WP6		046
	CP5		307
	WP7		094
	CP6		205
	WP8		069
	Finish		102

# RESERVATIONS FOR THE 2018 LBYC SEASON OPENER

*MAIL TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN February 28, 2018*

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

- Enter my vessel in the 2018 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 (\$40 each) payable to LBYC.

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

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

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

# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CRUISER ASSOCIATION

Official Predicted Log Entry Form

Vessel: \_\_\_\_\_ FYI UHU: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Duff/Dants 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: \_\_\_\_\_ FYI UHU: \_\_\_\_\_

(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		
			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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