

*Southern California Cruiser Association's*

## **CRUISER NAVIGATION SERIES**

The annual Cruiser Navigation Series is sanctioned by the Southern California Cruiser Association (SCCA). It consists of a group of Cruiser Navigation Rallies (previously known as predicted log races) conducted and hosted by SCCA member yacht clubs. The series is popular among contestant skippers and crew because participation in the complete series will take them into practically every harbor and boating area in Southern California, from Marina del Rey to San Diego, including harbors of Catalina.

Throughout the years the series has been refined into the present schedule extending over a period of eight months with only limited events planned during the summer `family-cruising' months.

There are no entry fees. All members of SCCA member clubs are eligible. Invitations with instructions for each rally are posted on the SCCA website and e-mailed to each SCCA skipper-member.

By participating in this go-somewhere series, the contestant-skipper will enjoy a more complete boating season. They will use their boat at times when, without the lure of the rally, they might have stayed at home. They will go places they might not otherwise have visited; all the while enjoying the friendship and camaraderie of a group of like-minded skippers. The cruising plans are made even more convenient because, in most cases, the berthing and dining activities are arranged by the sponsoring yacht club. The result is a pleasant combination of the challenge of cruiser navigation and a social outing. What better way to enjoy your boat more fully while experiencing the self-satisfaction gained from honing your navigational skills.

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## SEASON OPENER

This popular rally kicks off the series. Run in the sheltered waters of San Pedro Bay, this rally offers a fine opportunity to "dust the cobwebs off the old mill" on this relatively short warm-up rally. Trophies are awarded at a typically well attended banquet at the Long Beach Yacht Club on Saturday night. This is an excellent time to come out get started by meeting other nav rally skippers as the year gets under way.

Rally:	Season Opener
Date:	Typically first Saturday in March.
Type:	Brugman
Host:	Long Beach Yacht Club
Venue:	Straightforward, short course in semi-protected waters of San Pedro Bay; typically starting & finishing near Long Beach Marina.
Schedule:	Out-of-area vessels arrive at LBYC Friday afternoon. Skippers meeting at LBYC Friday evening. Rally run Saturday morning. Awards banquet Saturday evening. Out-of-area boats depart Sunday morning.
Moorage:	Slips & side-ties at Long Beach YC as assigned by LBYC dockmaster.
Observers:	Skippers supply their own observer or assigned by Club upon advance request.
Dress:	Friday: yachting-casual; Saturday banquet: blazers & ties.
Additional:	Saturday lunch & Sunday brunch available to participants.

# SHULTZ EASTER CATALINA

The Shultz Easter Catalina Rally from Long Beach to Avalon has long been popular due to its destination and the availability of moorings in Avalon that time of year. In previous years the seas have been kind to us and the weather in Avalon quite pleasant. The trophy awards are usually held at one of the restaurants in Avalon on Friday night.

- Rally: Shultz Easter Catalina
- Date: Friday, early April.
- Type: Brugman
- Host: Hollywood Yacht Club
- Venue: Departs area Los Angeles/Long Beach breakwaters.  
Finishes vicinity Avalon, Catalina.
- Schedule: Out-of-area vessels usually arrive at an L.A./L.B. area yacht club Thursday afternoon. No skippers meeting. Rally runs on Friday. Awards banquet Friday evening at a restaurant in Avalon. Some boats depart Sunday morning; others stay over till Monday.
- Moorage: Thursday evening: slips, if required, by individual arrangement with local area yacht club. Friday: moorings in Avalon reserved in advance by Hollywood YC.
- Observers: Skippers supply their own observer.
- Dress: Friday evening banquet: blazers optional.
- Additional: Saturday-Games and social activity by Hollywood YC as announced. Food & provisions available at Avalon.

## MARINA CUP

This rally provides an opportunity for those skippers traveling from points South to Marina Del Rey for the Pritikin to check their boat's speed while adding the fun of a little extra competition. This usually starts in the vicinity of the Los Angeles Harbor and finishes near Marina Del Rey.

- Rally: Marina Cup
- Date: Friday, late April/early May
- Type: Feeder to the Pritikin
- Host: Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club
- Venue: Reasonably direct course from San Pedro to Marina del Rey.
- Schedule: No skippers meeting. Rally run Friday. Awards presented Friday afternoon on DRYC patio.
- Moorage: Slips at Del Rey Yacht Club by arrangement per the Pritikin instructions.
- Observers: Skippers supply their own observer.
- Dress: Friday: yachting-casual, Saturday: see Pritikin.
- Additional: Friday dinner available at Club or walk to nearby restaurants.

# PRITIKIN

The Pritikin Rally holds the record for the largest turnout of any on the calendar. Del Rey Yacht Club does a first-class job in providing slips for all from out of the area and great hospitality for everyone. The course, usually within Santa Monica Bay, is subject to the "backwards" Davidson Current at this time of the year offering a challenge for all. The popular trophy awards dinner is held at the Club on Saturday evening.

- Rally: Pritikin
- Date: Saturday, late April/early May.
- Type: Brugman
- Host: Del Rey Yacht Club
- Venue: Reasonably short closed course in semi-protected waters of Santa Monica Bay
- Schedule: Out-of-area vessels arrive at DRYC Friday afternoon. Rally run Saturday. Awards banquet Saturday evening. Out of area boats usually depart Sunday morning.
- Moorage: Slips at DRYC per arrangement with Club.
- Observers: Skippers usually provide their own, may be provided by Club upon advance request.
- Dress: Friday: neat casual; Saturday banquet: blazers.
- Additional: Saturday lunch & Sunday brunch available at the Club.

## SHARKIE

This rally brings skippers together while traveling south to Newport for the Bahia Corinthian Invitational Rally the following day. The Sharkie Rally usually starts near Long Beach Harbor and travels down the coast to the Newport Harbor entrance. The ride is usually very comfortable and the upbeat spirit of the skippers is apparent from the radio communications en-route.

Rally:	Sharkie Rally
Date:	Friday, early June
Type:	Feeder to the BCYC Invitational
Host:	Shoreline Yacht Club of Long Beach
Venue:	Reasonably direct course from Long Beach Harbor area south to Newport Harbor entrance.
Schedule:	No skippers meeting. Rally run Friday morning. Awards usually presented Friday afternoon on BCYC patio.
Moorage:	Slips at BCYC by arrangement per the BCYC Invitational instructions.
Observers:	Skippers supply their own observer.
Dress:	Casual boating attire.
Additional:	Friday dinner available at Club.

# BAHIA CORINTHIAN INVITATIONAL

The BCYC Invitational has become a very popular rally. Perhaps this is because of the weather. It is suspected that the weather gods must have relatives in Newport because we invariably have clear, warm, sunny skies for this event. However, beware the current gods, especially in the vicinity of Huntington Beach, as they sometimes seem to get carried away. Back at the docks, the Club does a yeoman's job in providing slips and hospitality for visiting skippers.

- Rally: Bahia Corinthian Invitational
- Date: Saturday, early June.
- Type: Brugman
- Host: Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club
- Venue: Closed course starting and finishing in the vicinity of Newport Harbor entrance, usually following along the coastline north or south.
- Schedule: Out-of-area vessels arrive at BCYC Friday afternoon. Skippers meeting at Yacht Club early Friday evening. Rally run Saturday. Awards banquet Saturday evening. Out of area boats depart Sunday morning.
- Moorage: Slips at BCYC per arrangement with Club per instructions.
- Observers: Provided by skipper, however sometimes assigned from a pool by Club at skippers meeting.
- Dress: Friday: neat casual; Saturday banquet: blazer & tie.
- Additional: Friday dinner, Saturday lunch & Sunday brunch available at Club.



## CRAIG RALLY

The Craig Rally is the longest and oldest on the SCCA calendar. The Rally actually consists of two separate rallies, the results of which are combined to yield an overall score for the Rally. Due to the planning, preparation, and distance involved, the Craig is only run on even numbered years. The overall distance would exceed the daylight hours for slower boats so the rally is broken into two major legs. On Friday the first leg begins in Long Beach and travels to Oceanside where we are welcomed by Oceanside Yacht Club at their docks. On Saturday the second leg runs from Oceanside to San Diego where we tie up at the docks at San Diego Yacht Club.

The popularity of the rally is due in part to the extended destination and additionally to the security afforded in knowing that help is never far away when traveling with a group of experienced and knowledgeable yachtsmen.

Awards are presented to the winners of the Friday Donaldson leg at a dinner at Oceanside Yacht Club. The second Corredores leg trophies and the Craig overall trophies for the skipper having the best combined score from the two legs are presented at a banquet Saturday evening at the San Diego Yacht Club.

It is of historical interest to note that in the 1980s and 90s the Craig Rally continued on to and terminated in Ensenada. Although not officially connected to the Craig or SCCA, most of the skippers then left Ensenada for the cove at South Todos Santos Island. There they participated in the activities of the whimsical Todos Santos Yacht Club. Activities included opening day ceremonies, dinghy rallies, cocktail parties, the Frankie Avalon Beach Party and other playful events. In 1996 the Cove was closed because of aquaculture activities and the Opening Day was held on the dock at the Ensenada Marina. Future activities for the TSYC remain to be discovered.

## CRAIG DONALDSON LEG

The first or Donaldson Leg of the Craig Rally travels from Long Beach to Oceanside Harbor, a distance of about 50 miles. Thursday night berthing prior to the Donaldson is at Long Beach Yacht Club if needed. Slips for Friday night are arranged at the Oceanside Yacht Club. The skippers meeting is held at Long Beach Yacht Club on Thursday evening and the trophy awards for the first "leg" are given at a banquet at Oceanside Yacht Club on Friday evening.

- Rally: Craig Donaldson
- Date: Friday, following July Fourth weekend or a week later.
- Type: Brugman (when combined with Corredores).
- Host: Long Beach Yacht Club
- Venue: Runs from Long Beach following the coast finishing at the Oceanside entrance. Approximate distance: 50 NM.
- Schedule: Out-of-area vessels arrive at LBYC slips Thursday afternoon. Skippers meeting at Yacht Club Thursday evening. Boats depart early Friday morning, arriving Oceanside mid-afternoon. Awards banquet at Oceanside YC. Friday evening.
- Moorage: Slips Thursday at LBYC if required and Friday at Oceanside YC by reservation per the instructions.
- Observers: Skippers supply their own observer.
- Dress: Thursday: casual yachting attire; Friday dinner: blazers preferred.

## **CRAIG CORREDORES de BAJA LEG**

The Corredores is the second "leg" of the Craig Rally. It runs approximately 50 miles from Oceanside to San Diego on Saturday following the Craig Donaldson Leg. The trophy awards for the Corredores and the Craig Overall are presented at a cocktail party and banquet held at the San Diego Yacht Club on Saturday evening.

- Rally: Corredores de Baja (Racers of Baja)
- Date: Saturday following the Craig Donaldson.
- Type: Brugman, (when combined with the Craig Donaldson)
- Host: SCCA
- Venue: Starts at Oceanside entrance buoy, proceeds south marking points along the shoreline, rounds San Diego offshore entrance buoy, proceeds through the entrance channel and finishes at a buoy off of the entrance to Shelter Island. Approximate distance: 40 NM.
- Schedule: Skippers meeting combined with Donaldson Leg meeting at LBYC on Thursday Evening. Submit any last minute changes to log on dock at OYC on Friday afternoon. Depart Oceanside Saturday morning arriving in San Diego Saturday afternoon. Awards banquet Saturday evening at San Diego Yacht Club. Return home at skipper's discretion (San Diego usually permits four day dock stay).
- Moorage: Slips at SDYC assigned.
- Observers: Skippers supply their own observer.
- Dress: Saturday evening banquet: blazers (ties traditional).
- Additional: Sunday brunch and dinner available at SDYC. Restaurants within walking distance.

## KAHLO

The Hollywood Yacht Club hosted Kahlo Rally travels from the LA/Long Beach Harbor area to a point en-route. to Catalina West End where it joins the Del Mar Rally. It is considered a feeder to the Del Mar.

- Rally: Kahlo
- Date: Friday, mid-August
- Type: Feeder to the Del Mar
- Host: Hollywood Yacht Club
- Venue: LA/Long Beach Harbor to a point en-route. to Catalina West End
- Schedule: No skippers meeting. Rally is run Friday morning, joining the start of the Del Mar with overall travel arriving Cat. Harbor early afternoon. Awards presented at a barbecue dinner held at the Del Rey Yacht Club out-station Friday evening. Although there are no further official activities pertaining to the Rally, skippers typically lay over on Saturday and return on Sunday.
- Observers: Skippers supply their own observer.
- Dress: Boating casual.
- Additional: Out-station facilities typically available for contestants use on Saturday. Food and supplies are available at the Isthmus.

## DEL MAR

The Del Mar Rally travels from the vicinity of Point Vicente to Catalina Harbor on the ocean side of the isthmus at Catalina Island. It's popularity probably stems from the typically superb weather this time of year, the seemingly tropical island ambiance of Cat. Harbor, and the free day on Saturday for lounging, fishing or other elective activities.

- Rally: Del Mar
- Date: Friday, mid-August
- Type: Brugman
- Host: Del Rey Yacht Club
- Venue: Continuation of the Kahlo Rally to West End then along the back side of Catalina Island to Catalina Harbor.
- Schedule: No skippers meeting. Rally is run Friday, arriving Cat. Harbor early afternoon. Awards presented at a barbecue dinner held at the Del Rey Yacht Club out-station Friday evening. Although there are no further official activities pertaining to the Rally, skippers typically lay over on Saturday and return on Sunday.
- Observers: Skippers supply their own observer.
- Dress: Boating casual.
- Additional: DRYC out-station facilities typically available for contestants use on Saturday. Food and supplies are available at the Isthmus.

## SCOTT RALLY

The Tom Scott Memorial Rally was created as a feeder to the Ramsey. It typically runs from the Los Angeles/Long Beach area to Isthmus Harbor on the Mainland side of Catalina Island at Two Harbors. Friday night moorings at Isthmus Harbor are typically no-problem on this date. A do-it-yourself barbecue at one of the fire pits ashore is the setting for the awards presentation.

- Rally: Scott Rally
- Date: Friday, mid-September prior to Ramsey.
- Type: Feeder to the Ramsey.
- Host: Shoreline Yacht Club
- Venue: Departs vicinity Los Angeles/Long Beach and proceeds cross-channel to Isthmus Harbor.
- Schedule: No skippers meeting. Rally has open start time to be chosen by skipper to finish by early afternoon on Friday. Awards presented at barbecue ashore at Isthmus Friday evening.
- Moorage: Mooring cans at Isthmus are typically available.
- Observers: Skippers supply their own observer.
- Dress: Casual boating attire, bring warm jacket.
- Additional: Bring food and drink for the barbecue. Food & supplies available at the Isthmus.

## RAMSEY

The Ramsey Rally is one of the longest running Rallies in Southern California. It is unique because it circumnavigates Catalina Island, starting at the Isthmus and continuing counterclockwise around the backside and finishing near Avalon. The course is especially challenging owing to the fact that there are no buoys and all marks to be called are features on the shoreline. Catalina Island Yacht Club makes reserved moorings available for all participant skippers. Avalon Harbor and the awards banquet at the Catalina Island Yacht Club facility are favorites of all.

Rally:	Ramsey
Date:	Saturday, mid-September
Type:	Brugman
Host:	Catalina Island Yacht Club
Venue:	Approximately 35 NM course commencing at Isthmus Harbor, Catalina, and proceeding around the West End, past Cat Harbor, past Ben Weston Point, around the East End, and finishing at Avalon.
Schedule:	No skippers meeting. Turn in predicted logs at the Isthmus on Friday evening. Vessels depart Isthmus Saturday morning, arriving at Avalon early Saturday afternoon. Awards banquet Saturday evening. Some skippers leave Sunday, others stay until Monday.
Moorage:	Moorings arranged by Catalina Island YC.
Observers:	Skippers supply their own observer.
Dress:	Saturday evening banquet: yachting-casual.
Additional:	Many facilities ashore at Avalon.

## SEASON CLOSER

The Season Closer is the last rally of the year in the SCCA series. Running out of the Huntington Harbour south of Long Beach, it gives skippers one last opportunity to exercise their navigational skills; typically run in the protected waters of the LA/Long Beach Harbor. This relatively short rally is run on a Saturday morning in Mid-October followed by an awards dinner that evening at the clubhouse. Huntington Harbour Yacht Club is well known for its warm and effusive hospitality making the Season Closer very popular with those who participate.

Rally:	Season Closer
Date:	Saturday in mid-October.
Type:	Brugman
Host:	Huntington Harbour Yacht Club
Venue:	Relatively short closed-circuit course within LA/Long Beach Harbor typically marking a few of the oil islands in the Harbor.
Schedule:	Out of area boats arrive Friday afternoon. Sometimes skippers meeting at HHYC Friday evening. Open start rally run Saturday morning. Awards at banquet Saturday evening. Out-of-area vessels depart Sunday morning.
Moorage:	Slips available by arrangement with HHYC.
Observers:	Skippers provide their own, or observers available on advance request.
Dress:	Yachting-casual, Saturday dinner: Blazers traditional, ties optional.
Additional:	Friday night dinner and Sunday brunch available at the Club.



# TYPICAL RALLY SCHEDULE

## Spring Series

Rally	Date	Area	Brugman
Season Opener	March	Long Beach	Yes
Shultz Easter Cat	April	L.B.-Avalon	Yes
Marina Cup	April-May	L.B.-MDR	No
Pritikin	April-May	S.M. Bay	Yes
Sharkie	June	L.B.-Newport	No
Bahia Corinthian Inv.	June	Newport	Yes

## Craig Rally

(Run only on even years).

Craig Donaldson	July	L.B.-Oceanside	Yes*
Corredores de Baja	July	Oceanside-San Diego	Yes*

*\*Overall Craig score used for Brugman scoring.*

*\*Scott is scored as a Brugman on odd years.*

## Fall Series

Kahlo	August	L.A.Hbr.-start Del Mar	No
Del Mar	August	Finish Kahlo-Cat. Hbr.	Yes
Scott	September	L.B.-Isthmus	No*
Ramsey	September	Isthmus-Avalon	Yes
Season Closer	October	Long Beach	Yes

**Note: Consult current schedule for exact date and location.**

## SCORING AND TROPHIES

Rallies are conducted under the rules published by the SCCA. The SCCA Rule Book may be found on the website at <http://socalcruiserassociation.org/downloads.aspx>. Scores are determined by computing the overall percent of error for all legs of the rally for each skipper. The contestant with the lowest overall percentage error is the winner. Trophies are awarded to at least the top three skippers. In addition, a trophy is awarded for the best score by a skipper in their first year of nav. rallying.

Scores from each rally are used to compute point standings for various trophy series and awards. Points are accumulated for the following awards:

**Top Ten Trophy:** Highest total points from each skipper's best ten rallies. Ten trophies are awarded each year. Additionally, the top ten racing numbers for the following year are assigned according to the finish positions in this series (except Brugman #1).

**Brugman Trophy:** Highest total points from each skippers best six Brugman rallies of the eight in the season series (participation in a minimum of six rallies is required). The Brugman Trophy is considered the most prestigious in the SCCA series and the recipient is entitled to run under the #1 skipper number the following year.

**Bathke Trophy:** Highest total points from any two rallies not entered in the previous three years. This trophy is intended for the newer contestant and for the veteran skipper who has been "resting".

**Spring Series:** Highest total points for all rallies entered in the Spring Series.

## SCORING AND TROPHIES contd.

Fall Series: Highest total points for all rallies entered in the Fall Series.

Bobrick Trophy: Highest total points from any three of the last four rallies on the calendar. The Bobrick is intended to spur participation in the 'end-of-season' rallies.

Lurie Trophy: Awarded annually to the skipper in their first year with the best overall performance.

Standings for series trophies are compiled throughout the year and listed in e-mails sent to Subscribing SCCA members. Series trophies are awarded at the annual SCCA trophy awards and installation dinner meeting typically held in December.

## SCCA Subscribing Member Application

Please enroll me as a subscribing member in the Southern California Cruiser Association.

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_, St: \_\_\_\_\_, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or significant other: \_\_\_\_\_

Yacht Club: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribing Member Dues: New \$0, Renewal \$10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SCCA Racing Numbers: \$15 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SCCA Burgee: \$20 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to SCCA: Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Your donation helps offset expenses and maintain a quality trophy program.*

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