



63rd Catalina Water Ski Race

Saturday, July 16, 2011

hosted by the Long Beach Boat & Ski Club

Schedule of Activities: Friday- July 15, 2011

9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.: Our event begins with the: **17th Annual, Special Needs Children's Day.**

A fantastic event for the Special Needs Children from surrounding areas held at Long Beach Marine Stadium. Come out to share a full day of water related activities including gifts and food for these amazing kids!! **Volunteers** are needed to **help out: Set up** begins at **7:00am**, next enjoy spending time with the children both in and or out of the water, then we will **Clean up** at **3:00pm**. You cannot beat this rewarding experience!! Be sure to join other ski race team members giving their time and experience this special event.

Win or Lose the race, everyone wins at this event.

For more information call **Skip** Larson at (805)-377-4653 or (562)-943-5268 or **Krista** Karr at (562)-697-6730.

All Team members MUST "Sign In" on FRIDAY to validate their entry:

10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.: Registration & Skier Sign-in plus SKIER / Safety Inspection: Hotel Maya Luna Solstice Room; Bring your Wetsuit, Helmet, and Ski to sign in!!

12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.: CATALINA SKI RACE BOAT INSPECTIONS: Launch Ramp Area near the hotel. All boats must be on the **Trailer**; Mandatory boat inspections for all competitors. Call Gary Anderson @ (714)-962-0042 with any questions.

4:00p.m.: DRIVER / OBSERVER / NAVIGATOR - *{ONLY}* MEETING.

ROLL CALL, 4:30p.m. SHARP! Hotel Maya Salon De Reyes **Photo ID's REQUIRED** for admission. *{Only Drivers, Observers & Navigators Admitted!}* **No Alcohol** permitted into this meeting. *{Do NOT Be Late!!}*

6:00pm – IWSRA & LBB&SC co-host an International Reception at the Hotel Maya on the Esplanade!!

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7:00a.m. – 8:30a.m. SKI TEAM PARADE & U.S. NATIONAL ANTHEM.

All Ski Teams get a good luck send off from those on the shorelines before heading for the race starting point.

ONLY the entered RACE PARTICIPANTS are ALLOWED in the RACE BOATS !!

Mandatory License drop off at the Victory Dock at the HOTEL Maya.

NO OTHER BOATS ALLOWED WITHIN 50 yards.

8:53a.m. SHARP! 62nd Catalina Ski Race START – Between Islands White and Island Grissom, Long Beach Harbor. Split start, Minimum 7 minutes apart. *(Weather/visibility permitting)* **First flight** 21-foot boats. **Second flight: 9:00a.m** all others.

RACERS FINISH: The Finish Line is just off the Queen Mary Bow Area.

4:00p.m.: **SHARP!! TROPHY PRESENTATION** –Hotel Maya: EVERYONE is welcome to attend our trophy presentation



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Class Descriptions:

MEN'S OPEN

One skier, Any age male
any type boat or engine.

WOMEN'S OPEN

One skier, Any age female
any type boat or engine.

JUNIOR BOYS

One Skier Boys age 15 and under,
any type boat or engine.

JUNIOR GIRLS

One Skier Girls age 15 and under,
any type boat or engine.

INTERMEDIATE MEN

One Skier Men between ages 16-24,
any type boat or engine.

INTERMEDIATE WOMEN

One Skier, Women between ages
16-30, any type boat or engine.

SENIOR MEN

One skier Men between ages 25-35,
any type boat or engine.

SENIOR WOMEN

One Skier, Women between ages
31-59, any type boat or engine.

VETERAN MEN

One Skier, Men between ages 36-44,
any type boat or engine

EXPERT MEN

One Skier, Men between the ages
45-59, any type boat or engine.

MASTERS

One Skier Men or Women
60 years of age and over,
any type boat or engine.

FORMULA I

(21 foot and under)

One Skier, Any age man or woman
skier, any boat (21 foot and under)
with any type boat or engine.

FORMULA II OUTBOARD

One Skier, Any age man or woman
skier, single engine outboards only.

STOCK DAY CRUISER

One Skier, Any age man or woman
skier. Boat must be 19 feet or over,
jet, I/O, V-Drive, single engine, step
deck, water cooled through transom,
single carburetor, 850 CFM
maximum, full carpet and upholstery
with seating for five including engine
cover.

Naturally aspirated – no 2-piece
intake manifold allowed.

MIXED DOUBLES

Two skiers, man and woman,
any age, any type boat or engine

DOUBLE UP

Two skiers of the same sex,
any age any type of boat or engine.

OPEN JET

One Skier, Any age man or woman
skier, single engine jet boats only.

NOVICE

One Skier, Any age man or woman
skier, any type boat or engine. To
qualify as a novice, the skier shall
not have received points in a
sanctioned marathon/circle race in
any class other than Novice, Social,
or Pro-Social. If you have ever
trophied in the Catalina Ski Race,
you may not enter in the Novice
class.

OVER & BACK

Each skier is to ski half way.

MAXIMUM 4 team members.

World team members excluded

WORLD TEAM: RULES” Any current
World Team Skier, male or female must
ski Men's or Women's OPEN.

2011 World Teams

It is the team's responsibility to report
this. This does NOT apply to the Junior
World Championships Boy and Girl or
Formula II.

Junior World Championships Boy and
Girl or Formula II skiers may NOT
participate in the OVER & Back Class.



Catalina Water Ski Race – Race Rules

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START PROCEDURE: All boats six and a half meters (21'4") long or less will start before the start sequence for the rest of the field. The 21' boats will start next to Island Grissom using a separate start boat and flags.

The distance will be the same and their time adjusted to the main field's start time. The overall race winner and positions will be based on this adjusted time. For instance: team #1 (21'boat) completed the race first in 1:02:30 and team #2 (over 21'boat) completed the race next in 56:45, team #2 is considered the overall winner.

The procedures for the start of the race will be explained in detail at the Driver, Observer & Navigator Meeting.

This meeting is **mandatory** for all teams competing

The meeting will cover: approximate start times (subject to weather conditions), how the times will be staged prior to the start, driver's license drop-off, the start sequence, turn specifics, general safety rules and any other pertinent information that will be useful in executing the most thrilling start in waterski racing.

The Starting line for the Catalina Ski Race will be the imaginary line between the oil islands White (left side) and Grissom (next to the marina). The participant's boat may not breach this line until the race has officially started.

The Start sequence will employ the use of two boats carrying a large red flag. They will proceed from the start boat toward the center of the starting line, then turn in separate directions at the line, and head toward each island.

Approximately five minutes later, the two boats will head back toward the center of the starting line carrying large yellow flags. This informs participants that the start is approximately two minutes away.

After the two minutes have expired the Honorary Starter will fire the flares signifying the start of the race.

The race will not start until the Coast Guard and Lifeguards have given the okay and the starter feels it is safe to start.

Upon the start of the race, all boats will proceed in a southerly direction to the Long Beach Breakwater and exit the Queen's Gate into Open Ocean. The teams are to continue on toward Avalon Harbor, Catalina, using the most direct route possible. Upon approach to Avalon Harbor, Drivers should begin to look for the "Turn Boat" that was described at the Driver's meeting. To make the turn and be properly scored, all participants must go completely around the "Turn Boat" in a counterclockwise manner keeping it to their left until the turn is completed. After completing the turn, drivers should then take the most direct path to the finish line located at the bow of the Queen Mary. The Teams may enter any Breakwater opening. Once inside the Breakwater, the participants are to proceed to the turn located approximately 200 yards South of the Cruise Ship Dock at the fantail of the Queen Mary. At this point, there is just one last turn to the left and then a straight shot to the finish line. To legally finish the race, the skier(s) must pass the finish buoy in an upright skiing position. Skiers may not be dragged across the finish line in the water.

Do not drop just past the skiing finish line. All boats must continue to the Skier Unloading Area as explained in the drivers meeting. The teams should get their skier and rope in the boat as soon as possible to keep the area safe and clear for those finishing behind. Return to the West Coast Hotel as soon as possible to sign-out and pick up your drivers license and racers participant bag. We request that you sign out as soon as possible upon returning to Long Beach.

Safety Equipment NOTE: The entire team (Skier, Driver, Observer, Navigator/Throttles) must race with all safety equipment intact and worn as intended and required prior to the start and through the completion of the race or the entire team will be disqualified.



Catalina Water Ski Race Rules

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I. INTRODUCTION

- A. All rules and guidelines are determined and/or amended at the discretion of the Executive Board of the Long Beach Boat & Ski Club. The Protest committee will have final say in any disputes arising concerning the rules and guidelines of the Catalina Water Ski Race.

All protests must be filed in writing with \$100.00 to the Race Director within 2 hours of the completion of the race. If you lose your protest you lose your \$100.00.

- B. All local, state, and federal laws are in effect during this event, and will be enforced with the Long Beach Boat & Ski Club's support.
- C. No one may participate in the Catalina Water Ski Race without meeting all of the entry criteria, including completed entry form, entry fee paid by deadline, proper safety gear inspected & passed by event's Safety Director, Race official or Executive Board of the Long Beach Boat & Ski Club.
- D. All participants understand that they compete at their own risk and that the Long Beach Boat & Ski Club, The City of Long Beach, Race Sponsors, designated "Host Hotel" and any other persons assisting in putting this event on, assume no liability or responsibility for any injuries or deaths resulting from participating in the Catalina Water Ski Race.
- E. The Event insurance policy does not include any medical coverage.

- F. RETURN TRAFFIC FROM AVALON HAS THE RIGHT-OF-WAY.

II. BOAT REQUIREMENTS

- A. All boats are required to pass a boat inspection held at a pre-determined location and time on the Friday immediately preceding the day of the Race.
- B. Boats must run on gasoline only. No alcohol, nitro-methane, or nitrous allowed.

- C. All boats shall have a "kill" switch installed and connected to the driver during the Race to shut down all engines in the event they are thrown to the floor or overboard.
- D. All boats must meet Coast Guard requirements for fire extinguisher approval. All Fire Extinguishers **must** be charged and certified within the last year.
- E. A **Paddle** must be on board. You cannot use a water ski as your paddle.
- F. A safety collar must be on the propeller shaft.
- G. Safe and positive steering, with safety collar on rudder, Bronze or steel quadrants only will be accepted. Only steel tiller arms are acceptable. Boats with exposed cable steering shall have a minimum of 3/16" diameter cable.
- H. All V-driven boats built after January 1, 1983 and used for circle and/or marathon racing will be required to have a 1-1/8" rudder shaft of 4130 Chromeoly Steel and 1/1" rudder blades of 4130 Chromeoly Steel, Shafts and Blades to be properly welded and normalized. Welded unit to be treated to 36-40 Rockwell hardness. The manufacturer is to provide a certificate of heat treatment and magnaflux inspection for each rudder. There must be no chrome plate or other plating material that would interfere with future magnaflux inspection. A new certificate of magnaflux shall be due each year before participation in the Catalina Water Ski Race.
- I. All boats built prior to 1983 may keep current size rudder unit but will be requested to present a certificate of magnaflux, which shall be due each year before the Catalina Water Ski Race.
- J. Safety guard on engine to "V-driven" and drive line to be fully enclosed with minimum of 1/8" steel or 1/4" aluminum.
- K. It is mandatory to have a blower drive guard to fully enclose the blower drive for blowers mounted on the front and rear of motor. It is mandatory to have a drive guard to fully enclose any and all belts, pulleys and or flywheels mounted on the front of any type of motor to prevent any entanglement.



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- L. All seat cushions must lock into place, or be designed so that the seat cushions cannot slide forward.
- M. Any time a boat is under power: within ten (10) minutes of the start of the race until crossing the Finish Line, ALL occupants will wear full race safety gear as intended and required.
- N. Numbers will be a minimum of ten (10) inches high, **Boats over 30 Feet require minimum 18" numbers.** Displayed from both sides and on the deck of the boat. Number plates are acceptable. Numbers must be legible and in contrasting colors to the hull or plate color as approved by the Asst. Race Director. Asst. Race Director will assign all numbers in the following manner: Three digit maximum – 0 – 999, with precedent to boats entered in previous year's Race.

- F. Skier's outerwear must be of a bright color on 50% of the upper body front and back. Acceptable colors will be safety orange, yellow or a bright fluorescent color. (Not blue or black.)
- G. Water bottles – Skiers may not use any hard water bottles. Bladder-type bottles are optional.
- H. All crash helmets and skier headgear must be painted bright international fluorescent orange. Headgear is defined as: helmet or nylon cap, which provides coverage for the ears and fits securely on the head.

NOTE: All participants must race with all safety equipment intact and worn, as intended and required from start to the completion of the race of the entire team will be disqualified.

III. SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- A. All drivers, observers, and navigators/throttles shall be required to use unaltered Life Jackets, which include the proper use of leg straps. Life jackets must be equipped with material high on the chest and must follow APBA guidelines with the exception of color restrictions.
- B. Drivers and Throttles must be age 18 or older, with a current physical;
 <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/forms/dl/dl51.pdf>
Throttles will also need a DMV Physical.
Observer / Navigators must be age 16 or older.
ALL Observers must have a current CPR / First-Aid Certification Card! (NO Exceptions)

- I. All skiers' water skis will be painted bright fluorescent orange on the tip, nine (9) inches minimum, on both the top and bottom sides.
- J. The Race Director has the responsibility to take any necessary action against any participant using unsafe equipment and/or unsportsmanlike conduct.
- K. There shall be no drinking of alcoholic beverages by any participants or officials until the conclusion of all race days' business. The use of non-prescribed drugs is prohibited. Violators will be disqualified.

NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED ON ANY PARTICIPATING BOAT.

Internet CPR CARDS are not Acceptable!!

- C. Drivers, observers, and navigator's helmets must be a racing competition type: must cover the lower back of the head and ears. No half-shell or sports car racing type helmets. Helmets must be a minimum of a Snell 85 rating.
- D. Skiers shall have a life jacket, or floatation wetsuit, with a minimum of three (3) functional buckles.
- E. Skier's life jacket must give a satisfactory method of attaching to body to insure it will not come off as a result of a fall. The following methods are approved: **1.** Two (2) leg straps connected to existing life jacket and legs. **2.** Life jacket connected securely to both sides of protective a bathing suit. **3.** Life jacket with step in or twist locks on crotch straps over a wet suit.

- L. All participants inside the boat must wear shoes. Shoes must cover the entire foot including toes and heel (NO sandals). Those not wearing shoes shall cause entire team to be disqualified.
- M. Skiers may use any length line and ski outside the wake when outside the Long Beach Breakwater.

NO device capable of altering the length of a ski line while in motion will be allowed.

- N. Adequate side clearance shall be maintained at all times. A minimum of 15 feet.
- O. Skiers may continue the Race after falling and may come aboard the boat to replace their ski. Boats must not be under power while a skier is in the boat.



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- P. When picking up a fallen skier, drivers must slow down and yield the right of way to oncoming boats, and then turn in whichever direction is safest. Ski lines must be kept as parallel to the racecourse as possible.
- Q. To legally finish the race, the skier must be in an upright position NOT dragging through the water across the finish line. All Boats must continue to the Skier Unloading Area as explained in the drivers meeting. Skiers letting go on the Race Course just beyond the finish line buoys may be disqualified.
- R. In the event you are unable to finish the race, Your First Obligation is to notify the Race Officials, with your VHF radio. If you come in under your own power, you MUST pass between the finish buoys with full race safety gear in tact so that the scorers may account for you.
- We request that your sign out as soon as possible upon returning to Long Beach. This is another way we can account for teams not finishing the Race. A team failing to check in by 2 hours after the race shall be responsible for any and all expenses incurred by the LBB&SC in attempting to locate them. Minimum charge will be \$1000.00. With your cooperation, we will be able to account for all teams' participation in the Race quickly and eliminate any unnecessary search and worry.
- S. Vessels no longer under their own power must communicate with Race officials immediately to avoid the \$1000.00 minimum charge mentioned within rule "R".
- T. It is the responsibility of each team to be signed up for the appropriate class and to have their boat inspected and approved for that class.
- U. In the event of bad weather or fog, the start of the race may be delayed at the discretion of the Coastguard or Race Committee. If weather will not permit the running of the Race, it will be rescheduled.
- V. Every boat MUST have a flare gun on board. The flares must be current.
(Dated: beyond July 2009)
- W. Marine Band VHF radio required. Channel 78A & 16. Handheld is acceptable. There will be a radio check.
- X. WORLD TEAM: RULES" Any current World Team Skier, male or female must ski Men's or Women's OPEN. ***2011 World Teams*** It is the team's responsibility to report this.
- This does NOT apply to the Junior World Championships Boy and Girl or Formula II. Junior World Championships Boy and Girl or Formula II skiers may NOT participate in the OVER & Back Class.
- Y. **50' Minimum**, 3/8" diameter nylon tow rope required.
- Z. *Any un-sportsmanlike conduct during the entire Race Weekend will result in disqualification.*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Entry Forms are available online at www.catalinaskirace.net

To be eligible for a refund you must present your request in writing by the end of the Drivers Meeting on Friday.

In the event of a last minute illness or mechanical breakdown prior to dropping your license off Saturday morning you may be eligible for a refund.
(Once your Drivers License has been dropped off – NO REFUNDS)

WE ALWAYS CAN USE ADDITIONAL PATROL BOATS!!
IF YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO
VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT,
CALL JOHN LUNTZ AT (562)-944-0485 DOUG UREWICZ (562)-597-4185

COAST GUARD * EMERGENCY * PHONE NUMBER (800)-221-8724